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## **San José to Launch Voluntary Security Camera Registry *Residents Can Help Investigations and Solve Crimes***

*SAN JOSE* – The City of San José tonight will announce the launch of a voluntary security camera registry that allows residents and business owners to notify the San José Police Department that they are using security cameras on their homes or businesses.

In the event of criminal activity in a neighborhood, patrol officers and investigators can review the registry and reach out to residents and businesses that have security cameras and ask to review their security tapes to seek leads to help solve crimes.

“Security camera registries work in other cities,” said Mayor Sam Liccardo, who first proposed the idea as the District 3 Councilmember following a series of arson fires in his district. “I want to encourage our residents and businesses to sign up. The video footage you share could help solve a crime and keep our neighborhoods safe.”

Participation is voluntary. SJPD will only access camera footage after an incident has occurred and with the permission of the camera owner. The police will not be able to access the camera remotely or in real time. Camera owners may leave the registry at any time.

“Knowing where neighborhood camera resources exist will save time for our investigators and will allow us to reach out quickly to review potential evidence,” said San José Police Chief Larry Esquivel.

The camera registry will be announced Wednesday evening at a 6:30 p.m. community meeting at Bret Harte Middle School in Almaden Valley, the South San José neighborhood that has been recently experiencing an increased number of residential burglaries.

To register a security camera, go to: [www.sanjoseca.gov/securitycamera](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/securitycamera). Questions about the program can be directed to crime prevention staff at 408-277-4133.