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Chief Franklin Adderley

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To the Department of Justice:

On behalf of the Board of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations (CFLCA) I am writing to support funding for the *Fort Lauderdale Police Department Body Worn Camera Project*. Body worn cameras are a promising tool that can be used to improve law enforcement interactions with the communities that they serve. The deployment of these cameras can strengthen accountability and transparency and assist in de-escalating conflicts. The cameras are also an effective medium to capture objective audio and visual record of interactions that can provide empirical evidence in the event of a crime, police-citizen interaction or use of force incident.

It is critical that the neighborhoods and law enforcement officers work together to enhance public safety. CFLCA acknowledges the commitment of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to provide a safe environment thru the development of our Neighborhood Action Teams and community-engaging strategies. We believe that body cameras can be an integral tool in improving citizen interactions and addressing quality of life concerns and overall crime issues. Please accept this letter as support for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's proposal under the Department of Justice's FY 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Mammano, President

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations