

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0018

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 22, 2019

Directing the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission to Evaluate and Engage the Community Concerning the Sacramento Police Department Body Worn Camera Program for the 2019 Calendar Year and Report Back to the City Council on or before December 10, 2019

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento Community Police Review Commission (the “Commission”) was created by ordinance 2016-055, in November of 2016, replacing the Sacramento Police Commission. Its duties are to advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding police policy, procedures, and best practices, including those related to community relations, hiring, and training best practices and to monitor the implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of city policing initiatives and programs. (Sacramento City Code section 2.110.030)
- B. The purpose of the Commission is to provide community participation in reviewing and recommending police department policies, practices, and procedures; and to monitor the implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of city policies initiatives and programs. (See Sacramento City Code section 2.110.020.)
- C. In March of 2017, the Sacramento Police Department (the “Department”) implemented its Body Worn Camera program (the “program”). The program’s policy has recently been updated by the Department; however, the efficiency and effectiveness of the program would benefit from community input. The Commission is the bridge to that process.
- D. Since the program’s implementation, there have been several instances where cameras were intentionally turned off due to erroneous interpretation of the policy or inadvertently turned off due to position placement of the equipment. These instances understandably caused concern for the community and potentially deepened the lack of trust between certain community members and the police.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Until further notice, the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission shall focus its efforts for the 2019 calendar year to evaluate and engage the community concerning the City of Sacramento Police Department’s Use of Force Policy, current ad hoc on police engagement of the mentally ill community, and Body Worn Camera program, with the intent to enhance community relations and improve accountability and transparency of the Sacramento Police Department. Such evaluation shall, at a minimum, include an analysis of the program’s policies and procedures, any community concerns, and police officer feedback to determine the effectiveness of this program and any need for improvement.

- Section 2. The Sacramento Community Police Review Commission shall continue to engage the community on a regular basis, in order for the community to be well informed about the Commission and its work. Staff will continue to assist the Commission with outreach efforts to gain community inputs and feedback.

- Section 3. The Sacramento Community Police Review Commission shall provide a report and a present of its conclusions and recommendations about the City of Sacramento Police Department’s Use of Force Policy, current ad hoc on police engagement of the mentally ill community, and Body Worn Camera program and community concerns to the Mayor and City Council on or before December 10, 2019.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on January 22, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren, and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Carr

Attest: **Mindy Cuppy** Digitally signed by Mindy Cuppy
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Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

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