



Agenda Item No. _____

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 13, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Response To Grand Jury Report Regarding Patrol Vehicle Cameras

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council review and approve a draft letter in response to the findings and recommendations of the 2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury entitled, "Grand Jury Endorses Patrol Vehicle Cameras."

DISCUSSION:

On October 4, 2011, the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand jury delivered a copy of the report to the city titled, Grand Jury Endorses Patrol Vehicle Cameras. This report included findings and recommendations which require written responses from the City.

State Penal Code Section 933.05 requires that the "governing body" of each public agency that is the subject of a report from the County Civil Grand Jury respond in writing to the corresponding findings and recommendations in the report.

Attached is the proposed response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report concerning "Grand Jury Endorses Patrol Vehicle Cameras." The recommended Council action would authorize the City Administrator to send the attached letter in response to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations.

ATTACHMENT: Draft Response Letter from the City of Santa Barbara

PREPARED BY: Frank Mannix, Deputy Police Chief

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office



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ATTACHMENT

December 13, 2011

The Honorable Brian Hill
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
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Chief's Office

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Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
Attention: Foreperson Ted Sten
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Honorable Judge Hill & Grand Jury Foreperson Ted Sten:

This letter is in response to the Civil Grand Jury's letter to the Mayor dated October 4, 2011, requesting a response to its 2011-2012 report entitled "*Grand Jury Endorses Patrol Vehicle Cameras.*" The response is provided pursuant to the requirements of State Penal Code Section 933.05.

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Attached are the responses to the findings and recommendations in the Grand Jury Report as approved by the Santa Barbara City Council on December 13, 2011.

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Please contact me, City Attorney Stephen Wiley or Chief of Police Cam Sanchez, if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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Attachment

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**Response to the Report of the 2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury
Report Entitled "Grant Jury Endorses Patrol Vehicle Cameras."**

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1

“All County law enforcement agencies except the Police Departments of the City of Santa Barbara and the City of Guadalupe have currently installed audio/visual technology in their patrol vehicles.”

Response:

We concur that the Santa Barbara Police Department does not have an audio/visual technology installed in all of our patrol vehicles.

Finding 2

“Citing costs, the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe currently do not have audio/video technology installed in their patrol vehicles.”

Response:

We concur that the cost has been a prohibitive factor in the acquisition of audio/visual technology for our patrol vehicles. This cost is estimated at \$250,000-\$300,000 to install audio/visual technology in the patrol fleet. In addition, the Police Department has allocated personnel resources to several major projects which were urgent priorities. For example in 2007, the Police Department embarked upon a 6 year project for the complete modernization and replacement of the Records Management System, Computer Aided Dispatch System, Mobile Data Terminal Computers, and the Mobile Report Entry System. During the installation phase, this project required the full attention of the entire Information Technology staff. The Information Technology Staff is now prepared to devote their attention towards the acquisition and installation of audio/visual technology for Santa Barbara Police Department patrol vehicles.

Recommendation 1

“That the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe immediately seek out funding sources to provide current audio/visual technology for all of their patrol vehicles.”

Response:

The Police Department will continue to monitor current and future funding sources to include State and Federal grants, donations from local non-profit organizations, and potential Homeland Security funding options.

Recommendation 2

“That the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe immediately request that their respective City Councils provide any necessary supplemental funds to obtain and install current audio/visual technology for all of their patrol vehicles.”

Response:

The City of Santa Barbara budget process has just begun. Funding options will be explored during the budget deliberations for Fiscal Year 2013.

Recommendation 3

“That the Police Departments of the Cities of Santa Barbara and Guadalupe install current audio/visual technology for all of their patrol vehicles.”

Response:

To date, the Santa Barbara Police Department has reviewed seven vendors for audio/visual technology and has contacted every agency in Santa Barbara County who has this technology. We have installed two separate pilot projects to field test this technology and will continue to work with additional vendors to determine recommended features and capabilities of these systems. The Santa Barbara Police Department is prepared to move forward with this project once funding is secured.