

**Resolution for Body Cameras and policies to be used by all law enforcement agencies within Clark County.**

**WHEREAS** our community continues to struggle with the injuries and deaths of citizens, especially people of color, at the hands of law enforcement personnel. Many times, the details surrounding the deaths are unknown, disputed, or circumstantial. This is detrimental for the citizen, involved families, involved law enforcement personnel, and the community.

**WHEREAS** law enforcement agencies and employees deserve to have video evidence to support their reports, investigations, actions, and to provide protection against unjust accusations.

**WHEREAS** Undersheriff Mike Cooke sent an email to the Clark County Council stating that the agency is “very much in favor of body-worn cameras for law enforcement” – as reported in The Columbian on March 27, 2019.

**WHEREAS** Sheriff Atkins, Vancouver Police Chief James McElvain and Clark County Prosecutor Tony Golik support pushing the body camera project forward. – As reported in The Columbian on June 23, 2020.

**WHEREAS** citizens and law enforcement agency personnel deserve transparency and independent verification of facts involving physical interactions between members of the public and with law enforcement agency personnel.

**WHEREAS**, in addition to body cameras, it is also necessary to have policies adopted for the successful implementation of body cameras. The policies should address transparency of the policies themselves, officer/deputy discretion, personal privacy, officer/deputy review, footage retention, footage misuse, footage access, and biometric use as suggested by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and their Policy Score Card on Police Body Worn Cameras.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District strongly urge the Clark County Sheriff’s Office, Clark County Council, Vancouver City Council, Vancouver Police, and all other law enforcement agencies within Clark County commit to Police Body Worn Cameras and create the necessary policies for their use without delay.