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FROM THE OFFICE OF JOHN D. HENSLEY, CHIEF OF POLICE

October 11, 2005

Alan Slater, Chief Executive Officer
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, California 92701

Dear Chief Executive Slater:

On September 19, 2005 the City of Costa Mesa hosted a meeting that was attended by representatives from each of the five cities in Orange County that operate a red light camera program. Thank you for allowing members of your staff, Gina Mendoza and Irene Mendez, to attend the meeting in order to assist with this matter of mutual interest. Our goal, as recommended by the Orange County Grand Jury, is to work together with the Orange County Superior Court to resolve accounting and reporting issues so that we can accurately determine the net operating effects of our red light camera programs.

The red light camera program revenue is currently shown in both the Motor Vehicles fund and the City Red Light fund of the Unified Orange County Superior Court – Fines, Fees & Forfeitures report. Listed below are suggestions for you and your staff to consider in regard to providing needed information to the cities currently utilizing red light cameras. Any such improvements to the monthly report will also benefit additional cities in Orange County that will install red light cameras in the future. By consensus of the five cities that have red light camera programs, the listed suggestions are ordered from most favored to least favored.

- 1) Have the Orange Superior County Court change their Case Management System to incorporate the ability to separate all red light camera revenue (those citations ending with "PE"). Then Orange County Superior Court - Central Accounting can incorporate a new column for red light camera revenue on the monthly report that is sent to all cities receiving money from the Orange County Superior Court.
- 2) Have Orange County Superior Court - Central Accounting filter each city's Motor Vehicles fund and City Red Light fund citation revenue and extract the portion applicable to red light camera (those citations ending in "PE"). Then Central Accounting can incorporate a new column for red light camera revenue on the monthly report that is sent to all cities receiving money from the Orange County Superior Court.

3) Have Orange County Superior Court - Central Accounting send each city the raw data (in Microsoft Excel) that makes up the revenue amounts in the Motor Vehicles fund and City Red Light fund shown on the monthly report. The cities will then be able to sort and separate the revenue received from the Court each month that is applicable to the red light camera program. This raw data needs to be sent prior to, or accompany, the Court's monthly report so that each city can determine the amount applicable to the red light camera program before depositing their checks.

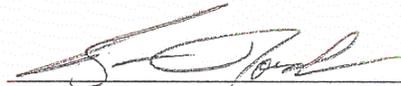
Due to the associated statutory requirements for distributing/reporting revenue (P.C. 1463.001, 1463.11), there may be some concern about extracting the red light camera related revenue from existing fund categories and posting this revenue separately on the Court's monthly report. If that is an issue for you, we submit that all of the red light camera revenue could still be shown separately for reference without making any changes to the existing fund categories.

We look forward to your assistance and appreciate your consideration of this matter.

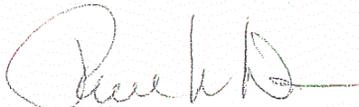
Sincerely,



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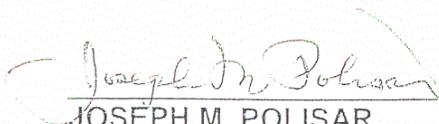
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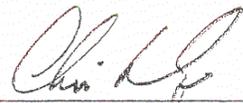
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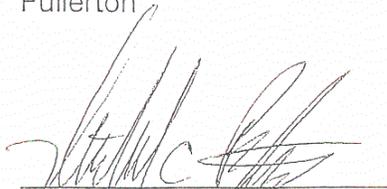
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