

From: Commissioner Jerdonek

Date: December 7, 2022

SUBJECT: San Francisco Surveillance Technology Policy Ordinance

The purpose of this memo is to let the Commission know about an ordinance (File No. 221043 / Ordinance No. 245-22) that the Board of Supervisors recently passed that approves “Surveillance Technology Policies governing the use of ... Security Cameras by the Department of Elections,” along with cameras by two other departments:

<https://sfgov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5862562&GUID=55146FF3-6F30-43BD-B5D2-80A07D0C0012>

This ordinance was introduced on October 3, 2022 and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 15, 2022. The ordinance was heard before the Rules Committee on October 17, 2022, October 24, 2022, and October 31, 2022 and was voted on by the Board of Supervisors on November 8, 2022 and November 15, 2022. To get a sense of the ordinance’s scope, the beginning of the section of the ordinance covering the Department of Elections begins (after the ordinance's amendments)—

*Section 3. Security Cameras: Department of Elections.*

*(a) Current Status. The Department of Elections currently possesses and uses Security Cameras.*

*(b) Purpose. The Department of Elections uses the Security Cameras to: (A) conduct live monitoring of voting center lines; (B) conduct live monitoring of Department staff during elections operations; (C) share camera footage of Department staff with the public to promote transparency into elections operations. ...*

(As a gentle reminder, the Commission had asked that proposed local legislation related to elections be mentioned in the monthly Director reports. I clarified and asked about this during the Director’s Report at the October meeting, but the October and November reports don’t mention this legislation.)