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Ms. Jill Keimach Town of Paradise Valley 6401 E. Lincoln Dr. Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Dear Jill,

In FY 2019, the police department budgeted and was approved to purchase body worn cameras (BWC). We tested several different manufacturers prior to deciding on cameras from Axon. The BWC were purchased on a cooperative contract through the State of Arizona. The five-year contract was approved by the Council in October 2018. Also, during FY 19, the PD was approved to outfit two interview rooms, one in the jail and one in the investigative unit, with camera systems. Again, after reviewing several options, we chose to use Axon, because the interview room solution used the same software, same secure storage, and familiarity of controls.

In FY 2020, the police department budgeted to replace mobile (in-car) video cameras. Because no other vendor can use the software or secure storage from Axon, I believe this purchase to be a competition impracticable purchase. I believe that having one software option, which the staff is already familiar with, reduces training time for both sworn and civilian staff. Section 2.3.8 E of the Town's Procurement Policy manual authorizes a sole source with written evidence of research to support the request. I have attached a project description outlining the competition impracticable selection; and the written quote from Axon to this letter.

Best regards,

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