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Community Forum on Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR)

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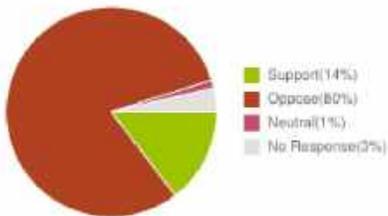
eComments Report

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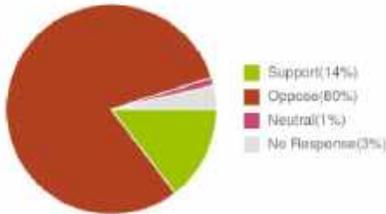
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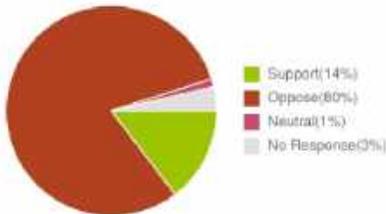
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Agenda Item: eComments for Community Forum: Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR)

Overall Sentiment



Kelly Gates

Location: 92103, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:35pm 04-14-21

This adoption of additional, new and more invasive vehicle tracking technologies should have more public consideration and oversight, including from those communities being disproportionately policed. How much will it cost and what will be the acceptable range of uses? How will violation of basic human rights and discriminatory practices be prevented? What exactly are the aims of this technology, and if those aims are acceptable from a public safety perspective, what oversight procedures are in place to ensure that the technologies will only be applied for those specific uses? What are the limits to police uses of surveillance technologies? Have these technologies proven to be worth the expense, and in fact a better use of funds than other programs to help communities? Who exactly is receiving financial benefits from the purchase of these new technologies? How will this new program be audited, and how will its effectiveness and harms be evaluated?

Aleena Nawabi

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24pm 04-14-21

This is ridiculous, why is CVPD finding new ways to intimidate and harass the good residents of Chula Vista. I

cannot believe the mismanagement of information. I would personally like to track where most of our funds are being spent; is it on the dehumanization of the public or glorification of the illegal abusive terroristic tactics of law enforcement?

I hope this city gets its act together and creates a safe and responsible environment.

Aleena Jun

Rafael Bautista

Location: 92105, San Diego
Submitted At: 5:21pm 04-14-21

My name is Rafael Bautista, an organizer with the San Diego Tenants Union. I am writing to oppose the continued use of surveillance against the public. We have many members in Chula Vista who are concerned about being exposed and data getting breached. These systems surveillance are creating a policed state. This is very bad for democracy and freedom.

Maya Misra

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 4:58pm 04-14-21

Hello, my name is Maya Misra and I am a member of Asian Solidarity Collective. I am writing to urge you to vote against the continued use of ALPRs, which have been employed with no oversight or transparency. Performative attempts to respond to the community's rightful outrage have been utterly insufficient in adequately addressing our valid fears and concerns regarding surveillance, including who has access to those surveillance records. Residents deserve the right to live and move about in peace, and the use of ALPRs is a gross violation of community safety.

Connie Mack

Location:
Submitted At: 4:58pm 04-14-21

April 14, 2021

My name is Connie Mack. I live at 278 5th Ave.

My family moved to Chula Vista , from Fargo, North Dakota in 1960, when I was six years old. I attended four different CV Elementary schools, CV Middle School, CV High School and Southwestern College... I taught K-2nd in the CVESD for 27 years. My girls grew up in CV and attended Chula Vista schools.

I was part of a group here that put on educational forums about current issues. We tried to be nonpartisan and look at the issue from the standpoint of teaching people ABOUT the issue, not necessarily taking a position on either side.

Some examples of our forums were "Freedom of the Press", "The Constitution", "City Planning 101"

The point was that these forums were to teach the community about issues that were in the news everyday they could not have a meaningful discussion about them. I would like to see an educational forum about the subject of "Surveillance" . How it is used and where? How many other cities are beginning to use surveillance like ALPR and has it gone well? What is the history ?? What are the pros and cons and how does it help law enforcement and what is the danger it might infringe on any rights of privacy? And if we do have surveillance, what kinds of oversight need to be in place?

I am glad that the vote is not being taken right a way... and maybe the discussion and understanding of the topic can be developed a little deeper

Jose Lopez

Location: 92173, San Ysidro
Submitted At: 4:56pm 04-14-21

I am in strong opposition to the use of the ALPR program. A sanctuary city should not be gathering and sharing information of the people that live and travel through it. There has not been enough information shared with the community. Only because the ALPR program was exposed in a UT article we are hearing about this now. Not even the police chief knew how much information and with who it was being shared with. There are no clear oversight mechanisms. Please end the use of the ALPR program.

Meredith D

Location: 92120

Submitted At: 4:55pm 04-14-21

I strongly oppose Automated License Plate Recognition being implemented.

Ashley Lopez

Location: 91911, Chula vista

Submitted At: 4:55pm 04-14-21

I am a resident of Chula Vista and strongly oppose this ALPR surveillance as it violates privacy. I'm very disappointed in CVPD for their participation in a program like this.

Ricardo Medina

Location:

Submitted At: 4:47pm 04-14-21

I have voiced various concerns regarding ALPR to different city stakeholders. Today, I want to focus on two imperatives that I feel are critical: 1. the creation of an independent oversight committee that examines, critiques, audits, and makes recommendations on the city's smart technology and data sharing systems/programs. 2. A pathway to repair community harm that is a result of data sharing with ICE, border patrol, and homeland security.

Erin TsurumotoGrassi

Location: 92119, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:43pm 04-14-21

My name is Erin Tsurumoto Grassi and I am the regional policy director for Alliance San Diego. On behalf of Alliance San Diego, I want to reiterate our deep concerns with CVPD's ALPR program, particularly how the data is shared on the Vigilant Solutions LEARN database. While CVPD is no longer sharing data with BP and ICE through the LEARN database, there are still other federal immigration agencies that have access to the database. Since there is no way to control whether or not another department will share CVPD's ALPR data once it is on the LEARN database, we would recommend that they stop allowing the data to be shared with other agencies through Vigilant Solutions altogether. ALPR data is already shared and stored on ARJIS, which means that San Diego County agencies already have access to each other's ALPR data. Further, while the ALPR report claims that sharing ALPR data with federal immigration agencies is not a violation of SB 54, at the end of the day, it violates the spirit of the California Values Act and does not engender public trust.

Daria Lopez

Location: 91911, chula vista

Submitted At: 4:36pm 04-14-21

I am strongly opposed to this ALPR surveillance. As a Chula Vista native I am very disappointed to see CV participate in a program like this, and there is no excuse as to why the community was not informed prior. Stop the ALPR now.

Patricia Huffman

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 04-14-21

Please give more time for input And consideration before any permits division is made.

Yohans Asefa

Location: 91911, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 4:28pm 04-14-21

As a Chula Vista native I strongly oppose ALPR, it is a tool for governmental overreach as well as an invasion of privacy.

Nan Kar

Location: 92131
Submitted At: 4:19pm 04-14-21

I oppose the ALPR system for Chula Vista (CV). CV communities don't need to be terrorized by ICE. Due to surveillance, people like us (who don't live in CV) are turning away from visiting CV. This hurts the local businesses.

Margaret Baker

Location:
Submitted At: 4:12pm 04-14-21

Chula Vista has failed with its ALPR program & is clearly incapable of auditing itself. Its report did not adequately account for total costs, usage, effectiveness/harm, civil liberties/privacy protections, disproportionate impact on certain groups, etc. We can't trust when the City makes decisions to hire a private company that profits off contracts with federal agencies like ICE, & cannot control third-party sharing or prevent abuse of the millions of license plate images & associated data that are collected as we go about our daily lives, & then refers to us throughout their report as "offenders."

The police forum was not open, accessible or community-friendly; but it did reveal a huge disconnect between the City's "story" & the legitimate questions, concerns, & yes, FACTS, raised by community members for over 3 months in eComments, emails & substantive letters sent to city officials – NONE of which has been addressed or shared openly with the general public. Our voices have been muted, our engagement denied. We do not have easy access to these public comments & we do not trust the CVPD to provide a fair & comprehensive summary. We can't allow technologies to continue to be used unchecked. We need a moratorium on the ALPR program while we develop usage & privacy ordinances building on best practices from cities like Oakland & San Diego, & establish an independent community-led privacy board. We want a seat at the table NOW & the power to create safeguards & prevent abuse.

Gabriel Abarca

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:11pm 04-14-21

I am a resident of Chula Vista and I oppose this because it is a violation of privacy. Stop ALPR

Joshua Graciano

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:07pm 04-14-21

This is not okay, as a Chula Vista resident I oppose the use of the surveillance program.

Eliju Virissimo

Location:
Submitted At: 4:01pm 04-14-21

I am a resident of Chula Vista and I oppose this program since this violates the privacy of individuals.

Lorilee SanAgustin

Location: 91915, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 3:57pm 04-14-21

I am a Chula Vista resident and I oppose the use of this surveillance program. There isn't much substantive information of how this kind of data is used and shared, and this program lacks transparency amongst residents. Please vote to stop ALPR.

suaad nour

Location: 92123, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:53pm 04-14-21

"As student advisory board member of Borderlands for Equity, I urge Mayor Salas and all the Council members to stop Chula Vista's ALPR program that continues to share information with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), or among the 800 possible agencies. We know the ALPR program violates the privacy of the residents/business owners and CVPD has not been transparent or made their data accessible to community members or organizations. CVPD has shared its information with Border Patrol, ICE, and continues to share with HSI. If it were not for the UT article, CVPD would continue to do so. By their own admission, CVPD determined in

their April 2020 report, that it was not in violation of SB 54 (CA Values Act). However, Chief Kennedy remarked at a public meeting with her CVPD civilian commission, that she had absolutely no idea that the ALPR program shared information with immigration enforcement authorities. Chula Vista residents, business owners, and community organizations deserve better. Please stop the usage of ALPR's by CVPD."

Naomi Leon

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 3:52pm 04-14-21

I am a resident of Chula Vista & I strongly oppose this surveillance program.

Marian Ruiz

Location: 91945, Lemon Grove
Submitted At: 3:50pm 04-14-21

Border Angels opposes ALPR as it threatens the safety of our communities. City officials have only recently placed information into its accountability and transparency page dedicated to ALPR, despite 3 years of operation with Vigilant Solutions and sharing of information with ICE and Border Patrol.

Yasmeen Obeid

Location: 91977, Spring Valley
Submitted At: 3:43pm 04-14-21

As a member of the youth advisory board for Borderlands for Equity, we urge Mayor Salas and all the Council members to stop Chula Vista's ALPR program that continues to share information with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), or among the 800 possible agencies. We know the ALPR program violates the privacy of the residents/business owners and CVPD has not been transparent or made their data accessible to community members or organizations. CVPD has shared its information with Border Patrol, ICE, and continues to share with HSI. If it were not for the UT article, CVPD would continue to do so. By their own admission, CVPD determined in their April 2020 report, that it was not in violation of SB 54 (CA Values Act). However, Chief Kennedy remarked at a public meeting with her CVPD civilian commission, that she had absolutely no idea that the ALPR program shared information with immigration enforcement authorities. Chula Vista residents, business owners, and community organizations deserve better. Please stop the usage of ALPR's by CVPD. Thank you!

Lynn DeHahn

Location:
Submitted At: 3:34pm 04-14-21

Dear Chula Vista Officials,

The Forum last week on the ALPR was definitely not a Forum with exchange of ideas. The presentation was totally controlled and not open to discussion or real Q and A. The comments were controlled and did not allow citizens who wanted interchange to have any say or be acknowledged. It was a total disappointment. Please take a serious look at this ALPR program and give it full scrutiny before any vote is taken next week. It is not wanted by loyal citizens of the City of Chula Vista and the must be reexamined by the Council.

We have written many notes and comments in the past months and nothing has been done to really listen to all sides of this program and going against the previous commitment to Chula Vista being a "Welcoming City". Please listen and do not vote to continue this program at this time.

Lynn DeHahn, District 2 Northwest Chula Vista resident 48 years.

Mejgan Afshan

Location:
Submitted At: 3:31pm 04-14-21

As co founder of Borderlands for Equity and part of the Chula Vista Anti-Surveillance Ad Hoc Committee, we urge Mayor Salas and all the Council members to stop Chula Vista's ALPR program that continues to share information with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), or among the 800 possible agencies. We know the ALPR program violates the privacy of the residents/business owners and CVPD has not been transparent or made their data accessible to community members or organizations. CVPD has shared its information with Border Patrol, ICE, and continues to share with HSI. If it were not for the UT article, CVPD would continue to do so. By their own admission, CVPD determined in their April 2020 report, that it was not in violation of SB 54 (CA

Values Act). However, Chief Kennedy remarked at a public meeting with her CVPD civilian commission, that she had absolutely no idea that the ALPR program shared information with immigration enforcement authorities. Chula Vista residents, business owners, and community organizations deserve better. Please stop the usage of ALPR's by CVPD.

Monica Santos

Location:

Submitted At: 3:02pm 04-14-21

I have lived and taught in Chula Vista for more than 25 years. I want my community to be safe, where our citizens are protected, heard and have the opportunity to participate in decision making. I call for a moratorium on ALPR! We do not want surveillance and data sharing in our community. I request that the Chula Vista City Council stop the vote in April. This process has been rushed. Now is the time to increase the public trust and license plate surveillance is NOT the way to grow public trust. Take time and work with the community on this issue.

Yazan Zahzah

Location: 92103, San Diego

Submitted At: 2:26pm 04-14-21

As a community member who has been working with communities impacted by racial profiling and police violence, I strongly oppose any utilization or expansion of ALPR. It is unsafe for our communities, a gross violation of privacy, and a misuse of funds that could go directly to community resources.

Ismahan Abdullahi

Location: 92115, San Diego

Submitted At: 2:11pm 04-14-21

Seeing the way Chula Vista has handled this specific issue is deeply concerning. Despite community outcry, the lack of transparency, accountability, oversight and misuse of data is alarming. The community knows the danger of such programs and it's invasiveness. The community does not want or need ALPR. We are asking you to not vote on its continued use. We need a moratorium on ALPR.

Luis Huerta

Location: 92113, San Diego

Submitted At: 1:50pm 04-14-21

Having surveillance is just against our freedom, our information should be that accessible. This is just a sign of mistrust. We deserve respect to share our information as we want

Eduardo Saldivar

Location: 91911, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 1:44pm 04-14-21

ALPR is not only dangerous, it is harmful to the community, wasteful of resources, deceitful & contradictory to what Chula Vista is or aims to be. A dragnet like this will only serve to harm families, reduce our community safety & diminish the already dwindling trust that we as community members have with our elected officials.

Ramon S

Location: 91911, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 1:40pm 04-14-21

It's terrible that Chula Vista as a "Welcoming City" allowed this to happen. I strongly oppose the ALPR system for Chula Vista.

Carlos Hernandez

Location: 91911, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 12:12pm 04-14-21

Spending money and contracting surveillance systems that the community does not support or was even consulted about is blatant bad public administration. Public policy should rely on public feedback, and the fact that this needs to be emphasized is ridiculous.

Rebecca Wallies

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:29am 04-14-21

I visit friends in Chula Vista and certainly don't want my license plate tracked for no reason. I also don't like the idea of this information being shared with ice. Chula Vista advertises itself as a Welcoming City, but this certainly does not help that image. Also the community feels like you are not listening to them and their wishes.

Matthew Arnold

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 11:14am 04-14-21

This ALPR program is a ridiculous overstep of government into the private lives of the citizenry. It feels as though we are being tracked without consent, like we aren't free to move about in the place where we live. The constitutional abridgement is evident, the police have enough tools to monitor criminal activity. We have more than enough problems with the police state, and the inability of the police to protect and serve the public is apparent. This tool makes everyone nervous, especially with citizens that have done nothing illegal. I am further troubled by this information sharing with governmental entities that do not share OUR city's stance on immigration. It may not be a legally binding contract, but the welcoming city status is there to protect the innocent, who are guilty of nothing more than escaping a life of hardness many of us will never fathom. Their only crime is being in this country. Do not further alienate these people, these contributing members of our society, keep your word, the promise you made to welcome all people in our community.

Kandi CustodioTan

Location: 91915
Submitted At: 11:03am 04-14-21

My name is Kandi with Asian Solidarity Collective. I am also a 12 year resident of Chula Vista and currently now reside in District 1. The lack of transparency, lack of oversight and including the shared data on the ALPR program is a problem that violates the rights of every resident of Chula Vista. The lack of real forthcoming "community meetings" without community truly leading the way along with input especially in this kind of surveillance technology is an issue that puts the people in Chula Vista in danger. Chula Vista City Council must heed to the public outcry of demanding an end to the use of ALPR and that proper accountable processes led by community are implemented on how these kind of technologies are placed.

Fernando Hernandez

Location: 92821
Submitted At: 10:57am 04-14-21

Indiscriminate police surveillance is a danger to right of people to move freely and to have their privacy protected. This a draconian measure and an overreach by the police.

Petrine McShane

Location: 92122, San Diego
Submitted At: 10:57am 04-14-21

The use of ALPR appears to be a violation of the US Constitution's 4th Amendment because it amounts to a random check point and is therefore a violation of a person's right to a private life? Transparency is vital to a free & fair society. Is the information that is being gathered using ALPR being used by private companies? The use of ALPR has not been transparent! Public officials of Chula Vista have a fiduciary duty to serve the people of Chula Vista and that duty includes ensuring transparency of all government actions. Stop the use of ALPR in Chula Vista!

Wendy Gelernter

Location: 92109, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:46am 04-14-21

The ALPR program violates the spirit if not the words of SB 54 and SB 34 and must be stopped. The April 20 vote is premature and must be delayed. The city of Chula Vista is losing the trust of its citizens — but it's not too late to demonstrate the city's willingness to stop surveillance and increase transparency. Please do the right thing and stop ALPR!

Larry Stowel

Location: 92109, SAN DIEGO
Submitted At: 9:45am 04-14-21

The City of Chula Vista should adopt a technology ordinance modeled upon the recently approved technology ordinance adopted by the City of Sandi Diego and cease using surveillance technologies until a comprehensive technology ordinance has been approved by the public. <https://cities-today.com/san-diego-city-council-backs-surveillance-technology-ordinances/amp/>

David Harris

Location: 92105, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:40am 04-14-21

End CV's contract with surveillance company Vigilant Solutions
-information is shared with HSI who shares with ICE; violates SB 54
-creates fear of police and law enforcement and citizens not likely to "see something, say something."
-no clear monitoring of data use or even accountability
Stop this invasion of privacy thru indiscriminate surveillance

Brenda Aguirre

Location: 91910, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 9:36am 04-14-21

The community forum was ridiculous and disingenuous, the presentation or should I say Show from the CVPD insufficiently addressed questions from community members and organizations.
There is NO transparency or accountability!
This is NOT a Welcoming City

Adriana Jasso

Location: 92105, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:26am 04-14-21

The City Council needs to hold the Chula Vista Police Department accountable and show to the community that our concerns matter. Now is the time to stop the use and sharing of ALPR data. Chula Vista needs to uphold the values of a true welcoming city and regain the trust of the community.
Thank you,
Adriana Jasso
American Friends Service Committee
San Diego

Tania Calvillo

Location: 91915, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 9:43pm 04-13-21

Stop license plate surveillance

Sara Kennedy

Location: 92104, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:30pm 04-13-21

Why is information about this surveillance technology only available recently, when it has been in use - with data shared with ICE - for years? One rushed "community" meeting with very little input from the community is not sufficient. I urge the city to not even vote on this matter until taking the time to share transparent information about the technology with the community, and giving ample time for feedback. If the city has technological precision such as ALPR, they can certainly hold community information and feedback sessions with the same level of precision. No excuses.

Whitney Pepper

Location: 92116, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:27pm 04-13-21

I strongly oppose the ALPR system for Chula Vista. Surveillance is not the answer, community care is. If we start to pay attention to what actually works, we can create a city where people and businesses flourish.

Kristin Schulmeister

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:07pm 04-13-21

I am opposed to this. There is not enough accountability or transparency at any level. Our communities don't need to be terrorized by ICE. We don't need another level of scrutiny and surveillance. We need care for our communities.

Mr. Richard Roy

Location:
Submitted At: 10:47am 04-13-21

Mayor Salas & Council Members you all went all in to make Chula Vista a Welcoming City. And now you Sold-Out the entire Latino Community. The ALPR program is a tracking devise period out of 878,462 scans only 75 hits. We now have %100 city wide Drone Surveillance that is being used as first responders "Really". You started an Ambulance service without adequate public input & with Measure A Funds!

Q: Where are the boots on the ground? Mayor Salas and friends #YouBuildThis.

Homayra Yusufi

Location: 92069, San Marcos
Submitted At: 8:15am 04-13-21

The ALPR "community meeting" was a farce. There was little answered and left the Community with more questions and concerns than before. City council must act now to end the use of these license plate readers and put procedures in place that rebuild community trust.

Tama BeckerVarano

Location: 92122, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:41pm 04-12-21

We are living through a pivotal time, one in which communities are rewriting the terms to achieve a more inclusive and transparent society. It is no longer tenable for city governments and law enforcement to blatantly ignore the will of the people, to purposely transgress on people's civil rights, to use subversive methods to surveil our neighbors. You work for the citizens of Chula Vista. It is your responsibility to ensure technologies are not pursued without thorough due diligence and ample public input. It is your responsibility to provide your citizens with easy access to participate in our democracy. The misguided and deceitful implementation of ALPR's in Chula Vista is a betrayal of the people you serve. You have an opportunity to be a leader in re-designing systems of public safety, this is your moment to reflect on and learn from community input on the subject of ALPRs and pivot to ending pervasive surveillance of your residents.

Kathy Hardy

Location:
Submitted At: 3:57pm 04-11-21

I have always believed that community policing is the most effective form of protection and safety. Officers get to know members of the community and the community gets to know the officers. It is effective because of the reciprocal trust that is built and especially the improved attitudes towards police that is enhanced by this process. The use of ALPR technology, especially without oversight and community participation in the process, is duplicitous at best. It is time for Chula Vista to think about the necessity for trust building while our nation is in the midst of re-thinking how we police our communities. This is a golden opportunity for our Police Chief, Mayor, and City Council to really listen to the valid concerns of the community and allow for open discussions and participation in a process that will ensure transparency and accountability. A process that looks like this could lead to an effective roadmap for the future of effective policing in our community.

Lilly Irani

Location: 92116, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:16am 04-10-21

I write as an expert in surveillance technology as well as a visitor to Chula Vista to visit friends and businesses. ALPR readers affect everyone who comes through your town. I'm deeply concerned about the lack of proper alpr governance. Chula Vista PD made the same mistake that sdb made for years which is to share data from the readers with a blanket list of agencies including ice and cbp, against the spirit of the law of the state. Further, the California state auditor published a report showing that many police departments have failed to meet basic transparency requirements about alpr technologies, let alone abuse prevention measures by departments. CV's technology practices are part of the problem.

Surveillance transparency in oversight regulations install democratic and expert supported processes for deploying these technologies in a careful way that accounts for the needs of all communities affected by them.

I cannot currently in good conscience recommend that my vulnerable friends or family members pass through Chula Vista knowing that the surveillance technologies deployed have been sharing data in ways that are not appropriately audited by independent experts who can establish public trust.

Michael Gallaspy

Location:
Submitted At: 10:17am 04-09-21

As a resident of the nearby City of San Diego, I recommend the City of Chula Vista take a page from San Diego's book and pass an ordinance that ensures accountability with surveillance technology. With no accountability, the technology will be abused by police and other agencies - it's that simple. Law enforcement needs to have oversight. There is a need for more detailed empirical reporting about how ALPR is used, rather than anecdotal accounts, so that the actual impact on the community can be understood. Due to its importance in the County, what happens in CV will undoubtedly have knock-on effects for other municipalities in San Diego County, so please consider this very carefully and do the right thing!

Lindsay Miller

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:04am 04-09-21

As a San Diego D6 resident and visitor to Chula Vista with family in residence, I strongly oppose ALPR. There was not appropriate oversight or review with the community of this technology of potential harms. The city was not transparent with the installation and use with their citizens or the surrounding communities, who are also impacted as San Diego is such a web of interconnected cities and neighborhoods that residents are moving through. I was disappointed to learn the ALPR information is also being fed to ICE to target believed undocumented Chula Vista residents. Cease use of ALPR.

Angelica Ruiz

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 10:14pm 04-08-21

As a long-time resident of Chula Vista's D4, I'm concerned that Chula Vista officials have not properly consulted with the community about using this surveillance technology. That this issue has become public only recently event after years of use, makes me believe they never considered public input into how surveillance technology, such as ALPR, could affect the civil liberties of those of us who live and conduct our business in Chula Vista. This is doesn't represent the City well on its commitment to be transparent and accountable to its residents. I am disappointed that the City continues to use ALPR technology, and I urge City officials to end its use as soon as possible.

Ian Seruelo

Location: 92124, San Diego
Submitted At: 6:23pm 04-08-21

Utilizing ALPR is using taxpayer's money to violate taxpayer's right to privacy and subject our communities from intrusive and constant surveillance. And there is no credible evidence that ALPR use results to a safe community.

Oscar Romero

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12am 04-08-21

Enough! is enough! Stop surveiling us and instead respond better to community needs. We don't need helicopters, drones or automatic cameras filming citizens or taking our information without our consent.

Kelly Zavala

Location:

Submitted At: 8:00pm 04-07-21

The existence of the ALPR program in Chula Vista is gravely concerning. It is unacceptable that our information is being shared and used to target our undocumented community members. I do not feel safe traveling through Chula Vista, and I feel deeply unsettled knowing that my loved ones can be harmed by this program.

The forum that was offered today was insufficient and difficult to access. It was also a blatant display of city officials' disregard for community input (hosting ONE forum during working hours), as well as their interest in keeping their surveillance technologies despite our comments and letters.

The ALPR program must be stopped immediately. We demand ordinances to protect our privacy & community-led oversight. Please do better.

Mudhafar Jarjees

Location:

Submitted At: 5:42pm 04-07-21

My name is Mudhafar Jarjees, owner of Square Bottle Liquor, which is located in Chula Vista. I strongly support the ALPR program. My reasons for supporting the program are to keep our people safe, our businesses safe, our property safe and most importantly our life safe. That's why I believe the city is much safer when CVPD are better equipped. The technology of this program provides additional tools to ensure the safety of the whole community. I ask the mayor and council members to continue the ALPR program and I thank you for your leadership

Nancy Relaford

Location: 92104, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:40pm 04-07-21

There are too many unanswered questions about the CVPD ALPR program, starting with: Who made the determination in APRIL 2020 to continue knowingly sharing CVPD ALPR data with ICE & CBP? (Per report timeline, but omitted from this presentation.) Why did this decision remain unknown (apparently) to the Chief of Police, the Mayor, City Council and community members until the U-T article in December 2020? Why is CVPS *still* sharing data with DHS-HSI, ARJIS, and other ICE-inclusive agencies? Who is making the surveillance technology decisions for Chula Vista, and on what criteria, values, and priorities?

For years there has been no real TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, or OVERSIGHT of the ALPR program - how can there be any TRUST?

STOP the data sharing NOW.

Then...

PROVIDE ANSWERS, STATISTICS, AND INFORMATION, not just generalities and "reassurance."

ALLOW TIME for meaningful 2-way Council and community discussion, deliberations, and decisions.

APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION to monitor surveillance technology in Chula Vista.

STOP THE SPYING.

Zarek Lee

Location: 91913, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 5:37pm 04-07-21

The ALPR program is an extension of the surveillance state that began in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. The programs have dubious origins as we now know from leaked documents and whistleblower accounts. By continuing this program, the CVPD is not learning from the mistakes made in the past 20 years at the federal

level. No amount of anecdotal evidence by the CVPD can justify this program when out of principle, this program is an egregious violation of the third, fourth, fifth, and ninth amendment rights.

John Earl

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 5:29pm 04-07-21

First, a side note: the city can NOT require members of the public to sign in with their names and address; non of the above fields is required and any such requirement violates the state's open meeting laws. Second, this was NOT a community forum, regardless of your view on the City's ALPR program. This was a carefully contrived PR campaign event, period. Let's suspend this program until real community forums are held in each council district that will provide equal time for proponents and opponents alike.

Fiona T

Location:
Submitted At: 5:21pm 04-07-21

Questions:

What percentage of all license plates (collected through ALPRs) are tied to an actual crime?

The presentation mentioned a Vigilant Solutions platform. What is the purpose of the platform, and how does data sharing occur through it?

Is Chula Vista Police Department prepared to enforce new regulations under S.B. 210, which requires deletion of ALPR data after the license plate is 24 hours old?

Marcia Garcia

Location: 91915, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 5:12pm 04-07-21

The use of ALPR and the lack of transparency throughout this process does not encourage trust in CVPD. Today's presentation did little to explain why ICE, HSI, and CBP had accessed to data prior to December 2020 and why it took this long for any action to be taken by the city. I join other community members in opposition to the ALPR program and ask for greater community input. Future listening sessions should not solely rely on technology that is hard to access, they should be scheduled at more convenient hours (not during business hours), and should allow space for community input (not just a one-sided presentation).

Silvia Saldivar

Location:
Submitted At: 4:59pm 04-07-21

As a Chula Vista resident for over 20 years, I urge the city of Chula Vista to oppose using invasive ALPR programs like this. The city of Chula Vista needs to find another way to inform the community members of this pressing topic, instead of having a pro-police forum. We have to understand and recognize trust has been broken with the community members. Having a police forum, is not a welcoming space for those who feel the lack of transparency and violation of privacy rights that the CVPD has caused by their lack of informed decision making. There needs to be more time given to inform the community, and there needs to be another way to do it. There is still information missing from this almost identical presentation we have seen before, and transparency is still lacking. A moratorium on the ALPR program is needed now until the community has had adequate time to voice their concern in a fair way!

Naseem Salem

Location:
Submitted At: 4:48pm 04-07-21

My name is Naseem Salem. My family have been operating our supermarkets in Chula Vista, National City and East County for over 30 years. I am the proud owner of Carnival Market in Chula Vista for the past few years. My family loves the City of Chula Vista and we are in support of the ALPR program. We admire our Chula Vista PD and all the great men and women who work very hard to protect our community and our businesses. We must give them the tools they need to do their job. I know that our employees and their family share the same belief

when it comes to CVPD. Law enforcement are better at protecting and serving when they are better equipped. I am urging the City Council to continue the ALPR program so our Chula Vista PD can have the tools they need to protect our city.

Richard Sheresh

Location: 91910, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:45pm 04-07-21

From the discussion, it seems the ALPR program has been well thought out and is working well to help protect people as well as protect data. I personally have no problems with others knowing where my car has been on a public street. And I don't believe CVPD is misusing data when the data is shared with other government agencies. I support using ALPR as it is being used and hope this use will continue.

Jerilyn Brown

Location:
Submitted At: 4:36pm 04-07-21

My concern is that the information from ALPR is shared and can hurt community member!

Norell Martinez

Location: 91910, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:35pm 04-07-21

This forum is disingenuous. It is nothing more than a one-sided showcase for the police to create their own narratives to justify surveillance, profiling, and targeting of low-income and working class people of Color in West Chula Vista. Chula Vista's elected representatives should not let this program continue. Many of us long-standing Chula Vista residents are opposed to it, and are very disappointed that our city is being turned into a laboratory for all of the latest criminalization technology schemes. Put a moratorium on the ALPR now!

Nicholas Paul

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:28pm 04-07-21

The use of ALPR in my neighborhood is in violation of my privacy rights and the transparency I expect from my local law enforcement. I do not want my local law enforcement to play a part in the federal governments deportation machine - and unfortunately this is what they are doing by continuing to share our data on the Vigilant Solution data base. CVPD cannot control third party sharing of ALPR data once it is on the data base. ICE, HSI and CBP uses license plate information to target members of our undocumented community - which runs contrary to the values we supposedly hold as a Welcoming City. Please answer the following questions in your presentation.

Question 1: Are we still sharing information with HSI? (yes we are. They are a branch of DHS that assist in the deportation of individuals in the USA).

Question 2: Why hasn't CVPD stopped the use of the ALPR technology - as community members have demanded since the December 6th, 2020 Union Tribune Article.

Question 3: If community input is important to CVPD and the City Council, why is there only one ALPR info session/"workshop" being conducted? Not to mention that its being conducted in the middle of the week (Wednesday) at 4pm (when most folks are still at work)? The desire for community input seems disingenuous and as a concerned community member I'd like to see multiple listening sessions be conducted.

Question 4: Can we create a community oversight board that would review all purchases made by CVPD in the future?

Pedro Rios

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:22pm 04-07-21

Chula Vista's ALPR program continues to share information with HSI (Homeland Security Investigations), an ICE investigative arm. This is a problem because HSI investigations have included worksite raids involving

immigration matters in San Diego County. In a case our organization documented, HSI-ICE agents pointed their weapons at workers driving their children to school. It is erroneous for Chief Kennedy to state that the ALPR program does not share information with immigration authorities, because it still does.

In fact, since at least 2017, the Chula Vista Police Dept. has shared its information with Border Patrol, ICE, and now continues to do so with HSI. It would continue to do so had a UT article not exposed that this was occurring. According to its own report, the Chula Vista Police Dept. determined in April 2020 that it was not in violation of SB 54 (CA Values Act). But according to Chief Kennedy's own remark at a meeting with her civilian committee, she did not know that the ALPR program shared information with immigration enforcement authorities.

Finally, there is disingenuous to suggest that Chula Vista has been transparent in reaching out to community groups and its residents. Its own Transparency and Accountability page dedicated to ALPR, is blank. See for yourself: <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/about-us/transparency-and-accountability/automated-license-plate-readers-alpr>

It's been like this since at least 2017.

Pedro Rios
AFSC

Lisa Iulianelli

Location: 91913, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:10pm 04-07-21

Before I can support the information sharing components of this proposal, someone is going to have to explain 1. how doesn't this violate my right to privacy and 2. what are the sanctions when the CVPD or other law enforcement agencies get it wrong. "Sharing" sounds like a lovely idea until some bad cop or other corrupt government agent targets someone for whatever reason. I don't trust you with my information, and I sure don't trust you to "share" it lawfully. I trust those with whom you "share" it even less.

Patricia Aguilar

Location:
Submitted At: 3:36pm 04-07-21

Chula Vista has fewer police officers per capita than almost all police agencies in the state. The only way they will be able to continue to do an effective job in keeping the peace is to increase use of technology like ALPR to assist officers carry out their duties. This system has been in use for years, and the information captured is not shared with ICE or Border Patrol. Please don't take this tool away from our officers.

Arkan Somo

Location:
Submitted At: 3:31pm 04-07-21

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

On behalf of the NMA Board and members, we are strongly in support of the Automated License Plate Recognition Program. We believe the ALPR program is necessary for law enforcement to be able to protect and serve our communities. With the crimes and homicide rates increasing, now more than ever, law enforcements need all the tools they can get to help them address the challenges they face while protecting our residents and businesses. Our members feel so strongly about providing these tools to the CVPD, they would like to contribute to help purchase one of these cameras.

The safety of our communities must be a top priority and without the essential tools being available to law enforcement, fighting crime would be more difficult. We must take precautionary measures to ensure our homes and businesses are kept safe while protect all human lives.

We also understand there are some concerns regarding the implementation of these programs. The NMA has the absolute confidence of our hardworking brave men and women of the CVPD that will not miss use any data related to any person, regardless of their status.

The NMA is asking the City Council to reconsider cancelling the ALPR program and keep it active. Our communities will be much safer knowing law enforcement has the technology and tools they need to protect us.

Sincerely,
Arkan Somo
President

Becky Cortez

Location:
Submitted At: 3:17pm 04-07-21

This program has been in use for many years helping the officers in solving crime. The public can rest assured this technology is a very useful tool in public safety.

David Bejarano

Location:
Submitted At: 3:02pm 04-07-21

I served as a patrol officer and law enforcement executive for over 35 years, with the Chula Vista and San Diego Police Departments. The Chula Vista Police Department and hundreds of agencies throughout the US have been using ALPR (LPRs) since 2007 or earlier. This technology serves as another critical analytic tool in solving major crimes, locating stolen vehicles, serve as added eyes for police, and potential deterrent to criminal activity. The CVPD, as other agencies are very sensitive and understand the communities' concern regarding individual privacy and the practice of storing and sharing the data. The CVPD has worked closely with all SD County law enforcement agencies to ensure policies and procedures are current and balance the use of this technology and privacy concerns.

The department, listening to concerns from the community and advocates, has made changes to the sharing of data. The department no longer shares the data with Federal law agencies, who may use the data for immigration-related reasons/investigations. The department truly values the partnership with the community regardless of their immigration status.

The use of LPR technology by CVPD has been very beneficial and has been a force multiplier, in light of historical budget and staffing restraints.

I strongly support the continued use of LPRs to ensure Chula Vista remains one of the safest cities in the nation.

Isidro Barragan

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 12:46pm 04-07-21

Greetings,

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2. I would like CVPD and the City Council to ensure the ALPR program addresses all of the CA DOJ audit suggestions BEFORE it is implemented. As a reminder, here are just some suggestions as published in the March 23, 2021 City Council Staff Report.

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4. In December 2020, media reports informed the CVPD the ALPR program may be violating two CA laws requiring public input. What will CVPD do to ensure this program no longer comes close to violating CA laws?

Thank you.

Jack Fuller

Location:

Submitted At: 11:55am 04-07-21

Why does everyone think that they have privacy rights when a crime is committed?

As just witnessed recently with the arrest of an animal abuser in Chula Vista by use of a concerned citizen who captured it on their personal cell phone.

Anyone can film anyone and post it.

Why not let the law who is trained in catching criminals do their job?

Lois Klepin

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26am 04-07-21

I agree with Pedro Rios' statement "At a Dec. 8 Chula Vista City Council meeting, Mayor Mary Salas requested that city staff prepare a comprehensive report on the ALPR program. That report was finally released to the public at a March 23 City Council meeting. While the report offers a sampling of anecdotal accounts and concludes "ALPRs are one of the most valuable tools available for the department to solve crime and keep the community safe," it fails to adequately address critical privacy concerns."

Dell Miller

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 7:13am 04-07-21

Although I live on the fringe of Chula Vista, I worked and shop there all the time. I am in support of the ALPR because it helps the police fight crime. I believe that there is no misuse of the program, as proven by the police department's stellar reputation. If you are not doing illegal things, there is nothing to worry about. There comes a time when you put your community first in safety and not be dictated by the national news.

Cheryl Lamoureux

Location: 91910, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 11:16pm 04-06-21

ALPRs seem to be a great tool to assist our Police Officers who will be able to use this technology to help identify (and recover) stolen cars, or identify cars driven by suspects involved in criminal activities. They can assist with the speeding up of investigations, and free up manpower while keeping budget issues in mind. Drivers who have outstanding traffic violations and expired registrations or plates can be identified and given a chance to rectify their situations. ALPRs can be used to identify patterns of crime, locate possible suspects or areas of criminal activity.

The data collected does not include personal information about drivers nor identify individuals unless the license plate number is matched to other data.

ALPRs collect information that already is publicly available to anyone so there is nothing "secretive" or hidden going on.

Eric Moss

Location: 91914, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:22pm 04-02-21

I strongly support this "passive" means of enhancing the work of our local police force. From providing early intervention on dangerous car chases to identifying fleeing suspects, I can think of myriad ways that this technology will be beneficial to our community. Those who would oppose it and use the "civil liberties" excuse as rationale, are likely those concerned about getting flagged by this system due to expired tags (effectively stealing use of the highways from the rest of us), outstanding warrants, or those fleeing justice, both locally and cross border. For the great majority of citizens, the old adage holds true: if you have done nothing wrong, you have nothing to be concerned about with regard to enhanced policing. If 9/11 teaches us anything, it is that information gathering and sharing are force multipliers with regard to enhancing security--this lesson applies at all levels, even local policing. Implementing this system also alleviates the need for more police manpower to perform the tasks that this system will perform on an automated basis.

Albert Perdon

Location: De Luz
Submitted At: 8:11am 03-25-21

People who drive the toll roads in Orange County have no problem with the cameras and electronic monitoring systems used to collect data for billing roadway users. Roadway users fully understand the benefit and value they receive from the toll roads and the automated revenue collection system. Having "police" officers at toll road entry points was the normal method of collecting tolls on roads and bridges in prior years. But automated toll collection has made the process less costly and safer.

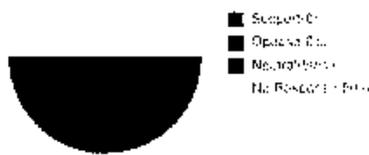
The automated toll collection system offers another benefit that is currently not being realized. That benefit is a reduction in traffic collisions, injuries and deaths due to speeding. The current system of electronic sensors and cameras can easily determine if roadway users are speeding. The roadway's entry and exit points, time of entry and exit and distance travelled are all recorded. Determining travel speed is a simple math calculation familiar to any grade school student. Other automated monitoring systems are available that could be applied to almost all travel on the state's roadway system.

So, why do local elected officials not use this technology to save lives on all roadways? We all know that motorists are speeding at will – some at over 90 mph on area "freeways" with police officers standing by the roadside watching the speeding cars fly by without consequence.

and I have heard multiple brake screeches since construction has started. The construction noise blocks the sound of oncoming cars and the construction fence further blocks the view of cars coming down the hill—there's a terrible blind spot for both. It's a lose/lose position for both driver and pedestrian. Slowing the speed limit- AND ENFORCING IT!- would really help so cars aren't having to screech and people aren't experiencing near-collisions. We have a diverse community at Point Bonita Apartments- from children to retired folks. Please keep our community in mind, as the majority of the parked cars are residents or guests of our complex. We are only given ONE assigned parking space on the property & there aren't enough guest spots for everyone's spouse/partner/roommate/teenager. As more are vaccinated & gatherings resume, I expect more cars to park along the street in order to gather with friends and family or return to "normal".

Agenda Item: eComments for 5. 21-0090 PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED for April 13, 2021

Overall Sentiment



Margaret Baker

Location:

Submitted At: 6:05pm 04-13-21

Chula Vista has been slow to adopt reliable and accessible options for public participation in its meetings during the pandemic. After over a year, only 9 community members were finally successful in having their voices HEARD at the Ap 7 virtual community forum on the City's ALPR program. I would like to note that this lack of community-friendly options has had a negative impact on community members - who have been increasingly frustrated by technological problems as well as failure on the part of our city officials to acknowledge and address substantively and respectfully the public comments that were successfully submitted in the meeting portals. At this point we are left with many more questions and concerns about ALPR program and the process for decision-making, and wonder if our voices have or will be heard as the Council moves forward:

- 1) Will ALL eComments submitted be presented and addressed by City Council and the public, including but not limited to public meetings of the City Council (beginning Dec 8, 2020; Jan 5, 2021, etc), Human Relations Commission (Dec 2020, Jan, Feb, Mar 2021) and 2 meetings of Chief's CAC?
 - 2) Will the content of ALL letters and emails received by City officials regarding the ALPR program & also restrictions/problems with public access to meetings & comment options since Dec 2020 be included in the CVPD report at the Ap 20 meeting?
 - 3) Also, what are plans for next steps to ensuring transparency and accountability regarding ALPR?
- Thank you.

Tynan Wyatt

Location: 91910, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 5:36pm 04-13-21

I hope this is the correct place to broach a non-agenda item today.

I am so appreciative of the wonderful improvements and beautification that are going on all around Chula Vista (the E street to marina bike way). I would like to know if Chula has any guidance for their planning or parks department on the use of California native plants.

If so, where can I find those guidance recommendations?

Mr. Glenn Isaaks
[REDACTED]
Bonita, CA 91908-0684

April 6, 2021

Mary Casillas Salas, City of Chula Vista Mayor
City of Chula Vista Council Members
Roxana Kennedy, Chief of Police
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

RE: Letter in FAVOR of supporting and retaining the Police Department's Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Program

As a resident of Chula Vista I've witnessed the growth and change to our expanding community. Our City has maintained a positive representation throughout the State and Nation for its leading technology as it relates to public safety.

It is important that we as citizens of Chula Vista address our concerns for supporting our law enforcement with the proper tools, equipment, and technology to suppress criminal activity, and investigate and arrests those persons who commit crimes.

I believe it is important we retain the use and expand the use of the police department's Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) program. I am aware the Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD) has been using the ALPR system for several years, and it has been very successful with investigations and solving criminal cases. This is an example of why as residents of Chula Vista must address our concerns for supporting our police department with the ALPR program.

I understand the ALPR system recognizes and retains license plate information. It does not capture data on any individual, therefore in my opinion there is no violation of someone's privacy rights. However, it can possibly be used to help locate missing persons, AMBER Alerts, and SILVER Alerts when a reported missing person is associated with an identified vehicle. For those families who report a loved one missing, I am sure they would be pleased to know an ALPR program may help locate a missing person's vehicle.

With our close proximity to the International Border, I feel our police department should share data with the Federal Law Enforcement agencies. The local, state, and Federal law enforcement must continue to share information as it relates to terrorism, human trafficking, port-runners transporting illegal drugs or weapons, and high risk criminal treats associated with vehicles used by the criminal suspects. I know the ALPR system that CVPD uses does not have any capability to identify individual persons, including undocumented people and criminals. The ALPR program is a justified device to assist police with locating reported stolen vehicles and identified vehicles used during the commission of a crime.

The people who would want to impede or interfere with any law enforcement advancement in technology may themselves have something to hide. I personally do not have any problem with the ALPR collecting data on my personal license plates. It is frustrating with groups who want to give a potential violent criminal another opportunity to evade arrest by removing the essential tools for the police to get their job done, crime fighting!

Respectfully,
Mr. Glenn Isaaks

From: Isidro B. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:16 PM
To: Communications
Subject: Community Forum on Automated License Plate Recognition Program

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Greetings,

I was able to share only some of my comments via the eComment feature. Apparently I have too many questions and I had no more space to type. I am restating my points, 1-4, and adding additional comments.

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Additional comments questions and concerns

5. The lease of time data/images will be stored is one year. Under what circumstances will the lease on this stored data be extended? And for how much longer will the data be kept?

6. What measures are CVPD and the City Council including in this program to re-evaluate how useful and necessary it is 3 or 5 years from now. I would like to know there will be oversight in the future instead of granting an eternal ALPR license to the CVPD. There should be a review mechanism that includes the public and officials.

7. Since part of this ALPR program is to collect data and monitor moving vehicles, has CVPD considered alternative camera placements on Senior Volunteer Patrols or additional Traffic-only patrols?

8. It seems like patrol cars and officers already have enough to do. Will this ALPR system further burden the officers who have these ALPR systems?

9. Data Sharing problems. What specific measures will CVPD take to ensure data is not shared with agencies who have no business-need. Such as the Honolulu PD, the MOPCA (not an actual law-enforcement agency, or entities with obscure names HTU/SOSINK.

10. System Audits are conducted on an "as-needed" basis. The audits should have concretely defined timelines and not suggested dates.

11. Privacy Concerns. The Council Report does not fully address privacy concerns. Please do better.

12. Provide proof the system is only collecting the data it needs, and no more than necessary.

13. This is a border town. Immigration topics are sensitive. Data sharing with ICE/USBP should be handled with extreme caution and greater care, more so than other municipal police agencies.

14. Vendors. a) Motorola is a partner in this ALPR program and the Drone program. What conflicts of interests are there? Has this vendor been appropriately vetted? b) Vigilant Solutions is dominating the ALPR market. What steps are the City Council and CVPD taking to ensure we are getting the best value in these contracts? When and how often will the contracts be re-evaluated?

15. To see the validity of this program, I would like the CVPD to provide an annual report on the outcomes.

Thank you.

Isidro Barragan
CV Resident

From: Wayne Maxey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Communications
Subject: ALPR Item on today's Council Agenda

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Hi,

I have been a citizen of Chula Vista for approximately thirty-five years.

I have always appreciated the hard work and the professionalism exhibited by the men and women of the Chula Vista Police Department!

The department has always been on the leading edge in the use of technology to keep our community safe. The Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) is a great tool for the department. The bottom line: WE NEED THE DEPARTMENT TO USE EVERY TOOL AVAILABLE TO KEEP US SAFE AND SECURE!

In reading the staff report, I saw the success stories in the deployment of the ALPR. I also noted the safeguards in place to protect our privacy and to prevent the misuse of this technology. As a citizen, I am very comfortable entrusting the department and the city with the use of the ALPR system.

Law enforcement agencies already work in a tough and unforgiving environment these days. As you consider this agenda item today, please do not vote to take away the ALPR system!

Thank you!
Wayne Maxey

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kingkade, Marla [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Communications <communications@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: License plate reader

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Good afternoon, my name is Marla Kingkade and I am a long time resident of the City of Chula Vista. I would like to express my support of the license plate reader. This has been a tool for law-enforcement for over 14 years and has provided the Chula Vista Police Department the opportunity to keep our community safe. We are one the largest and safest cities in San Diego County. Please, let's keep it that way!

From: Arkan Somo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Mary Salas <MSalas@chulavistaca.gov>; John McCann <jmccann@chulavistaca.gov>; Jill Galvez <jmgalvez@chulavistaca.gov>; Steve C. Padilla <spadilla@chulavistaca.gov>; Andrea Cardenas <acardenas@chulavistaca.gov>
Cc: CityManager <CityManager@chulavistaca.gov>; Roxana Kennedy <rkennedy@chulavistapd.org>
Subject: NMA supports Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Systems

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The Honorable Mayor Mary Salas and Council Members,

On behalf of the NMA Board and members, we are strongly in support of the Automated License Plate Recognition Program. We have submitted an e-comment and I have attached the NMA support letter. We will be making additional comments during the hearing to express our support.

Best regards,
Arkan Somo
President
Neighborhood Market Association

[REDACTED]
San Diego, CA 92120
[REDACTED]



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April 7, 2021

Mayor Mary Salas
Council Members
Chula Vista City Hall
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

The Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

On behalf of the NMA Executive Board and our members, we are strongly in support of the Automated License Plate Recognition Program. The NMA is a non-profit trade organization that represents over 700 family-owned businesses in California. Thirty-three of them operate their businesses in the city of Chula Vista.

We believe that the ALPR program is necessary for law enforcement to be able to protect and serve our communities in Chula Vista. With the crimes and homicide rates increasing, now more than ever, law enforcement needs all the tools they can get to help them address the challenges they face while protecting our residents and businesses. Our members feel so strongly about providing these tools to the Chula Vista PD, they would like to contribute to help purchase one of these cameras.

The NMA believes that the safety of our communities must be a top priority and without the essential tools being available to law enforcement, fighting crime would be more difficult. We must take precautionary measures to ensure our homes and businesses are kept safe while protect all human lives. The program will benefit everyone in many different ways. We have heard and read many positive stories about the benefits of the ALPR program and agree with the need for it.

We also understand there are some concerns regarding the implementation of these programs. The NMA has the absolute confidence of our hardworking brave men and women of the CVPD that will not violate their oath and miss use any data related to any person, regardless of their status.

The NMA is asking the City Council to reconsider cancelling the ALPR program and keep it active. Our communities will be much safer knowing law enforcement has the technology and tools they need to protect us.

Sincerely,

Arkan Somo
President

Chula Vista Communications Office
Chula Vista Police Chief
Chula Vista Mayor's Office
Chula Vista City Council Office

April 8, 2021

Subject: Must keep and maintain the use of the Automated License Plate Recognition Program

As a homeowner in Chula Vista, I am proud of our Chula Vista Police Department's men and women who serve our community with pride and integrity! As a citizen, we must provide our Police Department with the technology and equipment to investigate crimes and arrest those who are responsible for those criminal acts.

I support the use of the ALPR Program by our Chula Vista Police Department. I know the ALPR program has assisted the police with many investigations and has solved many serious crimes and hit & run traffic accidents!

I know the ALPR camera can retain only the license plate numbers on vehicles for a limited time.

I know the ALPR camera does not capture any data pertaining to any person, therefore there is no invasion of privacy or concern of facial recognition issues.

It seems that it is okay for people to record the actions of police officers using cell phones, but there are groups of people saying the police cannot record the license plate of a car! This is ridiculous! Every time I drive onto a Toll Road, my license plate is photographed and recorded! I don't have any problems with either system!

It irritates me when I hear these activists saying the police are invading their privacy or trying to capture undocumented aliens. This technology used by our police officers is for our community's safety, legal citizens, legal community members, who are being victimized by criminals! The ALPR system is a law enforcement tool for our community's protection and to assist law enforcement! There is no difference for me to install a camera on my front gate to capture images of cars passing by my home. If I can use a camera, so can the police department!

There are many victims of crime in our city and we must give the police department the support and technology to use the ALPR system. We cannot allow activist to take away the tools and technology the police need to combat crime.

I might be the silent majority, it annoys me when a "small" group of people want to support illegal activity and support undocumented people, rather than supporting our local law enforcement! We are the ones paying our taxes for public safety, not the undocumented aliens! We are the tax paying, law abiding citizens that must be heard and voice our concerns! We voted for our Mayor and Council, not the undocumented

people. We need our Mayor and Council to support us, your constituents, our community!

The data in the ALPR is secure. I have some knowledge about IT information used by local governments. Chula Vista's systems are very well secured and tested. Those who have concerns about the license plate data being secured in a massive computer should consider the other locations your license plate is photographed, such as Toll Roads, tow-trucks, military bases, paid parking lots, and shopping malls to name a few locations.

Our City Council must continue to support our police department and the ALPR program. The police department is understaffed and need help! This ALPR program and future technology must be approved by our City Council for the safety of our community, our citizens, our businesses, and our visitors. Do not allow certain small groups of people bully our community! They probably don't know enough about the ALPR system. The ALPR system is there for EVERYONE's protection.

With the new bay front development, and fast growing eastern City boundaries, there will be thousands and thousands of more vehicles on our streets and parking lots. Looking for a wanted or stolen car will be like a needle in a hay-stack. But with the ALPR cameras on the Chula Vista Police cars, it will make the job easier!

I have had several positive interactions with Chula Vista Police Officers and each time they have been polite, professional, courteous, empathic, and demonstrate an excellent concern for our community safety. These officers should be proud there are citizens who support them! Good job CVPD!

Please keep the ALPR Program and get more cameras, both on police cars and stationary cameras near major businesses, parks, and major streets!

Thank you from a supportive Chula Vista citizen!

Mrs. Sandra Garcia
Chula Vista

From: Luz Maria Lopez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:59 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Public comments for ALPR

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I hope you seriously consider the concerns the community has voiced regarding the ALPR program. The community should be allowed to give input over the use of this program and of any other type of technology used for surveillance purposes that might in any way infringe on the liberties of our community. NO transparency NO community input = NO ALPR Program

From: webmaster@chulavistaca.gov <webmaster@chulavistaca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:51 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: City of Chula Vista: City Clerk Contact Us - Web Notification

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First Name Arnold
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Comments

My comment concerns the upcoming April 20, 2021 City Council Meeting regarding the CVPD Automated License Plate Reader Program. I was hired by the City of Chula Vista as a police officer in 1968. At that time we had minimal resources, but through a proactive chief (Bill Winters) we made great strides and in my tenure became in my opinion the best and most respected police department in the county. When I retired in 1993 the department was, through innovation and grants, entering into a new world that my generation could only have dreamed of.

The new use of drones and the subject of this email, the Automated License Plate Reader Program, is a very a positive step forward for law enforcement and the safety of our citizens. The only people that should worry about this program are the criminals that reside or enter our great city. Anyone else should welcome this gift of modern law enforcement.

Thank you,
City of Chula Vista

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Sheree Kansas

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48am 01-05-21

COMMENT SUBMITTED BY BOB STRAHL, BONITA RESIDENT: Items related to fee structure A. The largest increase is senior rate, is this fair for seniors on fixed/limited income? B. Senior residents pay same rate as non resident seniors, is this fair for resident seniors? C. Senior hours 8:00am to 12, but for many years seniors have played from sunrise on at senior rate, do seniors now have to pay non senior rate to play before 8? D. A onetime, lifetime fee of \$25 dollars buys a non resident the status of a resident, is that fair to residents who pay taxes yearly and generally shop in this City? E. Operator raised cart fees 7 months ago from \$12 to \$15 (reason given was Covid to disinfect carts, however, this procedure lasted only for a short time, and is rarely if ever done now) can operator arbitrarily change this fee ? F. Currently the operator charge Holiday rates on non designated days (12/24 & 12/31), can operator do this ?

For years the perception among golfers is that revenues generated by them is used by the City for other programs (general fund) and by the operator for profit taking, minor golf course improvements and other projects (event center/banquet), and not used for major capital improvements to the course. Money that does find its way to the course is only used for small improvements and a very, very low level of maintenance.

There is no incentive for either party to do differently because a mutually beneficial situation exists for any action by operator to generate more money is a win/win situation for both.

Agenda Item: eComments for 9. 20-0532 PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED for January 5, 2021

Overall Sentiment



Anthony Avalos

Location: 92109, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:38am 01-06-21

Chula Vista has the ability to develop into a cultural hub of California. Protecting it's inhabitants needs to be a top priority. City of Chula Vista officials must discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology. It is resulting in arbitrary dragnet targeting of our residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. Unfortunately, it is not an innocuous crime-fighting tool. The only responsible action is to move toward full transparency. Again, we demand City of Chula Vista officials terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city.

FueralCE deChulaVista

Location: 91841, La Mesa

Submitted At: 5:47pm 01-05-21

It's not enough to "pause" the program. The cats out of the bag - it's time for Chula Vista leadership to come clean about its collusion with ICE. And to do their part to end this anti immigrant dragnet program and set an example to end the program countywide.

Kandi Custodio-Tan

Location:

Submitted At: 5:39pm 01-05-21

I am a Chula Vista Resident and I demand City of Chula Vista officials terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program.

David Harris

Location: 92105, San Diego
Submitted At: 5:12pm 01-05-21

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City of Chula Vista officials must discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology. It is resulting in arbitrary dragnet targeting of our residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. It is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool.

IanM Seruelo

Location: 92124, San Diego
Submitted At: 5:02pm 01-05-21

I am a resident of San Diego and I represent the San Diego Immigrant Right Consortium (SDIRC).

Private corporations promoting the use of ALPR are touting their technology as a crime-fighting tool. However their is no definitive study or research that this technology resulted to a decrease in crime or that it deters criminality. What is clear though is that this unregulated and non-transparent use of private information violates civil liberties and privacy rights of individuals. It is a tool that can easily be abused by the government, law enforcement, immigration agents and even private individuals who have access to such information. Chula Vista is supposed to be a Welcoming City and friendly to immigrants. The use of this surveillance technology, especially if it is shared with ICE and CBP, is counter to the aim of welcoming immigrants, and in fact could be a violation of SB 54. The use of ALPR must be discontinued. It brings more harm to our communities than its purported benefits.

Joaquin Vazquez

Location: 91945, Lemon Grove
Submitted At: 4:59pm 01-05-21

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Silvia Saldivar

Location:
Submitted At: 4:57pm 01-05-21

As a resident in Chula Vista, I strongly oppose the Chula Vista PD using ALPR technology, and the contract be terminated. I ensure hyou all that the Chula Vista PD using this technology does NOT make the community members feel safer, or allow us to trust the police.

We demand City of Chula Vista officials terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city. Sharing data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information, about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program. We demand time and transparency so that community members can review all information about the City's contract with Vigilant Solutions, including a report the mayor requested from CVPD. We want to uncover the TRUTH; and we demand oversight of surveillance programs that target immigrants, people of color, political activists, LGBTQ and other marginalized members of our community. I would like to participate in my community, and I would like you share my concerns. These meetings need to be open to call in, and you need to hear from the community. Listen to your constituents, and end all shameful ALPR contracts. We need more transparency!

Cayce Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 4:55pm 01-05-21

Dear Chula Vista City Council

Please put a permanent stop to CV police collaboration with CBP and ICE. This includes information sharing via the license scanning program used by the department. At a time when people cannot afford to care for themselves and their families and our community members are dying from COVID at alarming rates, police department budgets- instead of basic social support services- across the country continue to make up an enormous portion of city funds. The last decade has seen huge increases in police surveillance and militarization towards our communities without our consent. CBP and ICE have been tearing apart families ever since their founding. We do not want police departments provided with more surveillance technology that is weaponized against us, and particularly against the most vulnerable. Never, and particularly not at a time of crisis do we want more funding towards an institution that criminalizes and incarcerates the most vulnerable, leading to the highest rates of incarceration in the history of the world. As a physician I ask that you put our community members and their families first. We have seen too much death and trauma experienced by our patients, of which ICE is a part. ICE separates families and causes unfathomable trauma and devastation. We must stop criminalizing and instead invest our time resources and efforts into caring for people. It is all of our responsibility. Please stop CV police collaboration with ICE and CBP now.

Ian Seruelo

Location: 92124, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:53pm 01-05-21

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Dulce Garcia

Location: 92102, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:53pm 01-05-21

On behalf of Border Angels, a humanitarian aid organization serving our immigrant community, we urge the termination of the city's contract with Vigilant Solutions and any other company that shares data with ICE and Border Patrol. This license plate reader technology undermines SB 54 protections and the spirit of what it means to be a Welcoming City. While we applaud the temporary stop of data sharing with ICE and Border Patrol, we urge the permanent stop of data gathering and transfer to ALL. We also ask for transparency while the city reviews the contract that allows license plate data to be shared with over 800 agencies. Part of that process should include consideration of community voices.

Wedad Schlotte

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 01-05-21

Happy new year. What we are demanding today:

1) TIME and TRANSPARENCY so that community members can review all information about the City's contract with Vigilant Solutions, including a report the mayor requested from CVPD. We want to uncover the TRUTH; and we demand oversight of surveillance programs that target immigrants, people of color, political activists, LGBTQ and other marginalized members of our community.

2) Chula Vista must OPEN UP its decision-making process and host a series of LISTENING sessions to hear community voices about the impact of CVPD ALPR technology and sharing of our data. The infringement of our civil liberties is far too significant and we are tired of being locked out of DECISIONS during the pandemic lockdown. We feel no one at City Hall is listening!

Teotzin RuizRios

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:26pm 01-05-21

I am 18 years old and I have lived in D4 for most of my life, and I am opposed to the Chula Vista PD using ALPR technology. I urge the Mayor and City Council members to permanently discontinue using ALPR technology as it poses a serious risk to civil liberties and could be misused by federal immigration agencies to target my neighbors. Our city government officials should promote policies and measures that uphold transparency and civil liberties instead of undermining them.

Thank you,
Teotzin Ruiz-Rios

Monica Santos

Location:
Submitted At: 4:25pm 01-05-21

I am a 25 year plus resident of Chula Vista. We are proudly a welcoming city. Use of license plate readers and sharing of information is in contrast with the values of a welcoming city and violates the rights of our citizens. I request that you halt sharing of information via ALPR with ICE and CBP. The citizens of Chula Vista request time to review and the opportunity to see all of the records. Citizens should have oversight in these matters. I request listening sessions where the government officials hear from citizens such as me so that our voices can be heard and reflected in the actions of our government. I request that the contract with ALPR be terminated. Let's work together to create a community that is safe and fosters trust among us all.

M Ramirez

Location:
Submitted At: 4:15pm 01-05-21

I write on behalf many undocumented residents who feel violated by Chula Vista officials. You must terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in this diverse city. The use and sharing of this data with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection is a risk to Everyone's civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program.

Ricardo Medina

Location:
Submitted At: 4:15pm 01-05-21

Mayor Salas and City Council, I continue to be reflective and concerned about CVPD's ALPR's technology and the sharing of our city's data. At this time I am hopeful that you will offer time and transparency into this issue so that community members can review the City's contract with Vigilant Solutions and the report requested by Mayor Salas. Additionally, I support all city efforts in creating listening sessions for community members to voice concerns, reflections, and inquiries that are specifically related to ALPR and the violation and infringement of SB54 and civil liberties.

Thank you,
Ricardo Medina, Ph.D.
Resident of District 2
Member of CV HRC

Angelica Ruiz

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 3:54pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas and Chula Vista City Councilmembers,

As an 18-year resident of District 4 I would like to thank you for temporarily blocking the use of the ALPR. However, it is imperative that you take this a step further and stop using the invasive technology as it is detrimental to our civil liberties, and potentially could be misused by police officers or federal immigration agencies. ALPR technology has an expansive reach, especially if other police departments or federal immigration agents have access to it. This undermines the city's commitment to protecting the most vulnerable at a time when people have little faith in law enforcement agencies. I urge you to listen to your constituents, suspend all ALPR contracts, and take steps at protecting civil liberties instead of undermine them.

Thank you,
Angélica Ruíz

Erin TsurumotoGrassi

Location: 92119, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:51pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas and Chula Vista City Councilmembers:

On behalf of Alliance San Diego, I want to reiterate our concern regarding the Chula Vista Police Department's (CVPD) sharing of data through its automated license plate reader program. Sharing data on a database which is accessible to hundreds of law enforcement agencies, including Border Patrol and ICE, violates the spirit of SB 54 and undermines the community trust Chula Vista and its police department have worked so hard to build over the years. Whether or not CVPD intended the data to be used for immigration enforcement, the fact of the matter is that federal immigration agencies are using it as such. By participating in this program, CVPD is putting Chula Vista residents, as well as others in San Diego County, at risk of family separation and deportation – something that goes against the very values of Chula Vista as a "Welcoming City".

Law enforcement agencies have an obligation to ensure all people in our communities are safe, and a responsibility to be accountable and transparent to the communities they serve. CVPD's use of the automated license plate reader program undermines community trust and the safety of everyone. We urge the City of Chula Vista to permanently end the use of the automated license plate reader program.

Thank you,

Erin Tsurumoto Grassi
Human Rights Policy Advisor, Alliance San Diego

Remy Bautista

Location: 92104, San diego
Submitted At: 3:49pm 01-05-21

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Patricia Duran

Location: 91910, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 3:48pm 01-05-21

As a resident of Cha Vista and a family Liaison to over 140 South Bay families I am requesting the CVPD stop using license plate readers and share information with other agencies such as ICE/DHS/CBP this is a violation of spirit of state law SB54. Families I work with shouldn't fear that the city they live in is unsafe with the sharing of their personal infirmation. I strongly urge this sharing to stop.

Shay Kawanomiller

Location: 92104, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:48pm 01-05-21

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Huy Tran

Location: 92104, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:47pm 01-05-21

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Jose Lopez

Location: 92173, San Ysidro

Submitted At: 3:24pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

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We demand TIME and TRANSPARENCY so that Chula Vista community members can review all information about the City's contract with Vigilant Solutions, including a report the mayor requested from CVPD.

I hope we can count on you to do the right thing.

Pedro Rios

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 2:32pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas and City Councilmembers,

As an 18-year resident of Chula Vista's District 4, and director of the American Friends Service Committee's US-Mexico Border Program, a human rights organization concerned with the protection of basic civil and human rights, I believe the City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing surveillance data with outside agencies. Sharing data with DHS/ICE/CBP is contrary to our values, violates the spirit of state law SB54, and undercuts our designation as the "first certified welcoming city" in the country and the New American Economy coalition ranking Chula Vista as the second-best city in the country for immigrants behind Chicago. City of Chula Vista officials must terminate contractual agreements with companies using license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program. Furthermore, this technology creates an arbitrary dragnet that targets Chula Vista residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. It is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool. This matter should be taken seriously and addressed immediately as it a slippery-slope that degrades the protection of everyone's civil liberties.

Sincerely,

Pedro Rios
AFSC
Chula Vista D4 Resident

Tama BeckerVarano

Location: 92122, SAN DIEGO
Submitted At: 2:11pm 01-05-21

On behalf of Change Begins With ME (Indivisible) and our members, I am writing to firmly request that the sharing of ALPR data with ICE and CBP be permanently stopped as it violates SB54 and undermines community trust in law enforcement. Furthermore, surveillance of community members should never be implemented without robust public input, full transparency, and ongoing written oversight. It is appalling that the CVPD and the City would pursue such an invasive technology without public knowledge and input. The program is a violation of civil liberties and unjustly targets the most marginalized members of our community. We expect better from our City leaders. Furthermore, you have had ample time to adjust to virtual meetings, including offering public input beyond e-comments. It is unacceptable that you are not allowing voices to be heard or faces to be seen. Even with all their technical difficulties, San Diego has continued to improve public access to their City Council meetings. Please provide a means for public call-in or Zoom-in input for all City Council meetings effective immediately.

Adriana Jasso

Location: 92105, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:00pm 01-05-21

Dear City Council Members of Chula Vista,

I am a resident of a neighboring community to Chula Vista, I live in the South Bay. I would like to express my disapproval regarding the actions by this council which authorized the CVPD to share surveillance data with federal agencies such as ICE, Border Patrol and CBP. I stand in unity with the community call to this council to allow more time for a consultation process and for those directly affected to have a say on the matter. If in fact Chula Vista is a welcoming community to ALL it should take this opportunity to listen and request for CVPD to end any data sharing and/or collaboration with these federal agencies.

Thank you,
Adriana Jasso

Nancy Relaford

Location: 92104, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:57pm 01-05-21

I am commenting to join the demand for TIME and TRANSPARENCY so that Chula Vista community members can review all information about the City's contract with Vigilant Solutions, including a report the mayor requested from CVPD. We want to uncover the TRUTH; and we demand community oversight of surveillance programs that target or disproportionately impact immigrants, people of color, political activists, LGBTQ and other marginalized members of our community. I live in the city of San Diego and do business in Chula Vista. The need for community awareness and oversight of all surveillance technology and law enforcement access is inextricably linked in both of our cities and throughout San Diego County. Thank you.

Alicia Riley

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 1:18pm 01-05-21

I am surprised and disappointed that our elected officials have not taken seriously the threat posed by CVPD's unauthorized collaboration and data sharing with ICE. As a "Welcoming City," the City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing surveillance data with outside agencies. Not only does sharing data with DHS/ICE violate the spirit of state law SB54, but it undermines trust and safety in Chula Vista particularly for immigrants and mixed status families at a time when these residents are those hardest host by COVID-19. If you want to do something to reduce the burden of excess mortality in our communities, take actions to make residents feel safe from detention and deportation so they aren't afraid to seek care when they need it!

Allison Estrada

Location: 91910 , Chula Vista
Submitted At: 1:11pm 01-05-21

As a resident of Chula Vista and a physician in the South Bay, I demand City of Chula Vista officials terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program.

Kate Bishop

Location:
Submitted At: 1:10pm 01-05-21

Mayor Salas and Councilmembers, I ask you today to halt ALL of the license plate reader program (not just pausing the info sharing with ICE and CBP) as we get more information about this data scraping tool. Those of us who live, work, and/or play in Chula Vista deserve the right to know exactly what of our information is going where. The fact that we weren't consulted on this contract is beyond problematic; it demonstrates an antagonism towards public oversight. Our community has a partnership with our government and police force based on mutual trust and respect. We cannot afford to lose that trust. Please 1) halt the program entirely as you learn more about it, 2) share ALL information gathered with the public, and 3) schedule public opportunities for community feedback once the information is publicly available.

Sincerely,
Kate Bishop
Vice President and Trustee,
Chula Vista Elementary School Board

Margaret Baker

Location:

Submitted At: 1:04pm 01-05-21

On behalf of South Bay People Power, I am writing to express our concern with the ongoing lack of transparency and oversight of the ALPR surveillance program. We call for an end to the contract with Vigilant Solutions, a private company that is profiting from the sale of data from our community to over 800 agencies across the country - without our consent or control. These shiny surveillance technologies must not blind our local officials to the harm inherent in their use. We want to know why our city has not been open about the ways it is colluding with ICE, CBP and other DHS agencies, and also how our voices will be heard and heeded in listening sessions throughout our community. Our city leaders must not use the shutdown due to the COVID pandemic to shut us up. Now more than ever, our leaders need to listen and learn how surveillance programs like this threaten our civil liberties and to acknowledge and rectify the contradiction with our values as a Welcoming City. We call on you as elected leaders to take immediate steps to protect the rights and regain the confidence of community members in Chula Vista governance: 1) release the CVPD report with time and in formats that ensure thorough community review; and 2) provide opportunities for community participation in deliberations regarding any purchases or use of surveillance technology and data-sharing programs. Limiting eComments to 1500 characters that will not reach anyone's ears is no way to engage with your community!!

Oliver Polo

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 01-05-21

As a "Welcoming City," the City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing surveillance data with outside agencies. Sharing data with DHS/ICE/CBP is contrary to our values, violates the spirit of state law SB54, and undercuts our designation as the "first certified welcoming city" in the country and the New American Economy coalition ranking Chula Vista as the second-best city in the country for immigrants behind Chicago.

Wendy Gelernter

Location: 92109, San Diego

Submitted At: 12:36pm 01-05-21

The City of Chula Vista officials must terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program.

Susan Walsh

Location: 92105, San Diego

Submitted At: 12:21pm 01-05-21

City of Chula Vista officials must discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology. It is resulting in arbitrary dragnet targeting of our residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. It is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool. Knowing the technology is in use will result in me avoiding doing business in Chula Vista.

Justin Joseph

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 01-05-21

City of Chula Vista officials must discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology. It is being used as a tool of mass surveillance against San Diego county residents and who live, visit and conduct business in Chula Vista. Additionally, the use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program. The City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing surveillance data with outside agencies. Sharing data with outside agencies is contrary to our values and violates the spirit of state law SB54.

Jessica Chavez

Location: 92078, San Marcos

Submitted At: 11:57am 01-05-21

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We demand City of Chula Vista officials terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program.

City of Chula Vista officials must discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology. It is resulting in arbitrary dragnet targeting of our residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. It is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool.

Jerilyn Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 11:49am 01-05-21

I have been a resident of Chula Vista for 65 years and I appreciate the multicultural atmosphere that we share here. As a "Welcoming City" we need to be careful not to abuse any members of our community by using license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Morgan Garcia

Location:

Submitted At: 11:43am 01-05-21

I greatly appreciate the current hold on sharing of license plate surveillance information with ICE, and strongly urge you to turn this pause into a permanent halt, and cease the practice of using license plate readers which are a violation of privacy and increase the targeting of vulnerable and marginalized community members. Tthe City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing surveillance data with outside agencies. Sharing data with DHS/ICE/CBP is contrary to our values, violates the spirit of state law SB54, and undercuts our designation as the "first certified welcoming city" in the country and absolutely goes against the New American Economy coalition ranking Chula Vista as the second-best city in the country for immigrants behind Chicago.

Lynn DeHahn

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14am 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas and CV City Council

Please respond to our requests for open information on the processes the CVPD has been using on ALPR. We need to guarantee that surveillance data NOT be shared . The closed process goes against the City of Chula Vista's claim to be a "Welcoming City". We can wait no longer for your response to Change.

Lynn DeHahn, Chula Vista Resident District 2 - 47 years

Lois Klepin

Location:

Submitted At: 11:12am 01-05-21

Surveillance systems have the potential to be used to abuse members of our community. And, while I appreciate the Police Chief's temporary halt on sharing ALPR data with ICE and CBP, I think the use of the license plate reader program needs to be on permanent hold.

I respectively insist that there be:

- 1) TRANSPARENCY so that community members can review all information about the City's contract with Vigilant Solutions, including a report the mayor requested from CVPD.
- 2) TIME to consider if we want to resume use of the surveillance program, And if so, time to establish oversight rules and empanel an independent oversight committee with the power to prevent its misuse.

Lakshmi Batachari

Location: 92101, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:45am 01-05-21

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Kathy Hardy

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46am 01-05-21

I oppose the City's use of license plate reader technology, especially since residents and Council Members were only recently made aware of it being used in our community. It's unfortunate that a story in the Union Tribune was the first time that the community learned of this obtrusive and "big brother" form of civil liberty violations. It is imperative that all of our rights are protected and that the use of so called "smart technologies" be discussed with those most impacted by them before their wide spread usage is simply rubber stamped for approval.

Patricia Huffman

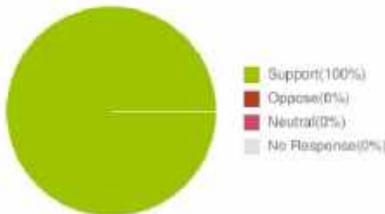
Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 01-05-21

As a resident of Chula Vista for 90 years I would like to see us really be the "Welcoming City" we profess to be. By the use of the auto license plate reader we are giving other agencies the information they need to do arbitrary dragnet. We are better than that.

Agenda Item: eComments for 10. 20-0407 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHAPTER 15.26 OF THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH ENERGY BENCHMARKING AND CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIFAMILY AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (FIRST READING)

Overall Sentiment



Becky Thimm

Location: 91910, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 4:45pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas & City Council Members,

I support tonight's agenda item #10, an ordinance to establish energy benchmarking and conservation requirements for multifamily and commercial buildings. Inefficient commercial and multifamily buildings are a large source of greenhouse gas emissions in Chula Vista. So we need to act now to make our buildings more energy efficient. I feel the benchmarking at this time will give us a good understanding on how energy efficient the older buildings are. By tracking energy use, owners can figure out what would be best for them to do to improve these buildings' energy efficiency.

Carolyn Scofield

Location:

Submitted At: 1:58pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas and City Council Members,

I support tonight's agenda item #10, an ordinance to establish annual energy benchmarking using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager and to require energy efficiency retrofits for multifamily and commercial buildings. This ordinance presents an important opportunity to monitor and mitigate a significant source of deadly greenhouse

From: connie mack [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Tyshar Turner <tturner@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Comment: Opposition to use of License Plate Reading Technology in Chula Vista

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January 5, 2021

Mayor Salas and Chula Vista City Council.

I have been proud of the stands on many issues in Chula Vista, but now... I am disappointed to find that our "WelcomingCity" is sharing surveillance data with outside agencies. Sharing data with DHS/ICE/CBP is contrary to our values, violates the spirit of state law SB54, and undercuts our designation as the "first certified welcoming city" in the country and the New American Economy coalition ranking Chula Vista as the second-best city in the country for immigrants behind Chicago. I was at the ceremony when this award was presented last year... and this license plate reading technology does not fall in line with the values that I thought we have exhibited as a city.

Also, as a resident of Chula Vista, I do not like the idea of law enforcement in my city being able to access a wide spectrum of information available through this technology, on me or anyone else, just by entering a license plate number. This is a violation of our civil liberties, across the board, at every level of our society.

I understand that Chula Vista owns 4 of these devices... and only two have been in use. There are cities of our size that have dozens (or more?) in use daily. One might wonder why I think it is such a big deal...and it should be halted, when we have such a small number of them. But my feeling is that this is the perfect time to take a stand and make the decision not to go forward with this technology. The more of them we have, the more difficult it will be to stop using them...when there are complaints and it becomes clear that people's rights to privacy are being trampled on. If we have hundreds... then people will point to the wasted money if there are complaints about their use.

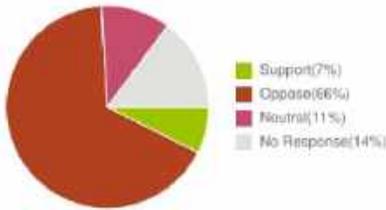
I also think that there should be more transparency so that our citizens can have oversight of surveillance programs that target immigrants, people of color, political activists, LGBTQ and other marginalized members of our community who are easily harmed. These are people who are vulnerable to information gathered with this technology being used to their detriment... not for their protection.

Finally, I believe that there should be a series of public forums that will allow our citizens to learn about this CVPD ALPR technology and to hear the details about the sharing of our data.

It seems that this pandemic has become an excuse for the City Council to lock citizens out of any comments and input... except for email. You can claim that this allows people to voice their opinions... but they are never read, nor referred to at a City Council Meeting (except to announce how many email messages there were and to be told that we can go and look for them.) What sense does it make, when we cannot come to City Council meetings in person, to deprive us of the ability to represent ourselves up at a meeting... with our voices and your seeing our faces?? Being deprived of that is a far cry from the community , personal input and sharing of opinions that we are accustomed to and deserve as citizens of the City of Chula Vista.

Connie Mack
Chula Vista Resident (more than 50 years)
Retired CV Elementary Teacher
Active Community member and social justice activist

Overall Sentiment



Rubi Guerrero

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 5:05pm 12-08-20

It's not fear for people who has insurance and drive license to be now scare of police officers.you guys are supposed to make us feel safe .

Dulce Garcia

Location: 92102, San Diego
Submitted At: 4:57pm 12-08-20

Border Angels is a non-profit that provides direct humanitarian aid to our immigrant community. We opened an office in Chula Vista last year because we believed it was a Welcoming City. To protect our staff and volunteers, and the trust that the people we serve have placed on us, we demand the City of Chula Vista officials terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city.

Rebekah Hook

Location: 92119, San Diego
Submitted At: 4:47pm 12-08-20

On behalf of The San Diego LGBT Community Center, we urge the City of Chula Vista to terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology. Sharing sensitive data with ICE, CBP and other external law enforcement agencies is contrary to our values, violates the spirit of state law SB54, and undercuts Chula Vista's designation as the "first certified welcoming city".

Our LGBTQ youth and families travel throughout the city and find comfort in knowing they can find a safe place in our youth center, but the use of license plate reader technology greatly threatens that feeling of trust, privacy, and safety.

Trust is a vital part of the community's cooperation with local law enforcement, and the lack of a fully transparent process, including any discussion with the public, mayor or city council, hinders this trust. We ask that CVPD discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology, and reevaluate all policies and programs department wide that similarly degrade the public's trust.

Carolyn Scofield

Location:
Submitted At: 4:38pm 12-08-20

As a resident of Chula Vista District 2, I oppose the Chula Vista Police Department license plate reader surveillance program that shares data with ICE, the Border Patrol, and hundreds of other organizations. One article noted that the data is gathered about vehicles and not people. Yet the numerous agencies that the data is shared with have access to DMV records as well, allowing access to the vehicle owners' information. I and many other Chula Vista community members support SB 54, the California Values Act, which "ensures that no state and local resources are used to assist federal immigration enforcement and that our schools, our hospitals, and our courthouses are safe spaces for everyone in our community."

Chula Vista has been designated a Welcoming City for its dedication to the well-being and inclusion of its immigrant communities. We are in the midst of a worldwide health crisis, which has had a disparate and terrible impact on our local families. It's time to focus on the health and safety of everyone in our community and stop this

egregious data collecting and sharing program. Thank you.

Mariam Shaheed

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 12-08-20

As a resident of SB, I can not believe this is taking place in back yard. This is unethical and immoral and a complete violation of human rights. STOP separating families and stop attacking our friend, neighbors, and families!

tony wiggins

Location: 92113, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:29pm 12-08-20

Sharing such information is wrong!

Yey Morales

Location: 91911, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 4:25pm 12-08-20

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Tomas Javier

Location: 92129, San diego

Submitted At: 4:21pm 12-08-20

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Erin TsurumotoGrassi

Location: 92119, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:59pm 12-08-20

Alliance San Diego finds the Chula Vista Police Department's sharing of data through its license plate reader surveillance program highly disturbing. We are particularly concerned because that database is accessible to hundreds of other law enforcement agencies, including ICE and Border Patrol. This violates the spirit of SB 54 because, whether or not CVPD intended for the data to be used for immigration enforcement, the fact of the matter is that federal immigration agencies are using it as such. Ultimately, this means city dollars and resources are being used to assist in immigration enforcement.

Law enforcement agencies have an obligation to ensure all people in our communities are safe, and a responsibility to be accountable and transparent to the communities they serve. The CVPD's decision to use this program, particularly without seeking community input and guidance first, undermines community trust and the safety of everyone.

Eric Wood

Location: 91915, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 3:48pm 12-08-20

Reading the comments by other members of my community opposing the LPR system use by their police department and other agencies who serve to protect their rights, life and property is concerning. There are several inaccuracies in the referenced article and there are several incorrect assumptions being made about how these systems work and the controls in place to ensure responsible use. I would hope that we could address such public interest topics in a more constructive way with open dialog and fewer demands before we have given all parties the opportunity to be heard.

FueralICE deChulaVista

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 3:23pm 12-08-20

A quick note to Mayor Salas and Council.

We are saddened and alarmed to know that the city of Chula Vista - thru its police dept - continues to share our neighbors' information with ICE, thru this license plate surveillance. Given the myriad of human rights violations committed by the Trump admin- and ICE itself- that you Mary and our leaders at the Council, and Chief Kennedy would allow (enable) this collusion that only serves to separate families and target our immigrant neighbors is disappointing. We expect better from Chula Vista leadership. In these difficult times - will CV be an example of inclusion, or continue to enable the racism we have seen displayed over the last four years?

Respectfully,

Salvador G. Sarmiento
Legislative Director, NDLO

Omar Khan

Location: 92111, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:03pm 12-08-20

The Chula Vista Police Department (and ALL law enforcement agencies in San Diego County) must discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology. It is resulting in arbitrary dragnet targeting of our residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. It is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool. This is also a violation of SB54 (California Values Act of 2017), which prevents state and local law enforcement from using their resources on behalf of federal immigration enforcement agencies.

Lois Klepin

Location:
Submitted At: 2:42pm 12-08-20

Dulce Garcia, attorney, DREAMER, Chula Vista business owner and Director of Border Angels, shared her strong opposition on Facebook:

"For those of us that are undocumented, our response comes from decades of dealing with collaboration between local law enforcement and legacy INS now DHS- ICE/BP. Access to the activity of a vehicle facilitates ICE's work when they are looking for someone to execute an order of removal. Even if my clients have had zero criminal history, but have been issued an order of removal, ICE will look for them. ICE has access to our DMV database and can obtain Driver's Licence information and really all info from DMV; California has never denied that. So, for those of us that want ICE and Border Patrol out of our communities, this matters. Matters a ton. ... I am 100% against ICE and Border Patrol terrorizing our immigrant community. I am also all about having the freedom to move around in my community without a private company selling my information to law enforcement so that they know where I am going to and from at all times."

I agree with Dulce Garcia.

As a "Welcoming City," the City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing data with DHS/ICE/CBP. This practice is contrary to our values and violates the spirit of state law SB54.

Please terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city. This privatized surveillance program is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool.

Thank you.

Pedro Rios

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 2:18pm 12-08-20

As a 17-year resident of Chula Vista's District 4, I write to express concern and opposition to the City of Chula Vista's police use of vehicle license readers as a way to surveil its residents and people who do business in Chula Vista. As a "Welcoming City," the City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing data with DHS/ICE/CBP. This practice is contrary to our values, violates the spirit of state law SB54, and undercuts our designation as the "first certified welcoming city" in the country and the New American Economy coalition ranking Chula Vista as the second-best city in the country for immigrants behind Chicago. City of Chula Vista officials should terminate contractual agreements using license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program. City of Chula Vista officials must discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology. It is resulting in arbitrary dragnet targeting of our residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. It is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool. This type of collaboration with ICE makes city officials complicit in ICE's abusive law enforcement practices, which trample on human rights. Chula Vista should not participate in a program that degrades its reputation. Thank you.

Peggy Walker

Location:
Submitted At: 1:54pm 12-08-20

I noticed that Chula Vista's monthly newsletter celebrated the first commercial cannabis business to open here. It mentioned the city is committed to running, quote "top-notch operations." However, while the "green business practices and affordable prices" mentioned may appeal to some, I would remind the council that policymakers have a responsibility to educate residents and consumers with "top notch" information about the risks of marijuana use. These risks are real and documented by scientific evidence. San Diego County hospitalization data shows 29 ER patients per day are due to marijuana-related issues. Experts say pot products with 19% or higher THC potency are considered "hard drugs." At the same time, this city will be allowing commercial businesses to manufacture and sell edibles and concentrates that have THC potency as high as 95%. This includes flavored and vape products, directly marketed to vulnerable youth.

All the "cleaning and sanitizing measures" mentioned in the article won't compensate for the harms that can result from high potency THC use, especially by young people. These harms can not be whitewashed by the potential of tax revenues that may not materialize." As policy makers, please consider the impact of marijuana businesses on all constituents and cap THC potency in all marijuana products manufactured and sold in this city.

Adriana Jasso

Location: 92105, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:39pm 12-08-20

Dear Chula Vista City Council,

I live in the South Bay area of our beautiful San Diego County. I was extremely concern after reading on the UT an article published on Dec 6th regarding CVPD allowing the sharing of data with federal agencies, including ICE. This sends a chilling message of distrust and lack of confidence from our migrant community not just in the Chula Vista area but the neighboring cities such as National City and areas of San Diego. We expect for the Chula Vista City Council to hold the CVPD accountable and stop indirectly collaborating with federal agencies, such as ICE.

Thank you,

Adriana Jasso

Program Coordinator

American Friends Service Committee

Kate Bishop

Location:
Submitted At: 1:13pm 12-08-20

As a resident of District 2, I was shocked and appalled by the revelations in the San Diego Union Tribune about the license plate tracking done program employed by our Chula Vista Police Department, and even more so that my Councilmember, Jill Galvez, would say, "I am satisfied that our community will not be alarmed by the actual practices/use of the technology, which is intended to recover stolen vehicles and alert our officers of the presence

of people suspected of personal or property crimes." Well, I'm here to say, Councilmember Galvez, you are dead wrong. We are incredibly alarmed by this overreach. The fact that this data is collected in such a clandestine manner, and further that it is shared among many agencies, is beyond disturbing. Aren't we living in enough of a dystopian novel already?

I was recently elected to the Chula Vista Elementary School Board, and we have taken the position to do everything in our power to care for our students. We respect that so many of our children come from families with mixed immigration status. We made a promise to those kids that we would protect them, and made vows between our school district and city to refuse to cooperate with agencies that threaten their families.

This police department has broken that vow. This program must be shut down immediately. Protect our children.

Aleena Jun

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22am 12-08-20

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Junnie Sultan

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16am 12-08-20

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Claire Pratt

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 12-08-20

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I live in Bonita and have supported businesses and the City Counsel for 50 years. Claire Pratt

Ricardo Medina

Location:

Submitted At: 7:00am 12-08-20

I am writing as a concerned resident and member of the Chula Vista Human Relations Commission. In a recent San Diego Union Tribune article (Dec. 6, 2020), I became aware of the data collection practice used by the Chula Vista Police Department for the past three years. I am highly against this privatized license plate surveillance practice because it is an infringement of our civil liberties, and equally important, it offers a predatorial collaboration with DHS -ICE/BP providing dates, times, GPS coordinates, and historical mapping of movements.

The City of Chula Vista is a Welcoming City. We earned this title and accreditation due to our city's values and commitment to immigrant communities and our alignment with state law SB54. Various human rights and immigrant rights organizations are "red flagging" our City's privatized surveillance practice because of its impacts on immigrant communities. In such, I urge the Chula Vista Council to discontinue the use of automobile license plate reader technology.

Margaret Baker

Location:

Submitted At: 2:37am 12-08-20

On behalf of South Bay People Power, I am writing to express our strong opposition to CVPD's use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) technology and sharing of ALPR data with other law enforcement agencies, including

DHS/ICE. We are appalled at the City's lack of accountability and transparency, particularly since we Chula Vistans have clearly spoken out against any entanglement between our local law enforcement and federal immigration. ALPR is NOT an innocuous crime-fighting tool. It results in arbitrary dragnet targeting of our residents and those who conduct business in Chula Vista. The contract with Vigilant Solutions violates the community safety and trust that we were promised in meetings with CVPD before and after purchase of the surveillance equipment and sharing of our community's data. Chief Kennedy: Were you not concerned about dangers of this massive vehicle-tracking network operating almost entirely outside of public accountability? Were you not aware of CA's audit that found that an overwhelming majority (99.9%) of images in LA County's ALPR databases were not connected to any crime? Were you not aware that ACLU published records in 2019 detailing "ICE's sweeping use" of Vigilant Solutions' vast ALPR database that you are feeding with our personal information? Councilmember Galvez: We ARE alarmed! We share ACLU's grave concerns that "this surveillance information fuels ICE's deportation machine" and urge the Council to immediately discontinue this program.

Brenda Aguirre

Location: 91910, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 12:14am 12-08-20

A couple years ago, citizens of CV banded together to appeal to the sensibility in the city admin, to designate ourselves a Sanctuary City, I was here for that. We decided that being a Sanctuary City was risky & we settled for Welcoming City. This designation was hard fought, debated, deconstructed, & reconstructed. The time & dedication of our city & the council is apparent, however there is an issue rising that is of serious concern, the use of automated license plate readers. At first glance the method & reason behind the use of them seem innocuous enough, besides what do law abiding citizens have to worry about being tracked throughout the city? Well, some don't mind the implementation, as there is nothing unusual about being observed by the police in public, but it is not just our municipality utilizing the data collected. We are falling into the pit trap of local PO doing the leg work for federal agencies, agencies which do not observe our status as a Welcoming City. This violates trust as we should be concerned with what info is being kept, stored, transferred & used to prosecute us, especially in the concern of alleged immigration violations, which does violate the belief of the Welcoming City status. As an immigrant, I object to the use of these scanners, & specifically to the release of information to federal agencies. I believe these scanners will be used to harass & target members of the community that are so often the subject of widespread intolerance & disdain.

Kathy Hardy

Location:
Submitted At: 9:18pm 12-07-20

I was shocked to learn about our City's relationship with Vigilant Solutions, especially when I found out that our Mayor and City Council members were unaware of their insidious "reach" into our community. As a Welcoming City, it is atrocious that our police are using information gathered to further vilify and scare our immigrant neighbors. Our designation as "welcoming" is hollow and without merit if this practice is allowed to stand. It is time for our City Council, Mayor and police to cut ties with this company and put people first...that would be the CORRECT, vigilant solution!

Nicholas Paul

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 8:16pm 12-07-20

My name is Nicholas Paúl and I am a life-long Chula Vistan and resident of District 3. After learning about the Vigilant Solutions 2017 contract and community surveillance system, I became concerned about the purchasing policy that the city has with the Chula Vista Police Department. According to a recent Union Tribune article, "Because the entire [Vigilant Solutions] system cost less than \$100,000, a section in the city's municipal code allows the police department to get approval from the city manager or finance director. Therefore, the police department had no obligation to tell the City Council." For a city department that is so intimately connected with community members, it is critical that community members receive notice about programs and purchases that CVPD make now and in the future—regardless of the dollar value amount. Transparency is critical. Therefore, I call on the city council to not only end our current contract with Vigilant Solutions and stop the practice of sharing community members information with CBP/DHS and ICE, but also work on amending the municipal code to require that all CVPD purchases (regardless of dollar amount) get City Council/ community approval. The practice of sharing community members information with CBP/DHS and ICE is contrary to our communities values and undercuts our designation as the "first certified welcoming city" in the country.

Alicia Riley

Location: 91911, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 8:13pm 12-07-20

I was horrified to learn today the CVPD has been sharing OUR license plate data with DHS/ICE/CBP. I am an epidemiologist, a Chula Vista resident, and I chair the Data Subcommittee of SD County's COVID Equity Taskforce. Chula Vista is seeing extremely high levels of death due to COVID-19, particularly among Latino immigrant residents. The practice of CVPD surveilling residents and sharing information with ICE is precisely the behavior that deters people from seeking healthcare when they need it. This is a BETRAYAL of our community and a violation of our stance as a Welcoming City. Ending this problematic practice and repairing trust with local immigrants must be the top priority. Chula Vistan lives depend on it. What a stain on our city...each day that this goes unaddressed will further discourage residents from trusting the city and could lead more people with COVID-19 to avoid testing, delay getting the medical attention they need. A horrifying situation indeed.

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As a "Welcoming City," the City of Chula Vista should NOT be sharing data with DHS/ICE/CBP. This practice is contrary to our values and undercuts the designation as the "first certified welcoming city" in the country and the New American Economy coalition ranking Chula Vista as the second-best city in the country for immigrants behind Chicago.

We demand the elimination of the license plate reader technology in our city. The use and sharing of this data with ICE and CBP is a risk to our civil liberties and allows law enforcement to misuse information about people caught up in this overly broad and privatized surveillance program.

Agenda Item: eComments for 9. 20-0475 CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A 141-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT OFF MOSS STREET, BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD AND BROADWAY

A. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM IS18-0004 AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHULA VISTA GENERAL PLAN INCLUDING ASSOCIATED TEXT, MAPS AND TABLES TO REFLECT A LAND USE CHANGE FROM LIMITED INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL HIGH FOR APPROXIMATELY 6.9 ACRES AT 676 MOSS STREET

B. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A REZONE FOR A 6.94-ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 676 MOSS STREET (FIRST READING)

C. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP PCS18-0006 TO CONSOLIDATE A 7.29-ACRE SITE FROM THREE (3) PARCELS INTO ONE 6.94-ACRE SITE FOR (141) MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, FOR INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP AT 676 MOSS STREET

D. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT DR18-0028 TO CONSTRUCT 18 THREE-STORY BUILDINGS TOTALING 104,416 SQUARE FEET, CONSISTING OF 141 TOWNHOMES ON A 6.94 ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 676 MOSS STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY AND EAST OF INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD

E. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A VARIANCE, ZAV18-0001 TO DEVIATE THE FRONT SETBACK FROM 15 TO 10 FEET TO ALLOW AN EXISTING DOUBLE-BARRELED CULVERT TO REMAIN IN ITS CURRENT LOCATION ON A 6.94-ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 676 MOSS STREET

Overall Sentiment

