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From: Judith Blanton m>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 4:21 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Villa Park Cameras

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Dear City Council,
I support the security cameras in Villa Park and believe this will increase safety in the neighborhood.

Thank you,

Judith S. Blanton, Ph.D.
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From: Sofia Mota <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 5:04 PM
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As the city council votes on installing cameras at the Park, I encourage all of you to vote "YES!" As a lifelong resident of Pasadena and District 5, I have seen how many crimes have occurred at the Park through the years that could have been avoided. This includes theft, drug deals, muggings, rapes, and even shootings. Villa Parke's efforts to provide a welcoming and safe space for the whole community is often affected by the fear of many community members. We are afraid that there is not enough police supervision and security. The cameras will be a "second pair of eyes" when police response is not possible. The community will be able to use the space and resources more often if they feel comfortable and SAFE in the area. The cameras will deter criminals from committing these heinous crimes if they know that they are being videotaped and will get caught.

PLEASE VOTE YES!

Sofia Mota

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From: Allison Henry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:36 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment on Consent Calendar Item #1

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October 25 Public comment re the cameras in Villa Parke

Good evening, my name is Allison Henry. I am a resident of D3, and co-founder of SGV Tenants Alliance. Recently my org did community events in Villa Parke on Covid protections for tenants, know your rights, and Housing is key application support with our local orgs Pasadena Collective of the Roses, Adelante Youth Alliance. We did two evenings in Villa Park with community. Security was flagged as a concern by locals in and around Villa Parke.

If security cameras are a way to get to and address resident security, that would be welcomed. Such security cameras would capture footage of residents applying for rental and utility relief on lap tops and phones provided by volunteers. We helped process between 15-20 applications on the night of 9/30/21. Those cameras would have captured how at 9:50pm we had to wind down help because lights go out at 10pm. The cameras would have caught the LACK of a city or park wide internet service that could help folks literally access the internet. Your cameras would have captured the community that gathered around a laptop, phone, and cloth screen streaming a meeting on police oversight and community oversight board. Your camera could probably zoom in on the phone that was used as a hot spot. I don't submit this comment to shame the city, but rather to provide a fuller picture of additional security support and infrastructure that would be helpful at Villa Parke. And to let the city council, mayor, and Housing Department know that community orgs like mine SGVTA, Pasadena Collective of the Roses, Lake Ave Church, Adelante Youth Alliance have been pushing out Housing is Key info and support at locales like Villa Parke and La Pintaresca Library Computer Lab because residents 1) need to learn supports are available; 2) get actual technical assistance with these supports; 3) it's volunteers and orgs doing this work when the city could support; and 4) current city efforts and community outreach and support are lacking and I request the city connect with those of us doing this work. Especially since the Housing Department has applied for a LISC grant for additional Housing is Key outreach and education.

We know we have a housing crisis. We know we have people moving when they don't legally have to. We know that we have rent increases—legal and otherwise. There are lots of ways to think about security and community engagement that produce security. As stated earlier, security is indeed a concern for residents who come to enjoy Villa Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Allison Henry
co-founder SGV Tenants Alliance

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From: Sarah Hostetler < >
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:34 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: District 5 resident comments for 10/25 meeting

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Hello,

My name is Sarah Hostetler and I am a District 5 resident (Esther/Raymond). I am in support of security cameras for Villa Parke. Please strongly consider supporting this funding as we want our community to be safer. Security cameras would help deter crime as well as catch crime that is often not documented or recorded.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to ensure our community is a safe wonderful place for Pasadena residents to enjoy for years to come.

-Sincerely,
Dr. Sarah Hostetler

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