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The City of Rochester Senior Management Team (SMT) is comprised of Department heads and key City officials. As the leaders of Mayor Lovely Warren's Administration, we are committed to public safety, improvement of police-community relationships, equitable enforcement of laws, and achievement of true community policing in the City of Rochester.

We join Mayor Warren in her support for the implementation of a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) program by the Rochester Police Department (RPD). An RPD BWC program will help improve the high quality public service expected of police officers, and promote the perceived legitimacy and sense of procedural justice that the Rochester community has about its police department.

We recognize that successful implementation of a BWC program in the City of Rochester will require close cooperation and collaboration among several City Departments in addition to RPD. We are committed to leveraging our existing strong working relationships, and to providing the necessary staffing and resources from our respective Departments, to ensure a successful result. This includes but is not limited to:

- Technical support from Information Technology resources;
- Budget support to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the BWC program;
- Communications support to assist with obtaining meaningful community input, and overall effective program communications;
- Legal support to deal with a myriad of issues, including freedom of information requests, storage, retention, redaction, expungement, as well as privacy policies;
- Support to deal with labor and collective bargaining issues.

We look forward to working closely with RPD to successfully implement and maintain a successful BWC in the City of Rochester.

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