



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2019

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Council Discussion On Whether To Provide Direction To Staff To Bring Forward Council Action On The Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council Members discuss this matter as requested by Council Member Bauters.

BACKGROUND

At the City Council's July 23, 2019 regular meeting, Council Member Bauters requested and received majority support for an item to be brought forward to consider whether to provide direction to staff to bring forward an item for Council action on the use of facial recognition technology in the City.

DISCUSSION

Facial recognition is a technology used to "recognize" a human face. A facial recognition system can map facial features from a photograph or video and compare that information with a database of known faces to find a match. This technology has many different applications and can raise privacy concerns.

Council may discuss this topic as requested by Council Member Bauters and may direct staff to bring forward an item for Council action at a future Council meeting at its discretion.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

None

PREPARED BY: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENT

- None