




COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ

**City of San Diego
Council District Eight**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2015

TO: Honorable City Attorney Jan Goldsmith

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez 

SUBJECT: Future Release of Video Related to Police Incidents

Today's U.S. District Court ruling regarding the release of surveillance video of a police officer related incident clearly shows that there is a lack of clarity in the City's procedures in release of such information (see the attached September 15, 2015 memorandum). In order to provide the greatest level of openness and transparency as possible to the public, it is critical that the City develop clear cut guidelines for the release of video and other information for future incidents. I would respectfully request that you prepare draft language to revise the appropriate codes and policies that govern the release of video and other information related to police related incidents for Council consideration in early 2016.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this critical issue.

CC:
Hon. Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Hon. City Councilmembers
Shelley Zimmerman, Chief of Police



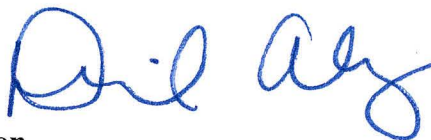
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SUBJECT: Authority in Release of Information

Recently the Chief of Police stated that a video related to a recent officer involved shooting would not be released for public review. The process by which decisions are made regarding the release of such information is critical for the public to understand. As such, per the City Charter, who has final authority of the release of information, including, but not limited to, body camera videos and third party videos concerning a police related incident?

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CC:
Hon. Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Hon. City Councilmembers
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Shelley Zimmerman, Chief of Police