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Subject: [EXTERNAL] ShotSpotters Consideration for Discontinuation of Service

Hi Maggie!

I hope my message finds you well! Thank you for coming out to support us at the street renaming a couple of weeks ago! It was much appreciated.

I shared the following message with Councilwoman Vetaw after seeing the awful news that some are considering getting rid of the ShotSpottet technology. After sharing she asked that I pass along to you and the Mayor. I am not in the know how to reach the Mayor, I will check the website. But I am passing along your you for your information and sharing if possible.

This would be a total disservice to the people of Minneapolis in my opinion. I cannot believe that in a time when we are low on officers this is something they are considering. Just unreal!!

Have a great day! Here is the message I sent.

Hi LaTrisha! I hope my message finds you well!

I cannot believe what I am reading that the City is divided on getting rid of ShotSpotter.

I appreciate your standing for the cause in this article and during meetings.

I cannot help but to chime in.

After my Mother was murdered I met with several people in several areas of different types.

One of those persons was Councilwoman Barb Johnson at the time along with a technology guy from the City, of whom I cannot remember his name. We had several meetings.

I was told at the time that this technology was initially installed after 9/11 and at that time also had cameras attached to them as well.

My concern was why aren't the cameras working to be activated when the ShotSpotter itself is activated.

We, Barb and I, were told that the pictures that were captured were very grainy. As we had a few meetings we all came to the agreement at that time technology had come a long way! Mind you this conversation was taking place in 2017, move almost 10 years later and even more so technology has come even further.

After several meetings Ms. Johnson was going to bring a vote to have cameras placed that would only be activated when the ShotSpotter was activated to capture those involved. As we know criminals aren't standing around waiting to be arrested.

It is because of ShotSpottet that we know a close time of 6:03 pm of the first shots fired when my Mother was shot!

I believe and agree with you that getting rid of this would be a disservice to the City and community, especially without a clear understanding and research as to what is a better technology to replace it.

I still believe having those cameras attached to activate when the ShotSpotters themselves would better serve the community without harboring the privacy of the community.

I just wanted to offer you my opinion on this and would be happy to write or come in and speak with others on this subject.

It was my understanding things were approved when Ms. Johnson did her work in this in 2017, that also happened to be the year she ended her tenure as a council member.

Take care.

Bunny

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