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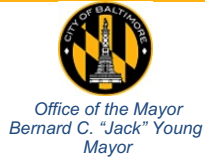**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:55 AM EDT
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Attached are a few notes from our briefing with CSP a few weeks back. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

I'll also be forwarding two emails with follow up materials.

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<u>Community Support Program (AKA Eye in the Sky)</u>

Background and Program Description:

- The Community Support Program (CSP) equips a plane with wide area motion imagery technology.
- Flying above the city, the technology would be able to capture wide swaths of the city at a given time and transfer near real time (3-5 second delay) images to analysts on the ground.
- Integrating the imagery with 911 calls or self-reported police activity, analysts would be able to track movement (particularly of cars and to a lesser extent people) at and around the location of critical criminal incidents (shootings, homicides, robberies, etc).
- This information could then be integrated with CitiWatch cameras and license plate readers to generate investigative leads.
- CSP does not capture images that include identifiable information. The resolution is limited to only one pixel per person.
- The technology was tested in Baltimore City in 2016.

Specific Programmatic Offer:

- Program costs covered for three years (plane, analysts, etc.)
- Reimbursement for 30 officers' overtime spent on investigations connected to CSP findings
- Informally funders have expressed interest in financially supporting infrared technology to allow the plane to fly at night (note: limited testing of this technology integrated with CSP)
- Funders have informally expressed interest in issuing formal polls in the field to gauge community interest, buy-in, and support

Other Considerations:

- Evidence from the program has never been used in court to secure convictions and analysts from CSP have never given expert testimony.
- Program leaders have been presenting publicly that the program will result in a "20-30% reduction in crime in the first year alone." After discussing this with the program leaders, we've determined that this is merely a guess and is not backed by *any* science or data.
- While the program has been tested briefly in a handful of jurisdictions, the program has never been fully implemented or evaluated.
- Currently, the program only operates during daylight hours. More than 50% of Baltimore's homicides and shootings occur in the evening hours.
- Though the program was tested briefly in Baltimore in 2016 and captured imagery from a few notable incidents, CSP was not able to provide specific examples of times when the program led to concrete case outcomes in Baltimore (i.e., arrests or convictions).

Proposed Mayor's Office Position:

- *We support the Police Commissioner's decision on what tools and strategies will best assist the Baltimore Police Department in reducing crime.*