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Dear City of Atlanta Resident of Druid Hills:

Before leaving office last year, Alex Wan donated a portion of his remaining City Council budget to DHCA for enhancing the safety of residents that he represented for many years.

Druid Hills Civic Association (DHCA) has partnered with **FLOCK SAFETY**, an Atlanta-based company, to deploy outdoor cameras at key ingress points in Division 1. These cameras will track cars and read license plates. They are not all-purpose security cameras. License plate information is the #1 piece of evidence police request in the case of criminal activity like home and car break-ins. To learn more go to www.flocksafety.com

The cameras will be installed August 20, 2018 at eleven locations in Division 1. The cost of a two-year lease on eight of the cameras is being covered with the funds Alex donated. Three additional cameras are being provided for six months courtesy of **FLOCK SAFETY**.

The cameras are solar-powered, motion-activated, and record footage whenever vehicle motion is detected. In addition, Flock's upcoming integration with the APD "Hot List" will alert police whenever a wanted vehicle (i.e. stolen, involved in a recent crime, etc) enters our neighborhood. Data is stored in the Cloud and will be available for 30 days.

DHCA proposes the following procedure for access to the data:

- 1. If/when an incident occurs at your residence, the first thing you MUST do is call 911 Emergency.
- 2. For DHCA reference on a data request, you will need to get the <u>number of the Police Report</u> that is created as a result of your call to 911.
- 3. Next: Call, or email, your <u>Druid Hills FLOCK SAFETY Representative Justin Critz</u> to request the camera footage for the date/time period that may be of assistance to the police in the apprehension of people involved in the incident at your home.
- 4. Information that you will be required to provide when requesting data:
 - a. Your name, address, phone, email, and any other contact information.
 - b. Police Report number and date filed.
 - c. Date the incident took place.
 - d. Time frame you believe the incident occurred.
- 5. Druid Hills FLOCK SAFETY Representative will access the data and forward to APD or homeowner.
- 6. If the police do not file an official report as a result of your call, but you believe a crime has been committed and wish to request the camera footage, please give all the information to your FLOCK SAFETY Representative and request a WAIVER from DHCA Executive Committee that the information be provided to you personally.

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FLOCK SAFETY is launching a new feature called the <u>SafeList</u> that allows residents to register vehicles with the service. This is just one of many new benefits **Flock** hopes to provide for Druid Hills over the next few months with this safety initiative.

To Register, visit <u>flocksafety.com/druidhills</u>. Why register on the <u>SafeList</u>? In the event of a crime, footage can be accessed and shared with the police. If a neighbor's license plate is on the SafeList, any footage of their vehicle will be marked as "resident".

Registration is fast and easy. Provide your email, home address, and license plates, and you are all set.

DHCA is pleased to administer this *Pilot Project* to reduce street crimes and other unwanted invasion and activity on our private properties.

If you have a specific question or comments, please feel free to reach out to DHCA <u>president@dhca.org</u> or hello@flocksafety.com

Sincerely,

Anne H. Wallace

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