

MOTION

On September 22, 2026 the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) pilot program with Axon Enterprise, Inc. In its presentation to the Board, Police Department representatives indicated that this MOU would serve as the template for all ALPR vendors moving forward, and described coinciding updates to LAPD's data retention and data sharing policies intended to safeguard civil liberties and privacy while balancing against the investigatory priorities of the Department. This agreement does not need Council approval to go into effect.

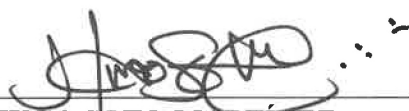
The use of ALPRs is of significant public interest and concern, especially with regards to privacy and given that there have been numerous documented abuses of this technology across the country including instances of police officers using ALPRs to stalk former romantic partners and to investigate women seeking reproductive health services in states they do not reside in, as well as numerous instances where partial or incorrect data has led to aggressive stops of people innocent of any crime. Given these concerns, the City Council should assert its authority to review the safeguards and policies being proposed in this MOU and its accompanying LAPD internal policy.

Because the Board's September 22 action does not require Council approval, the Council would need to proactively assert jurisdiction over the matter— not necessarily to veto the action, but primarily to provide the public with an additional opportunity to learn about these proposed additional guardrails, and to offer Councilmembers an opportunity to engage the department about this extremely sensitive and powerful technology that is already affecting so many communities across the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, pursuant to City Charter Section 245, the City Council assert jurisdiction over the Board of Police Commissioners' September 22, 2026 action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Los Angeles and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Lightpost Test Pilot Program, Board of Police Commissioners (BPC) File No. 26-258.

I FURTHER MOVE that upon assertion of jurisdiction, the matter be referred to Committee for further review.

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