



Outlook

FW: Safety Over Surveillance - Cover the Cameras and Cancel the ALPR Contract

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Date** Wed 9/30/2026 12:44 PM**To** Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Eliza Racine [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2026 12:44 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Safety Over Surveillance - Cover the Cameras and Cancel the ALPR Contract

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Please protect our community!
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San Jose, California 95117 1135



Fw: ALPRs ultimately undermine the police and should be removed

From Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Date Tue 10/6/2026 8:45 AM

To Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 8:08 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: ALPRs ultimately undermine the police and should be removed

From: Brendon Justin [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2026 10:29 PM

To: District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>

Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: ALPRs ultimately undermine the police and should be removed

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Hello,

I saw a news story about Flock cameras in San Jose some time ago. Given available evidence, it appears that ALPRs likely cause more problems than they solve. The problems they pose for effective policing alone, given that "crime" is the usual stated reason for supporting such ALPRs, should be enough to warrant removing them. They are incompatible with a well-functioning police department.

I published a piece with links to just a few of the many instances of negative effects on police in the US, due to these devices: <https://brendonjustin.com/flock-alprs-undermine-our-police/>. I urge you to disable and remove them from our city, and to similarly oppose other wide-scale surveillance technology, due to the ongoing problems they cause.

Thanks,
Brendon Justin

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