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First Year of Funding for Body Worn Cameras

On August 11, 2020, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) entered into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a Body Worn Camera and Digital Evidence Management System. This agreement puts LASD on track with their plan to begin rolling out body worn cameras in five initial stations beginning in October.

The Board of Supervisors has consistently supported the implementation of body worn cameras in the LA County Sheriff’s Department, and they have previously directed the Chief Executive Officer to set aside the required funds in the Provisional Finance Uses (PFU) budget unit. Body-worn cameras play a vital role in law enforcement transparency and accountability, so we must move as quickly and efficiently as possible to begin implementation. In order to expedite the process, the funds that have been set aside for the purpose of body worn cameras should now be transferred from the PFU budget unit to the LASD to cover the first year of expenses.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to transfer \$12.3 million in ongoing and \$13.2 million in one-time funding from the PFU budget unit to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for fiscal year 2020-21 body worn camera costs.

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