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Honorable Joseph C. Scott  
Judge of the Superior Court  
c/o Charlene Kresevich  
Hall of Justice  
400 County Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063-1655

Re: Response to Body Worn Cameras-The Reel Truth

Dear Judge Scott,

We are in receipt of the Grand Jury's final report referenced above. Pursuant to your May 24, 2016, request for response, the Daly City, City Council held a public meeting on August 8, 2016 and approved this response. The City of Daly City responds to the Grand Jury's findings, conclusions and recommendations as follows:

## **FINDINGS:**

F1. The Atherton, Belmont, Foster City, Hillsborough and Menlo Park Police Departments have deployed body-worn cameras.

**Response:** The City **agrees** with this finding.

F2. The Sheriff's Office and five of the city police departments that have not deployed body-worn cameras all expressed similar concerns regarding the implementation of these systems, the cost of equipment, the cost of data retention, and policy development.

**Response:** The City **partially disagrees** with this finding. The City of Daly City has not deployed body-worn cameras and is concerned with the implementation, cost, data retention and policy development. The City of Daly City and the Daly City Police Department do not have enough information to agree with the finding as it relates to the concerns of the other agencies in San Mateo County.

F3. The Atherton, Belmont, Foster City, Hillsborough, and Menlo Park Police Departments have budgeted sufficient funds to manage the cost of equipment, data retention, and training.

**Response:** The City **partially disagrees** with this finding. While the City of Daly City agrees the above mentioned cities have body-worn camera systems, we are not familiar with their budgeting practices and cannot agree without further data.

- F4. The Atherton, Belmont, Foster City, and Menlo Park Police Departments have developed written policies regarding the operations and data retention of body-worn camera systems as well as the protection of the rights of the community and police officers. Hillsborough is in the process of developing a similar policy.

**Response:** The City **partially disagrees** with this finding. The City of Daly City knows the above mentioned police departments have body-worn camera systems; however we are not familiar with their policies related to operation, retention, and community and officer protection.

- F5. Many local law enforcement agencies that currently do not employ body-worn cameras acknowledge that these systems are beneficial and will likely be implemented in the future either voluntarily or by mandate.

**Response:** The City **agrees** with this finding. The City of Daly City and the Daly City Police Department agree that body-worn camera system are effective law enforcement tools to increase transparency, modify behaviors of both officers and citizens, and provide valuable evidence for court prosecution and administrative investigations. The City also agrees that we will voluntarily implement body-worn cameras when funding is available and/or by legal mandate.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- R1. The Grand Jury recommends that the councils of those cities/towns that have not adopted body-worn cameras direct their respective chiefs of police to develop an appropriate body-worn camera implementation plan and advise the public of their plan by November 30, 2016.

**Response:** The recommendation will not be implemented within the time constraints recommended. The Daly City Police Department has done preliminary research on costs associated with full implementation of body-worn cameras. Further analysis needs to be done related to data storage costs, policies and procedures, implementation, and storage and purging of digital data. The Police Department will need to also analyze the workload and need for additional staff to handle a large influx of digital data generated by body-worn cameras. Due to significant budget constraints, the City of Daly City has not budgeted funds for this project in the current two-year budget cycle ending June 30, 2018.

- R2. The Grand Jury recommends that the San Mateo County Sheriff develop a plan to implement body-worn cameras and advise the public of his plan by November 30, 2016.

**Response:** This recommendation does not pertain to the City of Daly City or the Daly City Police Department.

- R3. The Grand Jury recommends that the police departments for those cities, towns, and the Broadmoor Police Protection District that have not adopted body-worn cameras implement a body-worn camera system as soon as practical but, in any event, no later than October 31, 2017.

**Response:** The recommendations will not be implemented within the time constraints recommended. The City of Daly City and the Daly City Police Department agree that the use of body-worn cameras provide a conduit for increased transparency, decreases citizen complaints through behavior modification of both residents and officers, and provides valuable evidence in both criminal and administrative investigations. The City of Daly City wants to move forward on a body-worn camera system for those reasons; however, due to financial constraints will not have the financial means during the timeframe recommended by the Grand Jury.

- R4. The Grand Jury recommends that the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office implement a body-worn camera system as soon as practicable but, in any event, no later than October 31, 2017.

**Response:** This recommendation does not pertain to the City of Daly City or the Daly City Police Department.

The City of Daly City appreciates the opportunity to provide written responses to the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report on Body Worn Cameras-The Reel Truth. The City Council of Daly City approved the responses contained herein on August 8, 2016.

Should you or the Grand Jury require any additional information, please contact me directly at (650) 991-8127.

Very truly yours,



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cc: City Council  
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