



# CITY OF CARSON

July 2, 2020

Sheriff Alex Villanueva  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
211 W Temple St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Request for LASD Deputies in the City of Carson to wear body-worn cameras**

Dear Sheriff Villanueva,

On behalf of the City of Carson, we are writing to you to request that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) outfit all deputies who operate in the City of Carson with body-worn camera technology. This small addition to the public safety equipment provided to deputies would increase accountability and transparency and restore public trust in the sheriff's department.

The primary shared goal for both the City and the LASD is public safety and the well-being of our residents. The City has thoroughly enjoyed the important partnership of both of our organizations during the past 52 years. The public safety and well-being of our residents is something we take very seriously, and we would like to offer our utmost gratitude and appreciation for everything the LASD has done to keep the City and our residents safe during this time of unprecedented civil unrest and uncertainty.

According to a cost-benefit analysis of body-worn camera technology conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum, "existing research provides empirical support for the idea that body-worn cameras can lead to positive outcomes, such as reductions in use-of-force incidents and in complaints against police officers". Furthermore, there is evidence to suggest that body-worn camera technology could yield a reduction in civil lawsuits and frivolous complaints against law enforcement. The City believes that methods to improve sheriff-resident interactions should be considered and taken seriously.

For the above reasons, the City of Carson is requesting that the LASD expedite and provide its deputies in the City of Carson with body-worn camera technology as well as the resources needed to operate, maintain, and archive its uses.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Together, we can continue to provide high-quality public safety services to the residents of the City of Carson. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Albert Robles

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Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear

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Councilmember Lula Davis-Holmes

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Councilmember Jawane Hilton

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Councilmember Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.

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Assembly Member Mike Gipson  
Carson City Council