

ARREST CAM AUTOMATION

WHEREAS, at considerable liability for the arresting agency, officers and deputies making arrests, particularly with arrests for “resisting arrest,” arrests have with more frequency in recent years, been reported to have been conducted using undue and brutal force where video footage of the arrest is lacking; and

WHEREAS, while law enforcement agencies may require their deputies to wear body cameras, the act of failing to turn cameras on during an arrest is a separate matter, and

WHEREAS, remote activated cameras activated by ultrasonic signal technology already exists that can be adapted to body cameras required to be worn by law enforcement officers;

THEREFORE, the California Democratic Party resolves to support a policy and requirement that all sworn law enforcement officers/deputies in the State of California must wear body cameras to be activated automatically upon 1) an officer being assigned a dispatch response or 2) engaged in an arresting posture without being dispatched; further body cameras shall be outfitted with a cam-serial-number device to remotely-activate by an ultrasonic signal transmitted by the dispatch who shall also monitor and trigger the device from the time of dispatch or response until the suspect is in lock up or released; and

FURTHER let it be resolved that the California Democratic Party shall forward this resolution to the State of California Commission on Peace Officer and Standards Training, Governor Brown, Democratic state constitutional members and Democratic members of the California Legislature.

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