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**From:** Joseph Keyes <jkeyes1a1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2021 6:36 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; All Alders; Mayor; Equal Opportunities Commission; Common Council Executive Committee  
**Subject:** Support of Police Body-worn Cameras

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Dear Alders, Mayor and Committee Members:

The police body-worn camera program and pilot project need to move forward and be implemented. The body-worn camera program will bring clarity and transparency to police/public interactions. We do not have that clarity today but, once implemented, it will rightfully identify any police misdeeds. This will help build trust with the Madison community. Many Wisconsin police departments have already implemented this technology. Also, body-worn cameras have been positively vetted by various city committees over the last several years with the most recent committee, the Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee, giving its approval with its final report. There has been a question as to the cost of the program. Reliable cost estimates were gathered by the Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee from the manufacturer and those Wisconsin police departments which have deployed them. This is not the only cost to be considered. What cannot be overlooked is the cost of civil liability when the city cannot substantiate the circumstances of a police encounter. Approving the body-worn camera program is the right thing to do. It is the right action to take now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** judybl@tds.net  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2021 6:37 PM  
**To:** Mayor; All Alders; Common Council Executive Committee; Equal Opportunities Commission; PD PSRC  
**Subject:** Accept Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee's Report

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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Alders and Committee Members:

Please accept the Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee's report so our police department can begin implementing a camera pilot program in the North District.

Thank you!

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**From:** Kim Richman <krichman@pm.me>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Common Council Executive Committee  
**Subject:** Body Worn Cameras

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Dear committee members;

First of all, as a 64 year resident of Madison's East Side, I am PRO body worn cameras for MPD and have respectfully made my points at several committee and council meetings. I request that you accept the thorough report from the BWCFCRC so the North District pilot program may begin. The funding was included in the 2021 Capital Budget, so everything is in place.

Transparency, accountability, and trust will be a result of BWCs.

In 2014, President Obama requested \$263 million to fund body camera programs and police training. As a result, between 2015 and 2019 this program has given over 493 awards, over a collective \$70 million, to law enforcement agencies in 47 states and DC.

In Miami, researchers found a 19% reduction in police officers using physical force against citizen resistance. Civil cases against the police department for use of force dropped 74%.

In Phoenix, complaints against officers wearing cameras DECREASED 23%, while complaints against officers NOT wearing cameras INCREASED 11%. The cameras also protect police officers and the public against false accusations of misconduct.

Body-cams are a good police reform tool, and have STRONG support from the public. According to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, *"Body-cams offer transparency and accountability to the public, which is an attempt to mend the frayed relationship between the police and the community"*.

A June 2020 Reuters poll found 92% of Americans wanted federal police officers to wear body cams.

A July 2020 University of Maryland School of Public Policy survey, found almost 90% support for ALL police officers being required to wear body cameras including; 85% of republicans, 94% of democrats, and 86% of independents.

I did my own poll on a neighborhood social media page. In 12 hours it was 75-1 **IN FAVOR** of BWCs.

**I recently made a few phone calls and I have 2 questions;**

**1** - What do the following 14 towns, villages and cities in and around Madison have in common? Cottage Grove, Deforest, Fitchburg, Madison TOWNSHIP, Maple Bluff, McFarland, Middleton, Oregon, Shorewood Hills, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, U.W. Police Department, Verona, Waunakee.

**Answer;** All of these police departments utilize body worn cameras.

In addition, Cross Plains PD has a new chief who wants them and is going forward to introduce them.

**2** - So who does that leave out? The City of Madison & The Dane County Sheriff's Office. **That's it.** Why? Pure & simple it's politics. For ONCE in Madison, I urge you to put politics aside in lieu of accountability, transparency and, safety. The status quo is ridiculous.

I have questioned those in opposition, why they **DEMANDED** body-cams a few years ago, but not today. What has changed? Data and polling have not. There are arguments fueled by ONE person being used against BWCs simply as stall tactics. Let's go forward with this **beyond the pilot program and get it done**. Listen to the people of Madison. Enough putting up with stalling tactics.

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**From:** wreichel@charter.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2021 9:08 PM  
**To:** Mayor; All Alders; PD PSRC; Equal Opportunities Commission; Common Council Executive Committee  
**Subject:** re: Committee Report on Police Body-worn Cameras

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Dear Alders, Mayor and Committee Members:

It's time to move from theorizing, analyzing and discussing the pros and cons of a police body-worn camera program and implement the pilot program that was included in the 2021 budget for MPD's North District.

Almost two-thirds of the law enforcement agencies in the state already have a body camera programs in place including local agencies like Fitchburg, Middleton and UWPD. At this rate, the state may mandate police body-worn cameras long before Madison can even get a pilot program off the ground.

President Biden is on record saying police should be required to wear body cameras to "protect the safety and rights of police officers and citizens." And this summer WI Attorney General Josh Kaul said he would like to see the state help support the purchase of body cameras for agencies that don't have them.

It's time for Madison to move forward on this issue. Please accept the thorough work done by the Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee, and let's get the pilot program started in the North District.

Thank you!

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10<sup>th</sup> District

