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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## MOTION

In March 2002, Los Angeles voters approved Proposition Q (Prop Q) Citywide Public Safety General Obligation Bond Program, a \$600 million dollar bond measure to improve, renovate, expand and construct 911/police/fire/paramedic facilities.

The Prop Q program includes construction of new police stations that have a capacity to support security cameras located in certain areas away from the stations. These security cameras could improve the effectiveness of limited police and security personnel by serving as a deterrent against various types of crime, including but not limited to assaults and vandalism.

Presently, many security cameras are located throughout the City, including MacArthur Park, an area that was notorious for its drug trafficking and gang activity. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) recently reported that homicides, shootings, robberies and major assault crimes have significantly decreased since the Park Camera Project, which allows police officers to observe suspicious activity via closed circuit television cameras surrounding the park, and to send officers to respond.

Since the new Prop Q stations have the capacity to support security cameras, the LAPD should identify and prioritize locations that are eligible for and in need of cameras, and establish an orderly process for notifying the City Council of its intentions for utilizing such technology.

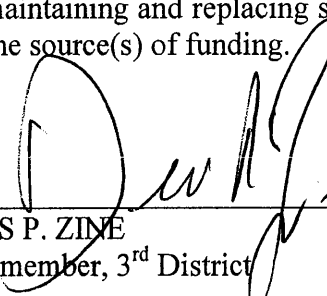
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), with the assistance and cooperation of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop a policy for installing cameras in certain areas that would be supported by the new Prop Q police stations, and to develop a process by which Council is informed and involved in the decision making process for the installation of the cameras.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAPD and CAO report back within 30 days to the Public Safety Committee on the following items:

- Identification of the new Prop Q stations that would be eligible for supporting security cameras;
- A prioritized list of locations at which cameras could be installed, relative to the Prop Q sites; and
- The cost of purchasing, installing, operating, maintaining and replacing security cameras at each identified location, including the source(s) of funding.

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