

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Council-members, I'm writing today about Item 1 on the meeting agenda, the approval of a 5-year contract with Motorola/Vigilant Solutions for an automated license plate reader (ALPR) system to be used by the LAPD. ALPR is an often used facet of LAPD's architecture of surveillance, weaponized disproportionately against Black, Brown, and poor Angelenos. They function by gathering information, primarily license plate numbers, and using this information to criminalize individuals. LAPD's expanding surveillance capabilities, especially their usage of facial recognition tech, ensure that systems like ALPR will grow exponentially effective at targeting community members. Surveillance technologies like ALPR are falsely touted as proactive means of safety when in reality they are a means of enhancing police harm. Implementations of similar "smarter" policing technologies, like body-worn video have done nothing to increase police accountability or minimize community harm, they have merely facilitated the execution of this harm. In fact, a report from the ACLU exposed that the multi-million dollar contract between Vigilant Solutions and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) has resulted in deportations of thousands of immigrants around the country. The contract will cost the city of Los Angeles \$407,000 annually, an increase from the \$305,900 the city currently pays for LAPD's ALPR system. Approving this contract and further increasing resources to LAPD's surveillance effort, while the city is faced with a growing houselessness crisis, would affirm this body's dedication to the expansion of a police surveillance state at the expense of the well-being of the people it claims to represent. For these reasons and many more we demand that council members reject this contract and dismantle LAPD surveillance systems. Jayme Kusyk

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