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To: City Council; Lopez, Donna

Subject: Police body-mounted cameras should not be deployed until there are strong policy controls in place

To the Honorable, The City Council,

I write to you about Councilor Cheung's Policy Order requesting the Manager initiate a program of body cameras for police officers.

Cambridge has long resisted fixed police surveillance cameras. Body cameras will, in many of the same ways that fixed cameras do, place everyone who encounters a police officer under surveillance. While there is evidence that body cameras reduce police use of force, that benefit should not come at the price of our civil liberties. Cambridge should not begin the use of body cameras until there are strong protections for its citizens. I attach my full article on the subject - it can be found online here:

<https://www.cctvcambridge.org/CambridgePolicyBodyCameras> - as well as an ACLU whitepaper on what sort of policy controls need to be in place before body cameras are deployed.

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cc: City Clerk Donna Lopez, for inclusion in the Council record

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