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Motion on Public-Facing Biometrics at Port Facilities

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Community Engagement

- Two Commission Study Sessions (9/10 & 10/29) featuring stakeholders from all sides of the discussion, including:
 - Airlines
 - Cruise lines
 - Technology companies
 - U.S. Customs & Border Protection
 - Immigrant & Civil Liberties advocates
- Additional conversations 1:1 with stakeholders
- **Research and outreach** to other jurisdictions, ports, trade associations, state and federal elected officials, and policy experts regarding best practices and key issues
- Commissioners visited airports implementing facial recognition technology

Public-Facing Biometrics Guiding Principles

Justified	Should be used only for a clear and intended purpose and not for surveillance on large groups without a lawful purpose
Private	Should be stored for no longer than required by applicable law or regulations, and should be protected against unauthorized access
Equitable	Should be reasonably accurate in identifying people of all backgrounds, and systems should be in place to treat mismatching issues
Transparent	Should be communicated to visitors and travelers
Lawful	Should comply with all laws, including privacy laws and laws prohibiting discrimination
Ethical	Should act ethically when deploying technology or handling biometric data
Voluntary	Should be voluntary and reasonable alternatives should be provided for those who not wish to participate through an opt-in or opt-out process

Immediate Next Steps

- 1. Any proposed use or expansion of public-facing biometric technology by Port or private sector partners must demonstrate alignment with these principles
 - Interim review and approval process
 - Any proposal will be communicated in advance directly to the Port Commission and through the Port's external communications channels
- 2. The Port will communicate these principles to federal partners (CBP, TSA, DHS, Coast Guard, etc.) and work with these agencies and Congress to align federal programs at Port facilities with Port policy regarding utilization of public-facing biometric technology
- 3. Port-wide Working Group will deliver further policy recommendations governing the use of public-facing biometric technology at Port facilities by end of Q2 2020