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Subject: Fwd: Body Cameras for HPD

Please find a letter of support for our BWC items from Alex Bunin, Chief Public Defender for Harris County Public Defender's office, below.

Thanks,

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Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: **Body Cameras for HPD**

On behalf of the Harris County Public Defender's Office, this is to express my support for the City of Houston's intent to purchase and implement body cameras for HPD officers. As an attorney who represents persons charged with crimes, I know that it is valuable to the criminal justice system to have objective evidence of what occurred during an alleged crime and the following investigation. Not only is it better for the resolution of criminal cases, but it gives the participants and the community more confidence in the process.

I have reviewed the materials you sent me regarding the policies that will cover HPD body cameras. You described such policies as a "living document," and I agree. This appears to be a good start to deal with the complicated set of issues regarding storage, retention, access, privacy and individual rights. I hope there will be a procedure to review these over time to make sure they are still effective and protect the justice process, as well as individual participants.

Thanks for consulting with all participants in the justice system and the community.

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