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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT & UTILIZATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO RED-LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The deployment and utilization of the Red-Light Camera system has recently come under increasing public scrutiny by both the media and by the City of Chicago's Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, As a result, it behooves this legislative body to investigate and ameliorate any deficiencies in the efficacy and fairness regarding this program that has been touted as a public safety initiative; and

WHEREAS, Recent media investigation has led to questions being raised concerning the data gathering process and control of the program, as well as what led to the spikes in the present system, causing the discovery of at least 13,000 of the more than 4 million tickets issued to be without foundation; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2013, the Office of Inspector General of the City of Chicago issued an audit report seeking to determine if RLC installations were made and managed based on the Chicago Department of Transportation's (CDOT) stated primary criterion of reducing angle crashes to increase safety. CDOT was unable to substantiate its claims that the City chose lo install red-light cameras at intersections with the highest angle crash rates in order to increase safety. Little evidence was advanced by CDOT to demonstrate the overarching program's strategy. The IG further found a lack of basic recordkeeping and lack of analysis for the ongoing program that generates tens of millions in revenue; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon this legislative body to call upon officials of CDOT as well as the Inspector General to appear before a council committee prepared to provide more transparency about the Red-Light Camera Program.

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the undersigned members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered here this 30" Day of July, 2014 do hereby request that the Committee on Transportation and the Public Way expeditiously convene a public hearing to receive testimony from the public, the commissioner and representatives of the Chicago Department of Transportation as well as expert witnesses to determine definitive answers to the questions that were raised in the IG's 2013 audit as well as those delineated in a letter addressed to the Inspector General by the Honorable Scott Waguespack, Alderman of the 32nd Ward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Honorable

Anthony A. Beale, chairman of the Committee on Transportation and the Public Way, Joseph Ferguson Inspector General of the City of Chicago and Rebekah Scheinfeld, comnrrSsioner ofthciChicago Department of Transportation along with other city officials that can provide any pertine/u information concerning this issu

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