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Dear Executive Director Dr. Lesli Myers-Small,

After our conversation on June 30th 2026, you requested that I respond to three additional policy recommendations that do not appear in the Surveillance and Technology report. The three suggestions were not included in the actual report that the PAB published on their website at RocPAB.org. However, my response to the additional three recommendations is below:

- PAB recommendation: Conduct a public hearing for any future legislation related to the purchase or implementation of surveillance technology:
 - **Response:** I will defer to City Council.
- PAB recommendation: Conduct a targeted community engagement campaign before implementing any new surveillance technology programs:
 - **Response:** We will decide if a community engagement campaign is necessary when we consider purchasing new surveillance technology.
- PAB recommendation: Evaluate blue light camera locations every five years and publish the underlying hotspot analysis:
 - **Response:** The RPD provides the public access to both the camera locations and the relevant crime data on the open data portal.

Additionally, you requested an estimated timeline for three policy recommendations. Below are my responses to your requests.

- The completion of the Privacy Impact Assessment template:
 - **Response:** The Office of Business Intelligence (OBI) anticipates having a template by the end of August. The example provided by the PAB is for the DOJ, and we need to build a template that works well for the RPD.
- Completion of the PIA for the BWC program and DEMS system:
 - **Response:** Completion of the PIA will be a joint effort that involves several city departments. OBI expects it to be completed by the end of November.
- Publication of the completed PIAs on the Open Data Portal:
 - **Response:** Once the PIA is completed for the BWC and DEMs, it will be put up on the Open Data Portal by the end of December. For future PIAs, once we go through the full review process, they will be on the Open Data Portal within 5 business days.

Very truly yours,

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