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TO: Honorable Mayor &
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FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
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Dear community and city govt. of San Jose,

In the important concerns, at this time, of recent looting, crime, and community public safety, the mayor and San Jose city govt. needs to learn to trust, how to explain to the community, there is already, much new surveillance and data collection technology, that is currently being put into place, on San Jose streets, with 4g, 5g, and LED streetlight technology.

With car robberies & carjacking issues, of the past few years, San Jose, may simply need to learn how to focus, on ideas like, a SJPd task force. As this can more easily & directly, get to the center, of where organized crime units, are working from, with recent looting issues.

I hope, the upcoming sj city council meeting, on this subject, will want to openly, honestly, and publicly describe, the long term purposes of Vision Zero, community safety, and the needs of speed limit camera technology, for the future of San Jose.

There has been some serious concerns, of how KSI statistics are being used, in San Jose, with the Vision Zero, and community safety programs. These have been concerns, that San Jose, may only be just starting, to clear up.

At this point, the SJPd, has at least, 50+ to 75+ mobile ALPR's, if not more. This would be a lot of mobile ALPR's, a city already has, to work with.

To also note, for years now, San Jose, has been fighting Sacramento, at the state level, about Speed Limit Camera Surveillance Technology, that can monitor speeds, along roads. These surveillance cameras, also have, ALPR technology.

I have always felt, Sacramento, has been concerned, about the civil rights, civil protections, open, accountable, public policies, and bureaucratic practices, of this technology, and its use, in the future of San Jose, and local California communities. I hope San Jose, can learn to show the community, ideas of open, good minded policies. And to respect, these initial good intentions, from the state level.

I will not deny, that community public safety, safer streets, and the Vision Zero program, are important, at this time, for San Jose. I ask, at this time, the future of stationary ALPR camera use, the Vision Zero program, and San Jose community safety, should be, an open & clear process, for everyone of the community, to better understand.

It is also important to note, that more responsible, minimal use, of surveillance technology, and data collection, can often cover, about as much territory, as the over-saturation of surveillance tech, in a local neighborhood.

It is a combination, of many ideas & efforts, that can work towards, a more open & clear process, at this time. And that, can help invite, all parts of the community - even current looters - how to better address & work towards, long term ideas, of peace, better reasoning, and positive community sustainably. These are the ideas of hope, not apathy. I feel, open public policies & accountability, can help much, to offer our more decent persons & regular practices. And can be much needed, in times, of war, social unrest, & natural disaster emergencies. And as, we are currently trying to decide, how to address, the short term problems of looting.

To close, it may be, more positive, sustainable, long term, enduring & hopeful, to not have to punish, and continue to diminish, an entire community's, civil rights, civil protections, and civil liberties, by placing new surveillance technology, in local neighborhoods, at this time, to address the short term gains of looting, from a few.

Placing much new ALPR surveillance technology, and data collection, in local neighborhoods, may start to sweep up, many unsuspecting, and mostly innocent people. Thereby moving beyond, it's initial intentions. And simply adding to, an overall community feeling, of fear, paranoia, apprehension, & apathy, of a technology future, we are slowly being engulfed by.

Please learn, to be, open, clear, responsible, and accountable, about the long term goals and intentions, of stationary ALPR cameras. And please learn, how to be more open & clear, in the long term practices, of Vision Zero & community safety programs, in San Jose. To want to better practice, accountability & open public policies, can help much, in these efforts.

sincerely,
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