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The Department of Transportation (DOT), in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), has installed 63 red light cameras at 32 intersections throughout the City of Los Angeles. This network of cameras, known as the Photo Red Light Program, is used as an enforcement tool to deter motorists from running red lights. The intent of the program is to reduce collisions and save lives.

A recent news report raised significant questions about whether the Photo Red Light Program has had a positive or negative impact on accident rates at affected intersections. The report suggested that some intersections may have experienced increased traffic accidents following the installation of the red light cameras. However, it remains unclear what data were used in this analysis and whether the research methods were consistent with those used by DOT and LAPD.

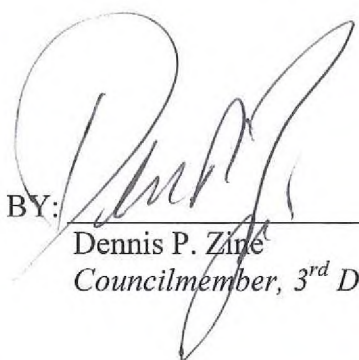
In order to protect public safety and to promote an effective Photo Red Light Program, the City should have access to comprehensive data about the cameras' performance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, report to the City Council in 60 days with a comprehensive study of traffic accident data at the 32 intersections that make up the City's Photo Red Light Program, taking into account accident rates before and after the installation of red light cameras.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report include data on accidents related to red light violations, left turn violations, speed violations, unsafe lane changes and turning movements, and following too close.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report evaluate any differences in the severity of accident-related injuries reported at Photo Red Light Program intersections before and after the installation of red light cameras.

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