
[Draft] Re: Constituent Concerns Regarding Flock Safety License Plate Readers in Humboldt County

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Dear Supervisor Madrone,

My name is Ryan, and I am a McKinleyville resident writing on behalf of a growing number of Humboldt County constituents who have serious concerns about the use of Flock Safety automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras in Humboldt County.

These systems continuously scan and log the movements of every vehicle that passes — building a detailed database of residents' daily lives without their knowledge or consent. What concerns us most is not just the surveillance itself, but what happens to that data. Across California, Flock Safety cameras have been found to share license plate data with federal immigration enforcement agencies in violation of state law. The California Attorney General has already taken action against at least one jurisdiction for exactly this kind of unauthorized data sharing.

We believe Humboldt County residents deserve to know:

- Whether the county has a contract with Flock Safety, and under what terms
- What data is being collected, how long it is retained, and who it is shared with
- Whether any data has been shared with federal agencies, including ICE or CBP

I have filed a California Public Records Act request with the county to obtain this information, and I have contacted the ACLU of Northern California for legal guidance. We are also in the early stages of building a broader coalition of community organizations around this issue.

We are asking you to:

1. Support full public disclosure of any Flock Safety contracts and data-sharing agreements
2. Call for a moratorium on ALPR camera use pending that review
3. Meet with concerned constituents to hear our concerns directly

Humboldt County has a strong tradition of protecting civil liberties and immigrant communities. We believe county surveillance infrastructure should reflect those values. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you or your office at your earliest convenience.
Thank you for your service to the Fifth District.

Respectfully,
Ryan
McKinleyville, CA