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Rev. Roosevelt Dixon, Pastor

May 24, 2015

Mayor Lovely Warren

City of Rochester

30 Church Street

Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

We are writing to you as Pastor and Co-Pastor of Grace Unity Fellowship Church and as members of the Faith Community Alliance, in support of the Body-Worn Camera Program in the City of Rochester, New York.

We recognize your efforts to improve public safety and community-police relations in our city. We believe that the use of BWCs by the Rochester Police Department (RPD) officers will be an important step in this ongoing process. BWCs have the potential to significantly improve the trust between the police department and people it serves and they are another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. We further believe that deploying BWCs will allow the police to reaffirm the commitment to fairness, integrity and service to our community.

An RPD BWC program will help foster a shared sense of security for both our officers and our citizens. It is of great importance that our officers know they are protected as they fulfill their duties. Similarly, citizens will know that those sworn to protect and serve will also be accountable in carrying out their duties as police officers. We fully support the implementation of the BWC program by the RPD.

Thank you Mayor Warren for your diligence; commitment and ongoing effort to improve public safety in the City of Rochester. The BWC program for the RPD will go a long way in achieving your goal of making our neighborhoods and our great city a safe place to grow, live and work.

Sincerely,

Rev. Roosevelt Dixon

Rev. Geraldine Dixon

Sr. Pastor, Rev. Roosevelt Dixon

Co-Pastor, Rev. Geraldine Dixon



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May 28, 2015

Hon. Lovely A. Warren
Mayor
City of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: RPD Body-Worn Camera Program

Dear Mayor Warren:

On behalf of RDDC, I am writing to support funding for Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs) for the Rochester Police Department. National interest in this tool is rising as a way to increase community confidence in the on-street performance of local police departments.

We recognize and appreciate your efforts to improve public safety and community-police relations, and believe that use of BWCs by RPD officers represents an important step in this ongoing process. BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and should be another important piece in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. By deploying BWCs, a police department can visibly reaffirm its commitment to fairness, integrity and service.

In addition, an RPD BWC program would help "monitor" the high quality public service expected of our police officers, and improve perceived legitimacy and sense of procedural justice by our citizens. If funded, we fully support the implementation of BWC program by the RPD.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety in downtown and the city, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relations. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely,

Heidi N. Zimmer-Meyer
President

ROCHESTER DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Corn Hill Neighbors Association
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Mayor Lovely A. Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

May 29, 2015

Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing you on behalf of the Corn Hill Neighbors Association. Throughout our neighborhood's existence, the Rochester Police Department has been diligent and effective in serving our community, Rochester's oldest residential neighborhood.

We are aware that the RPD has spent a great deal of time studying and planning for the possible implementation of Body Worn Cameras into their patrols. We believe that the use of these BWCs by RPD officers would be an important step in a practice that will benefit the entire Rochester community as well as our police department. BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between our police and the people they serve. This would be another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. Accordingly, our organization fully supports the implementation of a BWC program by the RPD.

We want to thank you personally for your continued commitment to public safety in our city and for your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. We feel that your commitment to establishing a BWC program for the RPD would go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely,

Rob W. Goodling

President, Corn Hill Neighbors Association



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June 2, 2015

Mayor Lovely A. Warren
City of Rochester
30 Church Street Room 307A
Rochester, NY 14614

Re: Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program

Dear Mayor Warren:

We write to you today on behalf of the Rochester Police Foundation, a not-for profit, independent, volunteer-run organization whose mission is to foster public safety, excellence in law enforcement, and a positive relationship between the Rochester Police Department (RPD) and the community it serves. In partnership with RPD the Foundation works with a range of business and civic leaders and community safety advocates to develop and implement public safety initiatives, community and youth outreach programs, and crime prevention programs.

We recognize your commitment to public safety and improving community relations with the police department, and strongly believe that the implementation of body-worn cameras by our RPD officers would be an important contribution toward these efforts. BWCs have the potential to improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and is another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. By deploying BWCs, an individual officer can reaffirm his or her commitment to fairness, integrity, and service, and the department as a whole may improve its perceived legitimacy and sense of procedural justice by our City. Accordingly, we are in full support of the implementation of a BWC program by RPD.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and for your ongoing efforts to improve our police department's relationships with the community. Your approval of a BWC program for the Rochester Police Department will be another great step toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely Yours,

Dennis Kessler
President

Shelly Dinan
Secretary

Tim Tompkins
Treasurer

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June 4, 2015

Mayor Lovely A. Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Letter of Support for a City of Rochester Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program

Dear Mayor Lovely A. Warren:

Sector 4 Community Development Corporation, in driving economic development in southwest Rochester, wishes fully support the City's BWC initiative. BWC's would give our police one more tool to promote peace along our southwest commercial corridors. There are multiple good reasons to support the BWC's.

1. BWC's could significantly build trust between our police department and the citizens it serves. The mere presence of BWC's communicates the police department's intention to be transparent and objective.
2. BWC's could serve as deterrents, reducing any tendency for inappropriate behaviors on the part of either citizens or police officers.
3. BWC's can bring objective first-hand information about police encounters with dysfunctional situations, promoting justice and fairness.

The BWC initiative is consistent with your continued commitment to public safety in our City as well as your efforts to improve community-police relationships. We fully support it.

Sincerely,

John DeMott

Southwest Quadrant Street Manager



June 8, 2015

**Mayor Lovely Warren
City of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614**

Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing you on behalf of the Unite Rochester Justice Engagement Initiative. Unite Rochester Justice is an initiative that examines whether racial disparity exists within the Monroe County criminal justice process, and works to eliminate them. Some of our efforts involve programing that dispels the perception of disparity when it does not exist.

We recognize your efforts to improve public safety and community-police relations in the City of Rochester. We believe that use of BWCs by Rochester Police Department (RPD) officers will be an important step in this ongoing process. BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and is another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. By deploying BWCs, a police department can reaffirm its commitment to fairness, integrity, and service. An RPD BWC program will help improve the high quality public service expected of our police officers, and promote the perceived legitimacy and sense of procedural justice that the Rochester community has about its police department. Accordingly, we fully support the implementation of BWC program by the RPD.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for the RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals

Sincerely,

**Cynthia Herriott Sullivan
CEO - Rise Up Rochester Inc.
Chair, Unite Rochester Justice Engagement**

Dr. Bill and Susan Morehouse
His Branches, Inc.
340 Arnett Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14619
June 8, 2015

Mayor Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

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Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing to you on behalf of His Branches, a Christian outreach ministry in Rochester.

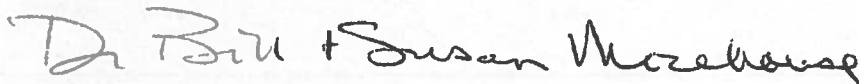
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BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and is another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. By deploying BWCs, a police department can reaffirm its commitment to fairness, integrity, and service.

An RPD BWC program will help foster a shared sense of security for both our officers and our citizens. It is important that our officers know that they are protected as they fulfill their duties. Similarly, it is important that citizens know that there is accountability for those who are sworn to protect and to serve. Accordingly, we fully support the implementation of BWC program by RPD.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely,



Dr. Bill and Susan Morehouse

Bridge Builders MINISTRIES



June 8, 2015

Mayor Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing to you on behalf of Bridge Builders Ministries.

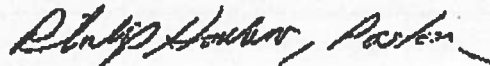
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Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely,



Philip Harlow, Pastor
Bridge Builders Ministries



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Inviting people into a life changing relationship with Jesus.

Pastor Rob Cattalani
2530 Browncroft Blvd
Rochester, NY 14526
June 9, 2015

Mayor Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing to you on behalf of Browncroft Community Church.

We recognize your efforts to improve public safety and community-police relations in the City of Rochester. We believe that use of BWCs by Rochester Police Department (RPD) officers will be an important step in this ongoing process.

BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and is another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. By deploying BWCs, a police department can reaffirm its commitment to fairness, integrity, and service.

An RPD BWC program will help foster a shared sense of security for both our officers and our citizens. It is important that our officers know that they are protected as they fulfill their duties. Similarly, it is important that citizens know that there is accountability for those who are sworn to protect and to serve. Accordingly, we fully support the implementation of BWC program by RPD.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely,

Pastor Rob Cattalani

Pastor Ernest J. Walker, Jr.

Rochester, NY 14621

June 10th, 2015

**Mayor Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614**

Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing to you on behalf of Full Gospel Tabernacle Church.

We recognize your efforts to improve public safety and community-police relations in the City of Rochester. We believe that use of BWCs by Rochester Police Department (RPD) officers will be an important step in this ongoing process.

BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and is another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. By deploying BWCs, a police department can reaffirm its commitment to fairness, integrity, and service.

An RPD BWC program will help foster a shared sense of security for both our officers and our citizens. It is important that our officers know that they are protected as they fulfill their duties. Similarly, it is important that citizens know that there is accountability for those who are sworn to protect and to serve. Accordingly, we fully support the implementation of BWC program by RPD.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ernest J. Walker, Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Ernest J. Walker, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a small "#".

June 10, 2015

Lovely A. Warren, Mayor
City of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Re: **Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester**

Dear Mayor Warren:

With respect to the matter of Body-Worn-Cameras (BWC) being used by local law enforcement as a policing strategy, I fully support this idea for use by the Rochester Police Department (RPD).

I agree that use of BWC's is an opportunity for the RPD to outwardly demonstrate its commitment of fairness and integrity to the community; however, I also believe it will help to do the following:

- Reduce the uncertainty of activities when contact is made between citizens and police officers;
- Protect the lives, good name and reputation of those officers who daily put their lives on the line to serve and protect ALL citizens;
- Protect the citizens against abuse;
- Make all involved individuals responsible for their own actions;
- Become the impetus to develop responsible behavior from officers and citizens alike; and also
- Allay many community fears of interactions with officers that potentially become dangerous or even deadly.

Willingness on the part of the RPD to participate in this program will be a giant step forward in healing and rebuilding community relationships; and it's necessary that something be implemented sooner than later to begin repairing an ever-widening breach of trust.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Fredrick Johnson, Sr., Pastor
First Genesis Baptist Church

UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Department of Public Safety
Office of the Director



Chief Michael Ciminelli
Rochester Police Department
Public Safety Building
185 Exchange Blvd.
Rochester, New York 14614

**Re: Letter of Support for Implementation of a Body-Worn Camera (BWC)
Program by the Rochester Police Department**

Dear Chief Ciminelli:

The University of Rochester (UR) Department of Public Safety is comprised of sworn peace officers, security officers, and other personnel, and is charged with the responsibility of maintaining public safety on grounds and premises owned or maintained by the UR. We have a very cooperative and collaborative relationship with the Rochester Police Department (RPD) to provide high-quality public safety services on UR grounds and the surrounding area within the City of Rochester, including various educational, medical, office, and residential facilities.

We believe an RPD Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) program will help improve the high quality public service expected of police officers, and enhance the legitimacy and sense of procedural justice that the Rochester community has about its police department. Accordingly, we fully support the implementation of BWC program by RPD.

As an institution of higher education subject to FERPA and a health care institution subject to HIPAA, we do want to ensure that the privacy rights of our students and patients are protected. Because of these concerns, we are fully committed to working cooperatively with RPD to establish procedures and protocols to ensure the proper use of BWCs on UR premises, including its medical and educational facilities, to ensure legal requirements and legitimate privacy concerns are satisfied. We will also work with RPD to develop procedures and protocols to deal with digital-media evidence (DME) produced by BWCs in incidents occurring on UR grounds.

We look forward to working with RPD on this important new initiative.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mark T. Fischer in black ink.

Mark T. Fischer
Director of Public Safety
University of Rochester

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THE CHIEF OF POLICE

**Pastor Karena E. Mitchell
Purpose Driven Ministries
875 East Main Street
Rochester New York 14605
June 5, 2015**

**Mayor Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614**

Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing to you on behalf of [Insert church or ministry].

We recognize your efforts to improve public safety and community-police relations in the City of Rochester. We believe that use of BWCs by Rochester Police Department (RPD) officers will be an important step in this ongoing process.

BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and is another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. By deploying BWCs, a police department can reaffirm its commitment to fairness, integrity, and service.

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Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely Yours,

Pastor Karena E. Mitchell

**Mayor Lovely A. Warren
City Of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614**

Letter of Support for a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program in the City of Rochester

Dear Mayor Lovely A. Warren:

I am writing you on behalf of the Orange Street Block club. We recognize your efforts to improve public safety and community-police relations in the City of Rochester. We believe that use of BWCs by Rochester Police Department (RPD) officers will help in this ongoing process. BWCs have the potential to significantly improve trust between a police department and the people it serves, and is another important step in Rochester's overall community policing strategy. In our opinion it will help keep things clear on both sides. Criminals will think twice because they have technical proof of wrong doing and police will have the ability to prove they worked by the books. By deploying BWCs, a police department can reaffirm its commitment to fairness, integrity, and service. An RPD BWC program will help improve the high quality public service expected of our police officers, and promotes the perceived legitimacy and sense of procedural justice that the Rochester community has about its police department. Accordingly, we fully support the implementation of BWC program by RPD.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety for the City of Rochester, and your ongoing efforts to improve community-police relationships. Your commitment to establishing a BWC program for RPD will go a long way toward achieving those goals.

Sincerely,

Orange Street Block Club

Laura Kostar

