

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 3:16 AM
To: Jill Keimach; PAUL ROLLERI; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: Automatic License Plate Readers

From: Eric Strimling
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 8:15 PM
Subject: Automatic License Plate Readers
To: Trish Spencer, Malia Vella, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Jim Oddie, Frank Matarrese

Dear City Council,

Since I am unable to attend tonight's meeting I am writing instead to convey my thoughts on the Automated License Plate Reader proposal by Chief Rolleri. My primary concern is with the gathering, storing, and compilation of data on our citizens' movements. I wonder if those who are pleased that these cameras will be placed at our bridges and tubes realize that almost all of the data acquired will be of Alamedans as we leave for work, or shopping, and then come home. What will be done with this data? With whom shall it be shared?

My understanding is that it will become part of a much larger data base and be shared with many other law enforcement agencies. While it is obvious to me why the law enforcement would want this, is it in the interests of Alamedans to have their travel habits known by a wide variety of entities? Can any of you guarantee that the data wont be stolen or sold? Are we certain that an abusive spouse wont get access? Will our employers be able to purchase this data on-line to check up on workers' comp claims, family leaves, or even just when we call in sick? Data once stored and shared is forever. Maybe our department will destroy it from the main data base in 6 months, but what about in every computer that downloaded the data? What about in every non-Alameda agency that downloaded it?

It is therefore crucial that whatever system, new or existing, that we use does not store any data. Check the plate to see if it is stolen, or if it is a car of interest in a crime. If so, report it to the agency with a location and time stamp, then erase the camera data. If there is no match then no record should be made. And, please, do not connect us to a regional data collection agency like the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center.

\$500,000 could be far better spent on a recruitment effort to hire officers to fill the positions that the City Council has already approved. Chief Rolleri has been singularly unsuccessful, for years, in hiring the officers that our city needs to fight the wave of petty crimes we are experiencing. More officers on the street, shorter response times, more officer time investigating crime and building cases are surely the time proven methods of crime prevention. But, they require the hard work of recruiting and retaining officers, instead of just delegating our security to privacy destroying computer data bases. Let's spend a half million dollars on a campaign to find and hire high quality police officers.

Thank you for your attention,

Eric Strimling

LARA WEISIGER

From: Jill Keimach
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 5:29 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: Vote Yes on ALPR

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 5:24 PM
To: Jill Keimach <JKeimach@alamedaca.gov>; PAUL ROLLERI <PROLLERI@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: FW: Vote Yes on ALPR

From: John Magana [<mailto:magana408394@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Vote Yes on ALPR

I am fully in favor of purchasing the Automated License Plate Readers. Much of the arguments against their purchase are highly misinformed. I am an attorney in criminal law and have actually seen how this information is used however, because I do not have the authority to speak on behalf of who I work for I am sending this email solely as a private Alamedan citizen. Because of my job unlike most people I can actually talk about how they are used. I encourage you not to be swayed by fears of what may happen but rather by the reality of how these tools are used.

Myth: ICE will use these plates to deport undocumented people

-Please ask to see evidence of one person deported as a result of an automated license plate reader. It does not exist yet these types of readers are prevalent in the bay area. ICE does not expend resources to look for regular undocumented people driving around. It is not even clear to me how the plate would necessarily correspond to something else that could prove lack of documentation. Despite the occasional headline story if some unfortunate sole being deported somewhere in the country, I can assure you that there known criminals in the Alameda Court system that are regularly NOT deported because Sherriff Ahern does not pass information along to ICE on every undocumented person that comes through Santa Rita Jail. So the idea that they would start trolling for license plates of regular undocumented people is frankly to most who actually know how ICE works is laughable.

Myth: NCRIC will use the information to deport undocumented people

-Again not a single instance of this occurring can be shown yet there are plenty of license plate readers already in use. Additionally, it is important to be able to cast a wide net when searching for a potential terrorist, which is what that information sharing is for in the NCRIC. Within just this past year a potential terrorist attack was stopped at Pier 29 in San Francisco. What if the police agencies were looking for a vehicle associated with a potential attack such as that. Having this information to alert police to that car's presence in Alameda would be very important. Although a small town we are a Coast Guard city and sandwiched in between two major population centers. NCRIC already has privacy policies in place with respect to ALPR's.

Myth: Automated License plate readers do not work

-They are very useful in catching criminals and preventing crime. First, these readers do relay information to the police in real time so for example if it catches a potential stolen plate the police are alerted and can be dispatched to find the car. Many people who do not work in law enforcement do not realize that it is not uncommon for people who are planning to commit serious crimes like a burglary or robbery to use a stolen car so that if the plate is captured by the victim that the car cannot be traced to their registration. There have been cases where police have been dispatched to a flagged stolen vehicle and when they find the car they also interrupt a home burglary in progress from criminals who were using that stolen vehicle as transport. Please ask the Piedmont police department about this scenario. Additionally, people who are going to commit serious crimes tend to avoid anywhere that where there can be a digital trace for their presence. Again, look at how property crimes dropped in Piedmont after installation. There are countless other benefits such as Amber alerts, locations of suspects in crimes, and evidence in solving crimes. For example, if there was a homicide and police had narrowed it down to a certain suspect they could run that suspect's plate in the ALPR to see if that person's car was in Alameda at the time of the crime. These are just some of the many lawful and useful ways that this information is helpful.

Myth: This is an invasion of my Privacy Rights

-Most people do not seem to realize that this technology is already in use. There are many Sheriff's department vehicles throughout Alameda County that already use these on their patrol cars. All of the bridges employ this type of technology. I have a Fastrack like most people but on occasion, I have rented a car and forgotten to bring it with me. I still got a ticket. How? They automated reader took down my plate and sent it to me through the rental company. If ICE and the government were serious about using this information for nefarious purposes it is already out there and we would have expected to see some evidence of this misuse. This is a simple answer to the question of how do we know that this information will not be abused? That answer is because we have already been collecting this information here with automated readers in patrol cars in Alameda and throughout other police agencies in Alameda County and there is no documented cases of abuse.

The facts are that these are useful tools to help keep our city safe. Moreover you are representatives of the community at large. The reality is that the vast majority of Alamedans support this step to purchase license plate readers so I would expect your votes to reflect that.

Sincerely,

John Magana

LARA WEISIGER

From: Jessica Reed
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Agenda Item 6-C Automated license readers- Opposed

Hello Council members,

I am sorry for the late correspondence, but I just heard about this. I am opposed to the purchase of the automated license readers.

While, it may good for limited purposes (like Amber Alerts), the listed reasons it will or may be used are too broad. I am opposed on privacy reasons and the obvious disparate impacts the readers will have.

Thank you,

Jessica Reed

Alameda Resident

LARA WEISIGER

From: PAUL ROLLERI
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 1:19 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: Whatever you need to get the Cameras Up ASAP

FYI

Paul Rolleri
Chief of Police
Alameda Police Department
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(510) 337-8300
prolleri@alamedaca.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: John Taffe [mailto:john.taffe@icloud.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:09 PM
To: PAUL ROLLERI
Subject: Whatever you need to get the Cameras Up ASAP

My full support - 431 Mosley Ave Alameda Landing

Best regards,

John Taffe
415-846-1415

Sent from my iPhone

LARA WEISIGER

From: PAUL ROLLERI
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 10:23 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: Support for police cameras

One more...

Paul Rolleri
Chief of Police
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Courtney Shepler <c_shepler@hotmail.com>
Date: February 6, 2018 at 9:42:55 AM PST
To: Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <mvella@alamedaca.gov>, "Frank Matarrese" <fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov>, Jim Oddie <joddie@alamedaca.gov>, Jill Keimach <jkeimach@alamedaca.gov>, "prolleri@alamedaca.gov" <prolleri@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Support for police cameras

I am writing to express my support for the camera proposal by APD. As a west end resident, I am concerned by the increase in crime and believe this is both a strong deterrent and a helpful investigative tool. We chose Alameda as a place to live in part because of its reputation as a very safe community. It feels less safe now than it did when we moved here 10 years ago. I would like Alameda to maintain that reputation as a community that is safe and secure for families.

I understand some will have privacy concerns, but for me the safety concerns far outweigh the privacy concerns. It is a small price to pay for quality of life. And let's face it, none of us really have privacy with new breaches taking place daily...and the prevalence of cameras everywhere. You can be a viral sensation on social media in a split second if you park badly in Alameda.

Thanks,

Courtney Shepler

Sent from my iPhone

LARA WEISIGER

From: hantekisalp@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 10:09 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Opinion on License Plate Scanners

Hello,

I wanted to weigh in with my support for license plate scanners at our bridges and tunnel.

We have personally experienced multiple incidents of property crime in the last two years, and have heard from neighbors who have experienced the same. I think something needs to be done and I am in favor of using technology to reduce crime. I read that a similar system has been implemented in Marin County and Piedmont with positive results.

As a staunch advocate of civil liberties and privacy, I am not concerned about privacy issues related to this technology, as the cameras will be utilized in public areas. We are taking Alameda Police Department at their word NOT to use this technology to identify or keep records of Alameda residents' activities. I trust that if the scanner does NOT make a match with a stolen or wanted vehicle's plate, that the plate will not be recorded or stored in a database. This is very important to me.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Han Tekisalp
3021 Bayo Vista Ave.
Alameda

LARA WEISIGER

From: Jenny Irene Sargent <jenny.irene.sargent@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 9:03 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: License Plate Scanners

Good Morning,

My family moved from San Francisco to Alameda in July of last year. It is a lovely place and overall we are very happy with our move. However, one of the main concerns that we had prior to buying a house here was the lack of openness and overall suburban close-mindedness that we so often have seen outside of urban areas. Thus far, we have been delighted by the neighborliness of Alameda.

Today I read in the SF Chronicle that Alameda is considering spending \$500,000 on license plate scanners in an attempt to cut down on crimes, presumably by criminals from Oakland. I find this troubling on a number of fronts. First, that is an enormous amount of money for a city of this size. Second, I find it troubling that monitoring all traffic on and off the island is seen as a reasonable way to curb the small amount of crime that happens here. Third, Alameda already has a terrible reputation for close-mindedness, insular thinking and, frankly, xenophobia.

I truly love living here, but installing these scanners would make me feel both troubled about my privacy and very embarrassed to be part of a community which assumes the worst about it's neighbors.

I am unable to attend the city council meeting tonight to voice these concerns in person, but I urge the council members to forego this expensive and ineffective attempt to solve crimes.

Best regards,
Jenny Sargent
2610 Buena Vista Ave.

LARA WEISIGER

From: Christopher Rabe <christopher.r.rabe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 8:44 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Liscence plate readers

I cannot attend the meeting tonight, so please share this with the council if possible.
George Orwell's 1984 was a warning, not an instruction manual!



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LARA WEISIGER

From: PAUL ROLLERI
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 11:26 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER; Jill Keimach
Subject: Fwd: We support licence plate camera readers for our APD

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Susan Solomon <ka2fll@yahoo.com>
Date: February 5, 2018 at 9:32:31 PM PST
To: Russ Grant <russgrant43@gmail.com>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, "mvella@alamedaca.gov" <mvella@alamedaca.gov>, "mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov" <mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov>, "fmatarwse@alamedaca.gov" <fmatarwse@alamedaca.gov>, "joddie@alamedaca.gov" <joddie@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Bill Garvine <billgarvine@gmail.com>, Bill Garvine <bgarvine@alamedamp.com>, Tim Beloney <timbeloney@gmail.com>, Tracy Cote <tracy@tracycote.com>, Andy Stoddard <andystoddard7@gmail.com>, "Michael Denten" <mdenten@gmail.com>, PAUL ROLLERI <prolleri@alamedaca.gov>, "Wayland Gee" <wgee@alamedaca.gov>, Lance Leibnitz <lleibnit@alamedaca.gov>, "Don Owyang" <dowyang@alamedaca.gov>, Sarah New <srnew15@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: We support licence plate camera readers for our APD
Reply-To: Susan Solomon <ka2fll@yahoo.com>

Dear Council Members,

I completely agree with Russ Grant's comments below and intend to speak to this topic tomorrow evening at the City Council meeting along with Bill Garvine, as we are both crime watch block captains for the Marina Windsor neighborhood. We will have a contingent of neighbors joining us in support, so you are aware in advance.

Thanks,

Susan Solomon

From: Russ Grant <russgrant43@gmail.com>
To: Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>; mvella@alamedaca.gov; mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov; fmatarwse@alamedaca.gov; joddie@alamedaca.gov
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 5:24 PM
Subject: We support licence plate camera readers for our APD

Dear Council Members:

We are writing to you in support of the city installing the license plate camera readers in Alameda. We have experienced an increase in crime in our Marina/Fernside neighborhood in recent months. The APD has been extremely responsive to our neighborhood. We appreciate their efforts to address the issue of auto break-ins and thefts, packages stolen from our porches, and non- neighbors scoping out our homes for potential break-ins.

We believe adding the camera license readers will give our APD an additional tool to help them compliment the tools they are currently using to fight crime in our city. The combination of video and photos some neighbors have supplied APD, and cameras that track all vehicles entering and exiting our city could help curtail crime in our neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Russ and Linda Grant
East End residents

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Russ Grant
510 853-9058



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LARA WEISIGER

From: PAUL ROLLERI
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 11:23 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER; Jill Keimach
Subject: Fwd: License plate readers

Here's another one...

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Begin forwarded message:

From: TYK <tyk1@ymail.com>
Date: February 5, 2018 at 10:57:45 PM PST
To: <prolleri@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: License plate readers

This evening I have forwarded the letter below to all members of our city Council urging them to support your plan for the license plate readers. It's a great idea that I hope the community steps up to support. Keep up the good work.

"I'm writing you today to urge you to support the police chief's plan to capture license plate numbers of all vehicles entering and leaving the city of Alameda. In this age of technology it is very important to leverage that technology for the benefit of our community. The City of Piedmont has used license plate readers for the last 4 years and experienced a dramatic reduction in their crime rate.

With our limited points of ingress and egress the implementation of this technology could be the key to reducing the level of crime in our city. As the level of police staffing has dropped over the course of the last decade so has the ability to focus on property crimes. These property crimes affect the lives of hundreds of Alameda residents each year and our city government owes it to its constituents to make this small investment to improve the quality of life in our community."

Thomas Y. Kincaid

Sent from my iPad

LARA WEISIGER

From: PAUL ROLLERI
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 11:21 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: We support licence plate camera readers for our APD

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Subject: Re: We support licence plate camera readers for our APD

Dear Council Members,

I am a block captain as well. I cannot attend the meeting but want each of you to know I also fully support the license plate camera readers.

Alameda's growth in stature as a destination city with increasing property values and more overall traffic makes us more of a target for crime, potentially endangering our residents. We have seen it in our immediate Marina/Windsor neighborhood, despite the increased efforts of our much appreciated law enforcement team.

If we have an opportunity to give our law enforcement team a proven technology to help curb crime and keep the people of our town as safe as possible, it would be irresponsible to not take that opportunity.

Thank you

Tim Beloney

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 5, 2018, at 9:32 PM, Susan Solomon <ka2fll@yahoo.com> wrote:

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East End residents

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LARA WEISIGER

From: Noreen Chan <cnoreen15@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 5:04 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Yes to Car Scanners for Alameda

Dear Mayor Spencer and Alameda City Councilmembers:

Please install car scanners for Alameda as soon as possible. The \$500,000 for 13 cameras is peanuts when it comes to protecting its citizens. Police reports show a 12% increase in crime from 2016 to 2017. Many bay area cities are already using them and they are effective in capturing criminals.

For the past 2 years, we have been experiencing an escalation of crime in Costa Brava re: mail/parcel theft, stolen garden decorations, garage break-ins, car theft/break-ins, stolen license plate, mailbox and home vandalism, wreckless vehicles speeding through our private streets despite speed bumps, and mysterious vans driving around our development. It is going to take awhile for the HOA board to decide on a plan to protect us and approve of common area surveillance cameras so these car scanners would be most helpful. We are minutes from Harbor Bay Parkway.

My own house was vandalized twice in December 2017 during the Xmas holiday season. On Dec. 11, someone opened up the utility closet door of my house along with 2 other houses along Baywalk Road. When I checked with Wayne of Alameda Municipal Power, there were no reports of city electricians at our site.

On December 18, someone jumped over the low stucco wall of the backyard and vandalized our patio lighting by breaking the back of the lightbulb via insertion of a sharp instrument from the top of the wall scone so it didn't look like it was vandalized until further inspection. The exterior GFI was pulled out of the wall and destroyed. Wires were exposed and we could have had an electrical fire.

We had no electricity on the right side of our house (near the backyard patio door) and 3 city electricians came out to fix the utility box and smash open the fiberglass lid to check the server in the sidewalk facing our house which took several hours.

We also had to pay a lot of money hiring 2 private electricians to fix all lingering electrical problems.

We finally installed 3 exterior cameras on Jan. 3 when we returned from our trip, but they are only facing our front, side and backyards so we can't see beyond the bushes. Since we are facing a private street and neighboring houses, the 1988 CC&Rs prohibit the intallation of a garage camera. The HOA manager and the board are still trying to figure out how to protect our development.

By installing the camera scanners, it would help deter these criminals from doing so much damage and finally capture these perpetrators.

We have had our mail kiosks vandalized at least 14 times and mail stolen in the past 2 years, but 24/7 Harbor Bay Security has never caught anyone.

Thank you for your time!

Noreen Chan
(510) 379-0584 (cell)

LARA WEISIGER

From: Trish Spencer
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 2:43 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: Automated License Plate Readers
Attachments: Alameda City Council.2.6.18.docx

From: Cheri Johansen [mailto:cherijohansen@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Trish Spencer <TSpencer@alamedaca.gov>; Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>; Frank Matarrese <FMatarrese@alamedaca.gov>; Jim Oddie <JOddie@alamedaca.gov>; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Jill Keimach <JKeimach@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Automated License Plate Readers

The Alameda Progressives will speak at tomorrow's Council against the acquisition of 13 LPR's requested by Chief Rolleri.

Please find attached the Alameda Progressive statement against Automated License Plate Recognition.

Thank you for your consideration

"We the People..."

No More Silence-Action

Cheri Johansen

Regional Coordinator SB 562

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Alameda City Council. February 6, 2018, item 6C

Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council: The Alameda Progressives will speak in opposition to Chief Rolleri's request for \$500,000 for Automated License Plate Readers [LPR's] increasing the 5 currently mounted on police vehicles, by adding 13 LPR's to be mounted on all the entry and exits to the Island.

While we commend Chief Rolleri and his continuing efforts to safeguard the citizens of Alameda while maintaining the adherence to the mandated Sanctuary City requirements, this request vastly increases the loss of personal privacy and may jeopardize the safety of certain segments of our citizenry. Current Alameda policy mandates that NCRIC, the corporation storing and disseminating the information collected by the LPR, is forbidden to share Alameda information with ICE and the data is to be removed after 6 months. However, the other agencies belonging to the NCRIC, most notably, Sheriff Gregory J. Ahern, an avowed supporter of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and the Alameda County Sherriff's Office, may not operate under the same strict guidelines.

Many Federal law enforcement agencies also subscribe to the NCRIC. The current policy of the Federal administration is to single out segments of the population and categorize them as 'undesirable'. Time and time again Federal agencies have been used to deport, harass and incarcerate minorities, using law enforcement to violate the rule of law. This is not the time to increase tools of surveillance which in the wrong hands can be used for facilitating violations to human and civil rights.

In the presentation it is stated "they do not include any personal identifying information of the occupants or registered owner of the vehicle." However, it also states "providing critical information regarding the nature of the identified offense in advance of the officer making contact with the occupants of the vehicle. "We all know vehicles do not commit crimes on their own, people do!.... This system will track occupants. Who is coming on to the Island? Where they go. And conceivably what places of worship they attend; businesses they frequent; what friends they visit. Of even more importance, it generates a record of vehicle sightings, complete with time, date, and geographic location. Once this information is out there in some cloud, it is difficult to control how it is to be used. Are we willing to share that information with the Alameda Sherriff's Office or Federal agencies such as Homeland Security?

Over the years there have been suggestions made in Alameda to pull up the drawbridges at night. Are we willing to return to that era of distrust of those coming to the Island from nearby communities and subject all the comings and goings of our citizens to such scrutiny? Once upon a time we might have said 'What's the harm if it keeps us safe?' This is not those times. We have seen the abuses of power and information. If any among us is not safe from the prying eye of misguided Federal policy, none are safe!

Five Hundred Thousand dollars is a lot of money. Is there another use to support Chief Rolleri and his department? Thanks to Chief Rolleri and the APD, Alameda, CA is 61% safer than other cities of California. He has done this while maintaining a low ratio of police officers to population-1.5 police officers per 1,000 residents which is 58.9% less than the California average and 54.6% less than the National average. Could we not better spend the money on police officers, and training?

The Alameda Progressives strongly urge the Mayor and Council to reject this proposal or at the very least postpone the action to allow for further study. In this uncertain time, it is not prudent to increase the surveillance capabilities -spying and keeping databases- on the citizens of Alameda.

LARA WEISIGER

From: Kris Motola <krismotola@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 12:38 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: City Council vote regarding License Plate readers on the bridges/tube

Unfortunately I cannot attend the meeting but would like to express my feelings on the subject. First off, I am very much in favor of the proposal. I have done some reading on other local cities that have incorporated the cameras and feel they are very beneficial on several fronts. As a resident that lives near the High Street bridge we have heard many first hand accounts (and seen a lot of videos on Ring) of property crimes, car break-ins, car thefts, and just general creepy behavior like people walking by at night checking car and house doors to see if unlocked. There certainly appears to be much more of this activity in the last 12-24 months. It is very concerning. I understand some people have privacy concerns or concerns with how the data will be used but I feel that the benefits outweigh these concerns.

Thanks,
Kris

LARA WEISIGER

From: John Knox White <jknoxwhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 7:08 AM
To: Jill Keimach; PAUL ROLLERI; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Fwd: ALPRs

Comments I sent to the City Council this morning.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: John Knox White <jknoxwhite@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 5, 2018 at 6:50 AM

Subject: ALPRs

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I've been engaged in numerous conversations about ALPRs over the last few days, including with Chief Rolleri, which was much appreciated. I writing to suggest that the ALPR proposal being presented on February 6th be bifurcated into two separate votes.

There is a lot of misinformation and confusion about what the ALPR program is capable of doing and what happens with the data once it is captured. Almost everyone is unaware that our current program shares data with the IRS, Department of Homeland Security, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, to name only a few. Until this week, our city leaders (staff or elected) were unable to answer questions about access and accountability regarding this data that is shipped off-island.

The ongoing discussion is important and nuanced. It should not be rushed through on the basis of one poorly attended city budget hearing where staff proposed a conceptual half-million-dollar proposal and three council members thought it sounded like something to pursue. Which is not to say it shouldn't be pursued, but that any pursuit of such a system should involve significant, meaningful community engagement, the likes of which has not yet occurred.

We don't have to stop everything. We can move forward with the cameras that can help APD catch stolen vehicles and vehicles that have alerts out on them. There is no need to join NCRIC to engage in this activity. This is the activity that most people across Nextdoor and Facebook are interested in. Rarely does anyone single out sharing our data with the feds as a plus. We can afford to take a breath with NCRIC while we engage our community in a meaningful conversation on surveillance and data-sharing.

To accomplish this, the council should consider:

1. **Purchasing new cameras**, but only with the adoption of greater oversight and reporting requirements by the council.
2. **Prohibiting Alameda's participation in NCRIC** until a more in-depth community engagement process can be completed regarding whether this unaccountable agency is a partner worthy of our city's goals and provides certifiable safeguards on the use of any data the city should share.

3. **Before approving, identifying startup, annual maintenance and lifetime replacement costs.**

How to achieve this:

1. **Purchase new cameras**, but only with the adoption of greater oversight and reporting requirements by the council.

a. Alameda should utilize ALPRs to identify vehicles that are stolen or in criminal use. This local use should be “live” and not rely on long-term data storage. Data should be held for not less than 24-hours unless it is flagged during that period.

b. If the data is collected or processed by a third-party vendor, annual audits of the company’s use and its compliance with Alameda and Federal enforcement requirements should be made to ensure that data is not being used for profit or being used in pursuit of activities in conflict with alameda city policy

i. Written guarantee that Vigilant will alert the city if it receives any requests (verbal or written) for access to Alameda’s data.

1. If federal law prohibits such alert, Alameda should consider whether this is a path we want to go down.

2. If federal law does not prohibit such an alert, Vigilant will provide an update if at any time federal law changes to prohibit this.

c. Annual audit of both APD and Vigilant use of data and requests, reviewed by a council appointed body of privacy, security and enforcement experts. (Data Auditing oversight committee to be determined at a future meeting, but council should provide specific direction to ensure that all members have expertise in key areas to provide effective citizen oversight.

2. **Remove Alameda from NCRIC** until a more in-depth community engagement process can be completed

a. A broader community engagement needs to occur around this issue. A council meeting and 1-hour workshop are not enough.

b. Council needs to appoint a seven-member blue-ribbon task force (one nominated by each council member, one by the Electronic Frontier Foundation and one by the Chief of Police) to identify whether and how Alameda’s collection of vehicle location information should be integrated into any regional data warehouse.

i. Identify safeguards for ensuring the data is used in pursuit of alameda’s policy goals

1. This includes not only limiting direct access to agencies such as ICE, which is counter to our Sanctuary policy, but also ensuring that agencies with access to the data (County Sherriff, DHS, etc.) are not legally allowed to share data with other agencies.

2. Annual public audit, presented to Alameda’s Data Auditing Oversight committee (see above) to ensure compliance

a. Include number of times data was accessed, by whom and results

3. Understanding of federal laws as they relate to this use and access to NCRIC's database

4. Identify the security of NCRIC's warehouse to ensure that it is safe

ii. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the acceptable civil liberty trade-offs vis-à-vis public safety and enforcement benefits.

1. The City Council, not staff, should be leading this. This is not a Tuesday night at the city council, or single "workshop" issue, this issue needs considered, significant engagement with the residents and employers of Alameda, led by residents with knowledge in the key issues.

Best,

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