

DeFlock Huntsville

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TALKING POINTS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Use these points when contacting City Council members, speaking at public meetings, or discussing the campaign with neighbors.

Opening Statement

"I'm a Huntsville resident concerned about the Flock Safety surveillance system that tracks every vehicle in our community. I'm asking the City Council to terminate this program because it violates our privacy without making us safer."

Key Points

- **It's mass surveillance, not targeted policing.** Flock cameras photograph every vehicle that passes—not just suspects. This creates a searchable database of where every resident travels.
- **Our data is shared nationwide.** When Huntsville participates in Flock's network, agencies across the country can search for our vehicles. A Texas deputy used this to track a woman who had an abortion.
- **There's no warrant requirement.** Police can search 30 days of your travel history without any court oversight. The Supreme Court has ruled cell phone location data requires a warrant—why should license plate data be different?
- **The system has been abused.** Investigations show Flock data has been used to track protesters, political opponents, and people seeking legal healthcare. Over 50 agencies used it to surveil First Amendment activity.
- **It's not secure.** Researchers found Flock cameras streaming live video publicly on the internet. Do we trust this company with detailed records of our movements?
- **Other cities are ending their contracts.** Eugene and Springfield, Oregon just terminated their Flock agreements. Huntsville should follow their lead.

The Ask

"I urge you to terminate Huntsville's agreement with Flock Safety and implement a moratorium on new surveillance technology until proper oversight and community input processes are established. Privacy is not a partisan issue—it's a fundamental right that Huntsville should protect."

Answering Common Objections

- **"It helps solve crimes."** There's limited evidence ALPRs significantly reduce crime. Meanwhile, the privacy cost is paid by everyone, not just criminals.
- **"If you have nothing to hide..."** Privacy isn't about hiding wrongdoing. It's about the right to go about your life without the government tracking your every movement.
- **"License plates are public."** Seeing a plate once is different from maintaining a searchable database of everywhere you've been for 30 days.

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5:30 PM