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Mayor Weintraub and City Councilmembers,

With regard to agenda item #16, please consider the following comments:

I support the idea of using technology to assist police in public safety efforts. From a public safety standpoint, this is a good idea.

Private businesses already have the right to put up security cameras. The difference in this case is the opportunity to secure greater coverage by expanding the number of cameras available.

Public Safety, particularly with regard to crime, has been identified as a significant concern of Calabasas residents.

Adding additional patrol officers is a significant cost. No patrol car can be everywhere. Cameras that feed real-time data are less costly.

The reality is there aren't more police that can be added from LASD at this time.

Technology can help bridge the gap, combined with a targeted police response. Technology allows for faster alert times.

The use of security cameras in digital kiosks is one tool. Combined with the FLOCK camera system and the Resident Camera Registry program, both of which feed into the Lost Hills Station Real Time Watch Center, it's the cumulative impact that can lead to faster response times.

Captain Seetoo is a forward-thinking innovator in her approach. The City should support her efforts in this regard, which are in the best interests of the residents.

I'm concerned that the program continues to operate, and that will require funding, which could come from private sources, businesses and advertisement revenue sharing.

Advertising revenue sharing should be pursued. There is an economic opportunity for businesses. There is a benefit to the community. A percentage of something is better than 100% of nothing. Cities like Santa Monica have already established a program that generates a significant amount of income. The city of Calabasas might expect a more modest return but it is a viable means to raise more funds for a public safety improvement.

Businesses should be approached to encourage participation. The Caruso team stated their positive support of public safety during their proposed project presentations.

There are specific standards that the need to be determined. For example, the optimum height necessary to capture the field of view provided should be a consideration when determining kiosk dimensions. What's gained at 12 feet that's lost at 10 feet high?

The use of the video footage obtained should be addressed. It has value for prosecution purposes. However, if there is a recording, how long will it be retained?

I would avoid advertising the locations of security cameras. Multiple camera locations will allow for redundancy if any one camera is disabled.

I have these specific questions:

How many new kiosks will this add to The Commons? How many existing ones are there?

How many kiosks in total will this potentially allow across the city?

What is the estimated potential of advertising revenue sharing?

I ask that you support an ordinance to allow security camera equipped digital kiosks that addresses specific details, including an advertising revenue sharing component.

Thank you for your consideration to the above.

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