

## Communication from Public

**Name:** JDEE

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2022 11:52 AM

**Council File No:** 18-1104

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council-members, I'm writing today about Item 1 on the meeting agenda, the approval of a 5-year contract with Motorola/Vigilant Solutions for an automated license plate reader (ALPR) system to be used by the LAPD. ALPR is an often used facet of LAPD's architecture of surveillance, weaponized disproportionately against Black, Brown, and poor Angelenos. They function by gathering information, primarily license plate numbers, and using this information to criminalize individuals. LAPD's expanding surveillance capabilities, especially their usage of facial recognition tech, ensure that systems like ALPR will grow exponentially effective at targeting community members. Surveillance technologies like ALPR are falsely touted as proactive means of safety when in reality they are a means of enhancing police harm. Implementations of similar "smarter" policing technologies, like body-worn video have done nothing to increase police accountability or minimize community harm, they have merely facilitated the execution of this harm. In fact, a report from the ACLU exposed that the multi-million dollar contract between Vigilant Solutions and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) has resulted in deportations of thousands of immigrants around the country. The contract will cost the city of Los Angeles \$407,000 annually, an increase from the \$305,900 the city currently pays for LAPD's ALPR system. Approving this contract and further increasing resources to LAPD's surveillance effort, while the city is faced with a growing houselessness crisis, would affirm this body's dedication to the expansion of a police surveillance state at the expense of the well-being of the people it claims to represent. For these reasons and many more we demand that council members reject this contract and dismantle LAPD surveillance systems. Jamie

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2022 03:34 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** City of LA Flavors Ordinance



May 31, 2022

The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles  
Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Main Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File: 18-1104 Flavored Tobacco Products / Youth Tobacco Use

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Los Angeles City Council:

The American Heart Association is encouraged by Los Angeles City's efforts to limit the sale of flavored tobacco products. The tobacco industry is actively and aggressively working to addict new young people with flavored tobacco products. As a result, **we urge you to establish a comprehensive flavored tobacco ordinance prohibiting the sale of all flavored tobacco products in the City of Los Angeles without exemptions.**

Ending the sale of all flavored tobacco products will reduce access to the products that are the tobacco industry's key strategy for targeting and addicting new smokers, particularly Black and Brown youth. They know that flavors like grape, mint, menthol, cotton candy, bubble gum and gummy bears mask the harsh taste of tobacco and are highly appealing to youth.

Similar to other flavored tobacco products, flavored hookah tobacco contains nicotine and other harmful toxins. In California, hookah is most commonly used by 18- to 24-year-old college students, with one quarter of them citing hookah as their introduction to nicotine products. Even among high school students, nine percent report ever using hookah. This is especially concerning as young people who use hookah tobacco are twice as likely to begin a cigarette habit.

Ending the sale of all flavored tobacco products without exemptions will help protect our youth from tobacco addiction and is crucial to preventing future tobacco-related death and disease. The American Heart Association respectfully asks for your support of this vital health policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Azar".

Richard Azar  
Chief Operating Officer  
UCLA Health

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathryn Shirley

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2022 08:36 PM

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