



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR USE OF BODY CAMERAS BY ACTIVE DUTY POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, on a local and national level there is mistrust between neighbors and police; and

WHEREAS, recent events both a locally and a nationally have increased mistrust between neighbors and police; and

WHEREAS, nationally our criminal justice system has a much higher instance of incarceration, use of force and targeting of enforcement for communities of color; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Austin Neighborhoods Council to foster improved community policing for all of Austin; and

WHEREAS, increased transparency will protect both officers and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the use of body cameras by the Austin Police Department will increase transparency, providing an opportunity to build increased trust for community policing; and

WHEREAS, steps must be taken to begin a larger process of dialogue for procedural reform impacting institutional inequity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Austin Neighborhoods Council does hereby recognize and support the ongoing efforts by Austin Chief of Police to obtain, provide and require use of body cameras by active duty officers of the Austin Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Austin Neighborhoods Council does hereby request that the City of Austin, City Council provide all necessary support to the Austin Chief of Police provide and require use of automatically activated body cameras with audio by all active duty officers of the department.

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