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To: Gardner, Mike; Hart, Nancy; Melendrez, Andy; MacArthur, Chris; Bailey, Rusty; Adams, Steve; Davis, Paul

Subject: Red Light Cameras

Dear Councilmember,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Bob M [REDACTED] and I am a resident of ward 5. I recently retired from the City of Riverside as a fire captain where I served in various parts of the city for over 28 years.

The purpose of this e-mail is to express my displeasure of the red-light camera program and to urge you to vote against continuing it.

I have spoken publicly against the program several times in the past, once at the public safety committee and twice before the entire council. Each time, I expressed my dislike of the general concept of the program, the unethical tactics used to collect fees, inconclusive data regarding their effectiveness and the realization of corporate profits at the expense of our citizens. My position on these matters has not changed.

Many communities in the local area have come to the realization that red-light camera programs have not worked out as well as was hoped. That, coupled with the unpopularity of the programs have led them to abandon their programs. Several communities across the country have held voter referendums opposing red-light cameras, despite litigation filed by or funded by red-light camera companies.

Redflex recently filed a lawsuit against League City, TX after the city council approved a ballot measure letting the voters decide whether the red-light camera contract should be renewed. This action typifies the corporate mentality of Redflex. They are a business and their motivation is profitability, despite what they would like us to believe. They are really the only winners in this program, they get theirs no matter what. Unfortunately, it is at all of our expense.

Tonight, the matter will be discussed again and voted on by you, the council members. When you look at the big picture, it is evident that this program is a loser and should be dropped.

I urge you to vote to end the red-light camera program.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Bob M [REDACTED]
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P.S. Due to personal commitments, it is undetermined whether I will be able to attend tonight's meeting. Regardless, please give credence to this e-mail as if I were reading it in person.

Thanks again.

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