City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your review the City of Boston's 2024 Annual Surveillance Report, pursuant to the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (the "Ordinance").

The attached Annual Surveillance Report includes detailed information regarding the use of each Surveillance Technology previously approved by the Boston City Council under sections 16-63.3(B)(3)(c) of the Ordinance. All departments covered by the Ordinance have compiled data related to the use of each Surveillance Technology, governed by clear Surveillance Use Policies that are designed to protect privacy, civil rights, public safety, and racial and immigrant justice. This year, several City departments worked together on the annual report on the use of cameras and video management systems, which describes the use and oversight of this technology in greater detail.

I look forward to ongoing conversations about how the City's use of technology can better support the health, safety, and wellbeing of Boston residents.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston