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MOTION

I MOVE that the Law Department draft a Charter amendment that would give voters the opportunity to repeal the ban on traffic enforcement cameras (Article XIV of the Charter) at the general election on November 7th, 2023.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, Cincinnati voters approved a ban on traffic cameras in the City of Cincinnati. Since then, pedestrian injuries and deaths have increased while speeding cars continue to break traffic laws. Enforcement is a critical piece of traffic calming along with engineering and education, and in conjunction with these two efforts being made by the city, placing traffic cameras at traffic lights in a strategic and equitable manner will increase CPD's enforcement efforts while lessening the need for officers to do so. I believe that the citizens of Cincinnati are ready to make the choice to allow traffic cameras in our city.

Placing this amendment on the ballot would be the first step in the process. The second would be for the voters to approve it. The third step would be for council to decide if and how this technology would be implemented. This is a complex issue and would be examined thoroughly and deliberately from all sides. One option would be to limit cameras to school zones to protect children and families on their way to school.


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