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## **REYES, LAPD ACTIVATE NEW PHOTO RED LIGHT CAMERA IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS** - *Traffic enforcement camera is 2<sup>nd</sup> in LAPD's Central Bureau, 9<sup>th</sup> in the City*

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes today announced the activation of a red light traffic enforcement camera in Lincoln Heights. The Photo Red Light (PRL) monitoring system, which records the license plates of vehicles that run red lights, stands at the intersection of Griffin Avenue and North Main Street.

“The improved traffic enforcement cameras will increase the conviction of red light runners,” said Reyes, who serves on the City’s Public Safety Committee. “This is especially important here in Central L.A. which includes some of the City’s densest neighborhoods.” Reyes was joined by Los Angeles Police Department Sgt. Matthew McWillie and Glenn Ogura, Principal Transportation Engineer for the City’s Department of Transportation.

Red light runners photographed through this system will be fined \$361 for running a red light straight through and \$151 for a right hand turn.

The red light camera showed off today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> in LAPD’s Central Bureau and 9<sup>th</sup> in the City to be activated as part of a plan to install 32 new digital video cameras. The new system records 30 still frames per second for each violation, thus allowing for clearer photos of the front and rear of the car.

The system also allows law enforcement operators to monitor and adjust the cameras remotely via satellite, and provide live photos from the intersections during emergencies.

A sergeant and four officers will be assigned full time to administer the system. They will be able to provide digital evidence in disputed cases in court through laptop computers.

The City cancelled its contract with its original vendor in June 2005 because the system recorded poor-quality photos. The City Council approved a contract with Nestor Traffic System in November 2005 to provide the improved camera system.

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