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November 14, 2003

The Honorable Claire Mack Mayor, City of San Mateo 330 West 20th Avenue San Mateo, California 92024-3633

Dear Mayor Mack:

It is my understanding that the San Mateo city council is considering approval of a contract with a service provider for a photographic enforcement system in the city of San Mateo. I write as President of the California Peace Officers' Association (CPOA) regarding legislation which becomes effective on January 1, 2004, regarding this issue.

The membership of the CPOA supported Assembly Bill 1022, a copy of which is enclosed. This Bill includes provisions which prohibit the payment of compensation to the manufacturer or supplier of an automated enforcement system based on the number of citations generated or percentage of revenue generated. The purpose of this legislation is to maintain the integrity and public confidence in such systems and ensure that their use is not perceived by the public as a method to generate revenue. While the provisions of this Bill do not affect contracts for automated enforcement systems which are entered into prior to January 1, 2004, on behalf of the CPOA membership, I ask that any action taken by your city be guided by the need to enhance public safety.

I appreciate the council's concern for traffic safety and am confident any action taken will be done in the best interests of the citizens of Whittier. If the CPOA or I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

D. O. HELMICK

President

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