Hi All,
I'm checking in to give you an update on Flock automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) in Pasadena since many of you have reached out about them.

Last week, I spoke at the De-Flock Pasadena rally organized by Pasadena Privacy in front of City Hall. You can watch my comments to ABC7 here.

https://www.instagram.com/p/DcTfuZZRVGj/

As the Chair of Pasadena's Public Safety Committee, I have agendized several discussions on Flock ALPRs this year (you can view my comments from the most recent discussion here). Now it's time for the full Council to weigh in on this important issue so that we can re-evaluate if we want to continue using them in light of the past two years of the second Trump administration, which clearly does not respect our constitutional rights, our laws, and ignores court orders.

My position is that we should cancel the Flock contract and not replace it with another ALPR vendor because the Trump administration has changed the calculus. Here are a few articles about how ICE has gained access to local police departments' Flock ALPR data.

Additionally, even if rest of the Council decides to keep Flock or replace it with another vendor (which some councilmembers have suggested), I will argue that we must greatly reduce the number of cameras and how long we retain data. That is because the more cameras we have and the longer we keep the data, it results in a dystopian government database of our daily movements across the city: when and where we drop off our kids, where we go to church, where we seek healthcare, what political activities we engage in, what protests we attend. No government, including the City of Pasadena, should have that much data about its residents' movements. It's unnecessary and it's creepy as hell.

I've asked the Mayor to agendize this for the full City Council to discuss. I will keep you posted when that is scheduled.
-Jess

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