

**Installation of Public Safety Cameras in Response to Anti-Asian Hate Crimes**

Residents in the East San Gabriel Valley, particularly residents of Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights have asked the County to provide cameras on major thoroughfares to enhance public safety. These residents are concerned with public safety in the unincorporated areas of the County and they want to not only be safe, but also *feel* safe.

LA County has seen incidents of violence and hate play out amongst a variety of protected groups, but most recently there has been public outcry over the upward trend of attacks on the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community that has come more into light during the anti-Asian Hate movement.

Overall, LA County Sheriffs have documented a large increase in both hate crimes and hate incidents in 2020, compared to in 2019, in station areas serving Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights. These types of crimes and incidents are known to be underreported, and the increase in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights does not include data documented by nonprofits or public entities such as school police or the Los Angeles Police Department.

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In addition, many residents feel targeted right now by attackers and are afraid to go out in public areas because of their status including race, gender, sexual orientation, and inclusion in other protected classes.

One option that other cities in LA County have implemented, and can be used as a mechanism to curb the upward trend in attacks and hate crimes is to implement a more modernized camera system such as Flock Safety, which allows for the monitoring of license plates in order to catch suspected criminals of violence, and other perpetrators, on both public and private property.

Exploring new mechanisms for public safety is something that can be done to protect all residents of LA County, but especially needed during this time where many protected groups, including the AAPI community, feel targeted.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors request the Sheriff's Department and the Chief Executive Office, in consultation with the Department of Public Works, Internal Services Department, and County Counsel, to report back in 30 days on the feasibility of installing a camera system in the public right-of-way and on County-owned infrastructure along Colima Road in the unincorporated areas of Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights to protect public safety and prevent anti-Asian hate crimes. The report should include:

1. Possible locations;
2. Any operations and system maintenance issues;
3. Any liability and legal issues;
4. One-time and on-going costs; and
5. Other alternative preventative solutions to enhance public safety in the area.

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