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Atlanta City Council President Ceasar Mitchell and City Councilmember Clela Winslow announce the installation of a security camera at Lawton Street and Westview Drive

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Council President Ceasar Mitchell and City Councilmember Clela Winslow on Wednesday announced the installation of a security camera at the intersection Lawton Street and Westview Drive in southwest Atlanta.

The camera was funded by Renew Atlanta funds.

“Cameras are a force multiplier for our police officers, and we must ensure that they are present in all parts of the city,” Mitchell said. “Though they are a crucial aspect of the overall police presence in the city, cameras must be used in combination with community policing, officer training, and engagement with the community to bring about success.”

City Councilmember Clela Winslow, whose district includes the area, joined Mitchell in welcoming the new security measure.

“I am pleased that a camera has been installed at this location because this is a main intersection for our children going back and forth to school each day at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School,” she said. “This new camera will provide additional surveillance that is greatly needed in this area.”

In 2010, a southwest Atlanta store owner described by customers and neighbors as a foundation of the community was stabbed to death inside a small supermarket at Lawton Street and Westview Drive. He had run for more than 30 years.

Atlanta police Major Keith Meadows told the AJC that the victim was stabbed repeatedly during an apparent robbery attempt at the Southern Supermarket. Responding officers found the victim lying just inside the door of the store.

A cash register was taken from the store, Atlanta police said.

President said he supports more cameras in all areas of the city and will work closely with Atlanta Police on this particular camera location and placement as well as others.

The Lawton Street and Westview Drive security camera is integrated into the city's sophisticated Loudermilk Operation Shield Video Integration Center, where police can monitor images from more than 5,700 high-tech cameras throughout the city.

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