



Written Public Comment

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Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission.

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Legal Mail inside LASD facilities	I more or less want to hear from Sheriff Luna about the ongoing illegal opening and photocopying of inmates LEGAL Mail. I understand the fear of contraband coming through the legal mail route, however in no way does that entitle his employees to violate federal laws and interfere potentially with an inmates legal proceedings. How can the COC monitor this practice, has he addressed it with his employees and how does LASD plan to stop this illegal practice.	jess bauer
License plate tracking	<p>ALPRs and related technology are not only insecure but a complete affront to the constitution. This technology is tracking the sheriff's wife as she goes about her day. This information will be made public at some point, it's best to stop collecting data at this level immediately.</p> <p>This is a classic example of asymmetric power, the people are now entitled to track the license plates of those making the decisions to track us to ensure the decisions are being made for the right reasons. It's confusing what this data is being used for, if not to violate our rights. Also the cross agency data sharing is very concerning. There is nothing about the ALPR program that instills confidence in LASD's ability to keep us safe. Do better.</p>	
Surveillance	I do not believe need this much surveillance from an private company, it is not owned by the city and we the people do not get to regulate how or where it is being used. We already have increase in police and yet we need Ai and cameras to do more surveillance, without any notifications or signage. This is not right.	Karla G
Traffic Light Surveillance	Please use to deport illegals!!! Ice ice baby!!	Eric Brewer
Tracking and survalince	Stop me in public for "help in" I will take pay to work and be homeless on a medical publication volunteer act to peer prestiges vocation press for to the democracy algae to grant if people aid	Michael Anthony Pena Johanson

Thank you for holding this forum.

I came before the commission last year to raise concerns about the LASD use of ALPRs.

I ask that this commission help ensure LASD compliance with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors motion further regulating the use of ALPR. Those are the most minimal, basic asks, and not unreasonable at all. To date, the LASD has been unwilling to do so, and therefore, I advocate that this body as well as the LA CO BOS stop using these warrantless mass surveillance tools.

LASD has repeatedly refused to provide transparency and audits on their use of ALPR - the public has the right to know, and the law enforcers are not above the law.

There's been countless instances of law enforcement misusing these systems, using them to skirt around the 4th amendment, and erode due process.

These systems are verified to be used in persecuting and prosecuting people due to immigration status, reproductive healthcare, and "dissenters".

It's shameful that LASD took advantage of people's loss and vulnerability after the Eaton Fire to install a bunch of cameras around Altadena - in vacant lots. The council asked for more patrols to deter vandalism and burglaries - not surveillance. I personally drove up and down streets looking for suspicious activity in East Altadena and I never once encountered any law enforcement doing the same. Now it's hard to go anywhere in Altadena without being surveilled by these cameras.

We've had enough. If these systems can't be reformed, then they must go.

LA Sheriff's Department
Automated License Plate
Readers (ALPR)

Yadi
Pasadena Resident

Yadi

Defying Federal Law

Stop harboring illegal aliens. If they are here legally they don't have anything to worry about. If they are here illegally, they need to self deport while they still have that option.

Flock cameras make us all vulnerable. Data is accessed unlawfully, through backdoors. We need to disband from their use immediately. Here is support:
<https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/privacy/2026/02/flock-cameras-shared-license-plate-data-without-permission>

Flock Cameras

Claire Phillips

The ability to track criminals is a worthy goal but the use of license plate readers is troubling for several reasons. It allows police to track people without a warrant and keeps a record of behavior potentially indefinitely. While there are laws limiting use of these tools, companies like Flock and Vigilant Solutions often skirt these rules and require law enforcement to sign non-disclosure type agreements so that the public is not aware of how the tools are used (<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2019/03/heres-why-you-cant-trust-what-cops-and-companies-claim-about-automated-license>). This combination of government surveillance and corporate secrecy allows privacy rights to disappear. If we are going to use license plate readers, we need strict rules on the use and effective monitoring.

automated license plate
readers

Brian Foley

Esteemed Commission,

I write out of righteous indignation to urge you to take charge of your rightfully assigned duty as civilian overseers of the public criminal justice trust for the Los Angeles Sheriff's department. Since the Rodney King beatings, our communities have begged for an independent criminal justice oversight commission composed of members from the communities' law enforcement serves and we are tired of being ignored. Earlier this year, me, a private citizen in my home, experienced what many people in the carceral system are currently experiencing. The blatant police corruption and lies that take people's freedom away from them. Officer Luu badge number 4147 claimed I put hands on them as a bad faith actor who misused the emergency system recorded it. They clearly plotted to illegally arrest me until I started recording to. Imagine an unarmed woman's words cut deeper than this emotionally stunted man's gun. Me a woman with inferior strength put fear in men possessing lethal weapons. I think not. To officers Gonzalez badge number 3571 and Maldonado which in Spanish means badly donated moved so I would not catch his badge number. I clearly see you need weapons to compensate for your own lack of personal power. Power that you saw in me and sought to suppress. I have no faith in submitting my complaint to the Office of Inspector General because these thugs will simply investigate themselves, so I turn to public shaming of this department. We demand community oversight and accountability now!

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FTP

I am submitting this public comment regarding a major LASD critical incident that resulted in a three-day standoff, the destruction of my home, and the displacement of my family. I am asking the Civilian Oversight Commission to review the Sheriff's Department's actions, communication failures, and compliance with AB 481 during this operation. Despite the scale of the incident, no agency has provided a report, explanation, or follow-up. My family received no information about why the operation escalated, what equipment was used, why our home was rendered uninhabitable, or why no county department has taken responsibility for the aftermath. This lack of transparency has left us without answers, support, or a path to recovery. I am requesting that the Commission examine:

- Whether LASD complied with AB 481 reporting and authorization requirements
- Whether the use of force and equipment was justified and properly supervised
- Why no post-incident communication, documentation, or assistance was provided
- What policies failed that allowed a family to be displaced without accountability

Families impacted by law-enforcement-caused disasters should not be left without answers. I am asking the Commission to review this incident, require LASD to produce the missing documentation, and ensure that no other family experiences this level of harm and silence.

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We CANNOT have ICE coming to Altadena fire recovery home building sites and taking away random Brown people. Any delay in home and commercial rebuilding will cost owners anguish and money. We will not stand for it!

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Catharine Deely