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To: [Susan Lamont](#)
Cc: [Jim Duffy](#); [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#); [Cregan, John](#); [santarosakim@yahoo.com](#); [Stephen Zollman](#); [Donna Reynolds](#); [Zahyra Garcia](#); [Kimi Barbosa](#); [ksanchez@northbayop.org](#); [lblanco@northbayop.org](#); [cc: Alan W](#); [Allegra Wilson](#); [Lee Vandever](#); [Kelsey Vero](#); [fact@rigelisawesome.com](#); [Robert Edmonds](#); [Ellen Obstler](#); [Kimberly Mowbray](#); [Nathan Ross](#); [nathan.ross@stu.husd.com](#); [susan@bernalbeach.com](#); [Baylee](#); [ediliamendez09@icloud.com](#); [Lindsey Kerr](#); [Nancy Pemberton](#); [Barbara Beseda Grassechi](#); [kirstyne.lange](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Agenda Item 5.2 of Santa Rosa Public Safety Subcommittee meeting on October 19, 2022
Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022 9:37:35 PM

Thank you so much for an excellent letter Jim.

I am concerned about surveillance issues and the possibility of abuse of use outside of criminal activity.

While I am always in support of safer communities, these technologies have been used to target vulnerable populations, pointed out in Jim's letter.

I am strongly in support of an STO, as well as the updates to the ALPR which may also protect us from unnecessary lawsuits.

I urge the City Council to accept the ACLU's generous offer to support this process so we can put best practices into action for our community.

Thank you for taking this issue seriously.

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On Fri, Oct 14, 2022 at 8:47 PM Susan Lamont <peacenik@sonic.net> wrote:

Thank you, Jim. Excellent. The privatization of government services (local, state and national) is one of the biggest threats to our civil liberties and our pocketbooks. - Peace & solidarity, Susan Lamont

On 2022-10-14 20:25, Jim Duffy wrote:

Please see the attached letter from the Sonoma County Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California.

Thank you!

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Jim Duffy

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From: [Adrienne](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment: Cregan, John](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 5.2 of Santa Rosa Public Safety Subcommittee meeting on October 19, 2022
Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022 10:19:15 PM

Dear Committee Members,

As someone who works closely with homeless people, I am very interested in how both housed and unhoused people are surveilled in Santa Rosa. Recently I read the ACLU's very excellent, well-researched letter about this issue.

I believe their concerns are well founded.

In terms of Automatic License Plate Readers, I hope you will recommend that Santa Rosa:

- (1) limit the number and types of non-City partners who are authorized to access the ALPR data, with special attention to agencies like ICE or their intermediaries;
- (2) ensure that all provisions of SB 34 (2015), "Automated license plate recognition systems: use of data," are faithfully implemented; and,
- (3) the City should use appropriate legal instruments to ensure that the vendors of ALPR hardware, software systems, and storage are held to the same or greater standards with respect to data access, data usage, data sharing, and privacy concerns.

In terms of an STO I hope that you will recommend a mandate that city departments ask the city council for permission prior to the funding, acquisition, or use of all surveillance technologies or services by any city department in Santa Rosa. I support the other recommendations of Parag. 3 of the ACLU Letter.

Thank you for your attention and work on these issues.

Adrienne

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From: [Kym Trippsmith](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#); [Cregan, John](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ACLU 10-14-22 Letter
Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022 2:25:17 PM

Hi,

I live in Sebastopol and work in Santa Rosa. I support the ACLU's raising of "concerns over the City condoning the further use of surveillance technologies by the Santa Rosa Police Department prior to the establishment of a Surveillance Technology Ordinance (STO) for the city of Santa Rosa as well as further protections in SRPD's Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) policies."

I reject the use of "Cellebrite, a third-party service that collects, reviews, and analyzes digital data from cell phones." I do not trust law enforcement as white supremacy advocates have infiltrated all departments.

Please do the will of the people and provide real transparency when it comes to surveillance technologies used by the police industrial complex.

Sincerely,

Kym Trippsmith
Sebastopol, CA 95472

From: [Julian Blair](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oversight of public surveillance
Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022 3:21:37 PM
Importance: High

Hello Santa Rosa Public Safety Subcommittee

I live just outside of Santa Rosa and come to the city quite frequently for the library performances and shopping.

I'm concerned that the surveillance being used in Santa Rosa may be misused to trap non-documented immigrants who are a important part of our county for their labor in many different areas.

Many thanks for your attention,
Dr Julian Blair
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From: [Wendy Millstine](#)
To: [Cregan, John](#); [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Surveillance policy in Santa Rosa
Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022 1:43:27 PM

Dear Santa Rosa Public Safety Subcommittee and Santa Rosa Police Chief John Cregan,
As a resident of Santa Rosa, I am writing to submit my public comment and to affirm my support of the ACLU's letter calling for Santa Rosa to establish a Surveillance Technology Ordinance (STO).

I write to raise concerns over the City condoning the further use of surveillance technologies by the Santa Rosa Police Department prior to the establishment of a STO for the city of Santa Rosa. There also needs to be further protections in SRPD's Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) policies.

We have a right to be free from intrusive, discriminatory, and dangerous government surveillance.

Thank you for your consideration of my public comments.

Sincerely,
Wendy Millstine
Santa Rosa, CA

From: [Susan Lamont](#)
To: [Jim Duffy](#)
Cc: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#); [Cregan, John](#); santarosakim@yahoo.com; [Stephen Zollman](#); [Donna Reynolds](#); [Zahyra Garcia](#); [Kimi Barbosa](#); ksanchez@northbayop.org; lblanco@northbayop.org; cc: [Alan W](#); [Allegra Wilson](#); [Lee Vandever](#); kelsey.vero@fact@rigelisawesome.com; [Robert Edmonds](#); [Ellen Obstler](#); [Kimberly Mowbray](#); [Nathan Ross](#); nathan.ross@stu.husd.com; susan@bernalbeach.com; [Baylee](#); ediliamendez09@icloud.com; [Lindsey Kerr](#); [Nancy Pemberton](#); [Barbara Beseda Grassechi](#); [Alcina Horstman](#); kirstyne.lange
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Agenda Item 5.2 of Santa Rosa Public Safety Subcommittee meeting on October 19, 2022
Date: Friday, October 14, 2022 8:48:33 PM
Attachments: [10192022 SRPSS from ACLU.pdf](#)

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Thank you!

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From: [katiemruthroff](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Use of surveillance technology
Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022 1:37:30 PM

I completely support all points in the ACLU's letter calling for Santa Rosa to establish a Surveillance Technology Ordinance.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Marjorie Crump-Shears](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sonoma County Pubic Safety sub-Committee
Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022 4:42:49 PM

Our local ACLU chapter has written and sent a comprehensive "process-to-make-it-work" letter to you all. As a founding member of COAR - Community Organized Against Racism, I/we strongly support the ACLU in its efforts to guide/assist/support your efforts to keep our public safety employees and their practices legal, non-racist, and in the best interests of our diverse community

Sincerely

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From: [Laurie Dawson](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STO
Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022 2:38:51 PM

Hello:

I am in support of the letter being sent to the Public Safety Committee and Police Chief John Cregan written by Jim Duffy. I am also concerned about the Cellbrite program and would like to see the expanded surveillance programs put into effect, I am also concerned that any new technologies and their information be only available to trained and authorized city employees.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter,
Laurie Dawson

From: [anita lafollette](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Surveillance Program
Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022 5:08:49 PM

I am very concernd about the breach in civil liberties which this surveillance program intrudes in. Please get the request of the city council. Anita LaFollette Santa Rosa resident.

From: [Megan F Gordon](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Surveillance Technology Ordinance
Date: Sunday, October 16, 2022 10:16:16 PM

Dear Chair Fleming, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Schwendhelm , and Chief Cregan,

Please support the intentions and direction of the Northern Ca. ACLU's letter outlining the need for a Surveillance Technology Ordinance.

Let's keep Santa Rosa a place that protects the rights of people to exercise their first amendment rights, keeps undocumented people safe from ICE, and ensures that surveillance technology is used by employees of the city who have been trained well.

Thank you! Keep up the good work!

Megan Gordon

Megan F. Gordon
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October 14, 2022

Councilmember Victoria Fleming, Chair
Councilmember Natalie Rogers, Committee Member
Councilmember Tom Schwedhelm, Committee Member
Police Chief John Cregan

RE: Agenda Item 5.2 of Santa Rosa Public Safety Subcommittee meeting on October 19, 2022

Dear Chair Fleming, Members of the Public Safety Subcommittee and Chief Cregan:

The Sonoma County Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California is dedicated to protecting civil rights and civil liberties, including the right to be free from intrusive, discriminatory, and dangerous government surveillance. We write to raise concerns over the City condoning the further use of surveillance technologies by the Santa Rosa Police Department prior to the establishment of a Surveillance Technology Ordinance (STO) for the city of Santa Rosa. There also needs to be further protections in SRPD's Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) policies.

While we commend Chief Cregan for bringing this proposed expansion of SRPD's surveillance programs to the Public Safety Subcommittee, we must note that based on previous Public Records Requests, not all surveillance programs that have been used in the past three years by SRPD have been as transparent nor governed by written policy. It appears that SRPD uses Cellebrite, a third-party service that collects, reviews, and analyzes digital data from cell phones. The use of third-party vendors is a fast growing and largely unseen and unregulated area of public surveillance by law enforcement agencies.

An STO would mandate that city departments ask the city council for permission prior to the funding, acquisition, or use of all surveillance technologies or services by any city department in Santa Rosa. It would mandate that all surveillance technologies or services in use in the city be governed by a policy that was approved by the city council. STOs mandate that access to the technologies and services be limited to trained and authorized city employees and that such access be tracked and reported to the city council on an annual basis as part of an Annual Surveillance Report that should also include Surveillance Impact Reports. The STO would address rules for data collection, protection, retention, access and sharing. The STO would also include provisions for an audit of surveillance technologies and services, as well as a complaint process.

We would note that many, but not all, of the requirements of an effective STO are encompassed in the current ALPR policy. An STO codifies for the city a best practices process for governing all surveillance technologies or services in the city to help minimize threats to civil rights and liberties. Having a well written and functioning STO puts the city in the proper position where the community has control over police surveillance and minimizes the chance that surveillance programs (eg., Cellebrite) are in operation in the city with no knowledge of the community or its leaders (you).

We are concerned that ALPR systems expose our undocumented immigrant community members to harm by sharing the data with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Local law enforcement agencies frequently share ALPR location information with federal immigration agencies and expose the lives and futures of immigrants to needless harm. Public records show that Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) exploit ALPR-collected location information to target, locate, detain, and deport immigrants as they drive to work, run errands, or drop their children off at school. At least one California law enforcement agency has been sued for sharing the locations of drivers with out-of-state and federal agencies, a practice which is illegal under California law. Any community considering an ALPR system must take seriously the possibility that the sensitive location of drivers will end up in the hands of a rogue government agency such as ICE.

ALPRs have also been used by some agencies to track people exercising their First Amendment rights. The city council needs to ensure that the policies for any ALPR usage in the city protects our undocumented community members and protects everyone's First Amendment rights.

Therefore, in addition to the much needed STO, we strongly urge the City Council to mitigate the impact on civil liberties and privacy by fixing the data use section of SRPD's ALPR policy to: (1) limit the number and types of non-City partners who are authorized to access the ALPR data, with special attention to agencies like ICE or their intermediaries; (2) ensure that all provisions of SB 34 (2015), "Automated license plate recognition systems: use of data," are faithfully implemented; and, (3) the City should use appropriate legal instruments to ensure that the vendors of ALPR hardware, software systems, and storage are held to the same or greater standards with respect to data access, data usage, data sharing, and privacy concerns.

Law enforcement use of surveillance technologies and services pose significant risks and deserve the time and attention of thorough consideration and community involvement. We encourage the City Council to pursue adoption of a Surveillance Technology Ordinance to codify best practices for meaningful community engagement and to ensure transparency, accountability, and oversight for all proposals to acquire or use surveillance technology. We would be happy to work with you on crafting an effective Surveillance Technology Ordinance for Santa Rosa.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Jim Duffy
Volunteer Chapter Leader
Sonoma County Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California

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North Bay Organizing Project, Police Accountability Task Force
Committee for Law Enforcement Accountability Now (CLEAN)

From: [Susan Lamont](#)
To: [Public Safety Subcommittee Comment](#); [Cregan, John](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ACLU letter re:a Surveillance Technology Ordinance
Date: Monday, October 17, 2022 2:49:20 PM

Councilmember Victoria Fleming, Chair
Councilmember Natalie Rogers, Committee Member
Councilmember Tom Schwedhelm, Committee Member
Police Chief John Cregan

RE: Agenda Item 5.2 of Santa Rosa Public Safety Subcommittee meeting on
October 19, 2022

Dear Chair Fleming, Members of the Public Safety Subcommittee and Chief
Cregan:

I am writing in support of the letter you have received from the Sonoma County
Chapter of ACLU of Northern California.

I am concerned about the intersection of surveillance with civil rights and civil
liberties. I am also concerned about the intersection of privatization with civil
rights and civil liberties.

Santa Rosa residents need a policy - a policy on which they can comment and
make recommendations - a policy which protects their privacy.

Please listen to Jim Duffy, representing the ACLU, when he writes, "Law
enforcement use of surveillance technologies and services pose significant risks
and deserve the time and attention of thorough consideration and community
involvement."

Thank you for your consideration. This is vitally important.

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