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WCOG TO HOST PANEL AT SEATTLE ROTARY MARCH 16th

Seattle----The Washington Coalition for Open Government will be hosting and moderating a panel on police cameras and privacy at Downtown Seattle Rotary 4 on Wednesday, March 16th at Motif.

Panel members Eric Stahl (Davis Wright Tremaine and WCOG Board Member), Mary Perry (Seattle Police Department), and Josias Flynn (ACLU) will discuss *"Police Body Cams, Dash Cams, and A Camera On Every Street Corner: Invasion of Privacy or Necessary Step Toward Safety and Accountability?"* with moderator, Juli Bunting, WCOG Communications Director.

Recent encounters between police and unarmed suspects all over the country have put the spotlight on the issue of body cameras and dash cams in patrol cars. How do departments store those tapes, who can access them, and how do we protect the

privacy of witnesses or others not involved in crimes? The panel will look at the pros and cons of increasing public surveillance in what promises to be a lively and informative panel.

Seattle 4 Rotary was one of the very first Rotary clubs, founded in 1909. It also has one of the largest memberships in the world. The club meets every Wednesday at venues around the city. Wednesday meetings are open to Rotarians and their invited guests only. Go to www.seattlerotary.org for more information.

