

**Flores, Valerie**

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Name      Sonja K Berndt

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City      Pasadena

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State      CA

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Zip Code      91107

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**Comments (under 200 words)**      I write to express my alarm that the Pasadena Police Department (PPD) is gathering and storing license plate information on citizens who have no idea it is being collected and stored. A recent Pasadena Now article noted that a respected local advocate had his license plate recorded 20 times in a one-year period. The PPD asserts that the information they collect is not being used to build profiles on people, is stored for two years, and then destroyed unless it is part of an investigation. If the purported reason for these license plate readers is to avoid potentially dangerous situations, why are the license plates of people being randomly collected without reasonable cause and then being stored for two years?

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Further, while the PPD says “policies and procedures are in place to prevent the system and information it gathers from being used inappropriately or differently than its intended purposes,” storing information on unsuspecting individuals for two years SHOULD BE an inappropriate purpose. Finally, the use of license plate readers should be discontinued because there are substantial concerns that they will be used inappropriately in areas of our City that already have been subject to decades of overpolicing. Thank you.

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comment read out  
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meeting.**      Yes

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Name                                      Concerned Pasadena Citizen

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<b>State</b>	CA
<b>Zip Code</b>	91104
<b>Comments (under 200 words)</b>	<p>Pasadenans do not authorize the purchase of replacement automatic license plate reader equipment. Concurrently, we request that you immediately amend current ALPR policy to store data for a maximum of 48 hours.</p> <p>ALPR's pose substantial privacy risks including, but not limited to, abusive tracking, institutional abuse, discriminatory targeting and pervasive, permanent monitoring.</p> <p>As we go about our daily lives, Pasadenans have the right to expect that our movements will not be logged into government databases.</p> <p>The vast majority of license plate data are collected from people who have committed no crime. In Maryland, for instance, out of 29 million reads, only 0.2% of license plates (1 in 500) were associated with any wrongdoing. Of said 0.2%, 97% were for suspended or revoked registration or emissions violations.</p> <p>Certainly, these vehicles should not be on the road. However, in a city where a Passenger in a vehicle stopped for license plate issues was recently Killed by Pasadena Police, such technology has potential to be Deadly.</p> <p>Risks of ALPRs far outweigh benefits. If you don't value your privacy, please value human lives. The proposed \$80,000 would be better spent on community programs and employing professional de-escalation tactics educators to provide high-quality, monthly training for our police officers.</p>
<b>I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.</b>	Yes

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