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LAPD MOVES FORWARD ON GARCETTI MOTION TO USE CELLPHONE CAMERAS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Angelenos are closer to being able to use their phonecams to report crimes and accidents. The Los Angeles Police Commission has advanced an initiative sponsored by Council President Eric Garcetti to connect phonecam users to the city's 911 system.

“Los Angeles should be at the cutting edge of using new technologies to improve public safety,” said Garcetti. “I’m pleased to see that the Police Commission agrees and wants to harness the increased connectivity of our city to help fight crime or to assist at accident scenes.”

Garcetti introduced his motion after learning of Incident-Linked Media. ILM is software that allows 9-1-1 operators to send cell phone users a text message which, in turn, allows the user to send a phonecam picture to the 9-1-1 system. The photo can then be stored in the incident record or shared with first responders as they approach the scene.

The report from the LAPD concludes, “The LAPD realizes that technology is enabling citizen to be the eyes and ears for emergency responders.”

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