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Name Andres Isaac Guerrero

City Glendale

Zip Code 91208

Comments (under 200 words) I think it would be in the best interest of the community to outright ban facial surveillance in solidarity with the Local grassroots Black Lives Matters movements, as well in for future potential safeguards against cyber attacks and/or hackings that could use facial recognition software to steal citizen's information. This is possible without passing separate "transparency" and "accountability" ordinances and would most likely be in the best interest of the community who would most likely not want to be surveilled in their everyday life nor have their information being uploaded to a database that could potentially reveal personal information not meant to be made public.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. No

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Name	Shannon Larsuel
City	Pasadena
Zip Code	91001
Comments (under 200 words)	It is entirely possible for Pasadena to outright ban facial recognition without passing a separate “transparency” and “accountability” ordinance. Any attempt to pass a surveillance “oversight” ordinance will legitimize surveillance and create pathways that police will use to introduce and win approval of new surveillance. History shows that laws facilitating the use of police technology will be used to establish new oppression. We reject any attempt to pass a surveillance oversight ordinance and create more bureaucracy. Laws like this presume that policing can be reduced with new rules and criteria, when we know this just leads police to invest more resources and personnel into monitoring and avoiding “compliance.” Over time, this will make surveillance harder to dismantle. Surveillance has been used to criminalize the Northwest community, the most segregated, policed, and rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods in the city. Any creation of a surveillance bureaucracy only furthers the legitimization and expansion of policing technology to be used to further this anti-Black, anti-immigration, racist displacement. The

people of Pasadena will not sit by passively while you enact polices that actively harm us. Reject the "transparency" and "accountability" ordinance.

**I consent to have my
comment read out
loud during the
meeting.** Yes

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Name Jeremy Taylor

City Jacksonville

State OR

Zip Code 97530

Comments (under 200 words) It is entirely possible for Pasadena to outright ban facial recognition without passing a separate "transparency" and "accountability" ordinance. Surveillance bureaucracy laws pretend that police violence is not "transparent," as though it is not in our faces, on our necks, and piercing our flesh, as though surveillance is somehow separate from the rest of policing, and as though our communities cannot be trusted to ourselves name the impact of the oppression we face. We reject any law like this.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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Name: Yadi Younse

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Comments:

The use of facial recognition software by Pasadena PD should be stopped immediately. It is alarming on several fronts that the Pasadena PD and City allowed the use of facial recognition technology that has been proven to be unreliable, discriminatory, and a threat to the civil rights of Pasadena citizens.

As a founder of a tech company that utilized facial recognition software to confirm an individual's identity, I can personally attest to the severe limitations of this technology. I know, because I personally gathered data to work on reducing the bias and discrimination against people of color by the software. This technology is not ready for mainstream use and should not be used in Pasadena.

Pasadena government kept this tech on the down-low and prohibited citizens from proactively expressing their opinion or consent to surveillance. Even if the tech is free, Pasadena should not be used as a guinea pig or allow unfettered access of citizens to help improve tech companies algorithms. citizens should have the right to know how their data is being used and should have control over their data.

Unaccountable surveillance and its potential exploitation prevents citizens from living safe, fulfilling lives and is a threat to civil rights.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Agenda Item #2 Facial Recognition

Name Marla Tauscher

City Pasadena

Zip Code 91101

Comments (under 200 words) The City of Pasadena has been using facial recognition technology for at least a few years, but without any regulation or restrictions. or transparency, for that matter. There are cameras at the Rose Bowl that take photos of faces entering the facility during events. Does anyone know where those photos go? Who uses them and for what reason(s)? Has there been any serious effort by anyone in the City government to study the impact of the use of facial recognitions surveillance technology?

There are significant problems with the use of facial recognition technology, particularly with the issue of its accuracy. The error rates with the technology are high in general, but even higher with respect to people of color, women, and other groups. The use of facial recognition technology also raises important questions of civil rights and due process that must be considered. The harm to civil rights

outweighs any potential benefit from facial recognition surveillance technology. The City of Pasadena and any of its public-private organizations should be prohibited from using such an invasive technology that is so ripe for opportunities for abuse and error.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes