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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the use and expansion of ALPR by Los Angeles PD. License plate readers are ineffective, an excuse to expand surveillance, and an infringement of our civil liberties. Effectiveness. Efficacy of ALPR in fighting crime and reckless driving is unproven. Studies conducted are small, contradictory, and promise at best modest and mixed results. A federal government study states that “not much is known about the actual effectiveness [of ALPR] in relation to traffic safety.” It reveals widespread problems with misreads and false positives. A journal study showed that improvements in traffic safety were only marginal. A Mesa, Arizona study showed that ALPR use did not reduce crime in the targeted routes and zones. Privacy and rights concerns. What is loosely described as a privacy issue goes to the heart of the debate over public safety. The mass hoovering of millions of images of private automobiles are overwhelmingly focused on drivers with no hint of a legal violation. License plate readers help facilitate “pretext stops,” because it is known that they open the door for racial discrimination. In addition, law enforcement agencies have been shown to share data with outside agencies, including ICE - despite assurances they do not. Furthermore, in light of the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade, use of ALPRs is irresponsible as it conflicts with the responsibility of ensuring public health, allowing people to make reproductive decisions for themselves without facing criminal prosecution. ALPRs are disastrous for a woman’s right to exercise health decisions. If the City Council actually wants the LAPD to focus on real public safety concerns and limit unnecessary stops, ALPRs should not be used by the City. A strong civil rights coalition opposes the expanded use of ALPRs. Organizations local and nationally oppose surveillance tools including the NAACP and ACLU, Oakland Privacy, Berkeley Community Safety Coalition, Latinxs Unidxs, Friends of Adeline, Racism and Criminal Justice Reform, Berkeley Citizens Action, Stop NYPD Spying, EFF, Mijente, among many others. Cost The cost of ALPR system can be better used in preventative programs. Cost effectiveness matters, because this unproven technology will waste resources that could otherwise be available for restorative practices and addressing the root causes of crime, violence, and reckless driving. Community Impact The lack of a community

impact statement is very telling - it is irresponsible and negligent to buy and use tech for the sake of having tech without adequate assessment about the efficacy of such tools. Or ignoring the negative externalities like increasing unnecessary stops, which can lead to dire outcomes for people (and in particular, people of color), the waste of resources, and the lack of real solutions. A decision on selection of ALPR technology as a crime reduction tool must be based on an evaluation of effectiveness against the backdrop of concerns about privacy, racial justice, alternative solutions, and technology cost.

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Name: Sarah Bowers

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Comments for Public Posting: Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda Item 1: I recognize that many feel that ALPR is an innocent and noncontroversial subject, but that's not the case. 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. Sincerely, Sarah Bowers District 10

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