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Subject: Well done

I think Officer Velez is in your Rotation. He responded to a 911 call neighbors in Surfside made at the direction of the City Commission because of particularly annoying short term rental activity. This related to a code issue, not something normally enthusiastically pursued by law enforcement. I was present at the time of his testimony in a Magistrate Hearing where his body camera video was also introduced. His testimony was concise and professional. I was impressed with his handling of the situation as evidenced by the body camera footage, which involved an initial interview with the complainant, an initial interview with the responsible female at the property in question, a second meeting with the complainant, and a revisit with the responsible female. Throughout, with an excited complainant and an obviously deliberately evasive subject, he was calm, courteous, and entirely professional. He was able to get the subject to admit the truth of her situation after several attempts with reassuring and professional persuasion. Several neighbors present at the hearing were complimentary and I wanted to pass that along since there are seldom opportunities for citizens to witness this sort of interaction with subjects and this proved to be a very positive example.

Also, there were comments from the attendees (including me) about the quality and resolution of the new body camera footage.

By the way, the violator, who was represented by an attorney, was fined \$7500, ordered to cease and desist, ordered to cancel all outstanding reservations and provide proof of having done so. Without Officer Velez's testimony and camera footage that would not have been possible.

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