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Flock Safety ("Flock") develops and operates automated license plate reader systems that collect and store detailed information on every vehicle that passes a camera, regardless of any connection to criminal activity. This includes license plate numbers, vehicle characteristics, timestamps, and location data, creating a sweeping record of people's movements.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) warns that Flock's technology is contributing to the expansion of a nationwide surveillance network by enabling large-scale tracking and widespread data sharing among thousands of law enforcement agencies. This level of surveillance raises serious concerns about privacy, civil liberties, and constitutional protections, particularly when there are few meaningful limits on how data is shared, retained, or accessed.

These risks are especially urgent for immigrant communities. Data collected in California can potentially be accessed or shared with agencies in states that have weaker privacy laws or more aggressive immigration enforcement practices, undermining local sanctuary policies and protections intended to limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

Even when residents have done nothing wrong, systems like Flock can make it easier to monitor movements, associations, and daily activities, creating fear and discouraging people from attending immigration appointments, seeking healthcare, reporting crimes, or accessing public services. Documented errors in automated license plate reader systems have led to false identifications, resulting in wrongful stops, detentions, and arrests, with disproportionate impacts on Black and Latino communities.

The City of Los Angeles has taken important steps to protect immigrant communities and limit the use of local resources for federal immigration enforcement. However, surveillance systems that enable broad and potentially unregulated data sharing threaten to erode those safeguards, undermine public trust, and expose residents to significant harm. Recognizing these risks, jurisdictions across the country, including cities in Illinois, Texas, Washington, and New York, have suspended, terminated, or declined to renew contracts with Flock. Most recently, the City of South Pasadena chose not to renew its contract and began removing cameras in March 2026.

On July 23, 2023, the Los Angeles Police Department entered into a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with Flock. As the Board of Police Commissioners reconsiders this agreement, the City has a responsibility to protect civil rights, uphold privacy, and ensure that any public safety technology is subject to rigorous oversight, meaningful transparency, enforceable accountability measures, and clear limitations on data sharing and retention. Any decision regarding the continued use of Flock must be guided not only by public safety considerations but also by the City's commitment to constitutional protections, immigrant rights, and community trust.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the Board of Police Commissioners refrain from entering into any new Memoranda of Understanding, Contracts, or other Agreements, or implement any pilot programs with Flock Safety or its affiliates.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to report on the City's inventory of existing contracts and agreements with Flock Safety; the scope of data collection and sharing practices; the locations of Flock cameras and whether they are located on


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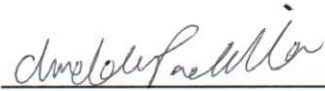
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private, public, or City-owned property; and any instances of data access by external agencies, including federal entities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to report on any potential violations of the City's Sanctuary Ordinance, the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 19.192, and any other local and state privacy protections resulting from data sharing committed by Flock Safety.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report on a plan, including a timeline, for the removal of existing Flock devices.

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