

San Diego Privacy Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting – October 16, 2025

A recording of the meeting is available at:

youtube.com/watch?v=GdNXBnryj1s&feature=youtu.be

The meeting was held in the City Administration Building - 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, 12th Floor – Council Chambers

Attendance:

In-Person: Tim Blood, Lee Duran, Yaw Dapaa, Matt Stamper, Magdalena Donea (arrived at 5:45pm).
Quorum reached

Via Zoom: Ted Womack Jr,

Absent: Ike Anyanetu

Motions Made:

- Unanimous acceptance of the minutes of meeting dated Sep 18, 2025.

Matters Discussed and of Note:

- Cesar Mares was a guest speaker. Mr. Mares is a technology ethics consultant and former City of Portland, OR Privacy Analyst. See “Item 4 Informational – Presentation by Cesar Mares” presentation at the PAB website. The PAB formally thanked Mr. Mares for coming to San Diego and presenting his thoughts.
- Tim Blood noted that SDPD is putting together new USE policies and Annual Reports. They will be posted to the PAB website. Need community input on these documents.

Public Comments:

Verbal and written comments noted October 16, 2025 are as follows:

- Blair: Process of oversight of public surveillance has not gone as well as hoped. It appears that the SDPD is not taking the public oversight seriously.
- Wedad: Saddam Hussein controlled society through fear and terror. This can happen in the USA with misuse of technologies. Shut down ALPR.
- Sydney: Need to think proactively about managing this technology
- Blair: Happy with City Council meeting in late June noting need to look closely at the technology; reduce ALPR and still have as much oversight.
- Megan: Shut off the ALPR system. Technology used by ICE. Do not trust Flock. Flock allowed technology to track women’s abortions in Texas, etc. End Flock contract.
- Homaaya: Immigrants are being attacked by ICE. Flock is irresponsible. PAB needs to stop Flock/ALPR contact.
- Lucky: Urge to shut down ALPR. Citizens are living in fear. Immigrants are seeking safety.
- Abdimaalik: Recommend City shut down ALPR. PAB needs to recommend terminating Flock.
- Ahmed: PAB need to recommend City terminate Flock/ALPR.

- Mytili: As a college instructor, I asked students to look at the location of ALPR and understand its use. It is a powerful system that “makes me feel I am being watched”. Students overwhelmingly concerned about the surveillance.
- Seth: There is significant community turnout to demonstrate concern about ALPR. Community is a stakeholder. Flock is in the news everyday as it breaks rules. City Council has not followed up PAB prior recommendations which recommended rejection. Even conditions placed by PAB on conditional acceptances are not being followed up by SDPD. PAB needs to recommend policy not be accepted. Flock is so bad that a US Senator sent a letter to the Flock CEO to express concerns.
- Tanner: Technology subject to misuse. No guarantee that system will not be abused. Constitutional rights are not negotiable. Urge PAB reject ALPR.
- Lori: Recommend City cancel Flock contract. Mass surveillance violates our rights. Concerned to watch people detained by ICE without due process. The surveillance violates state laws. Shut it down.
- Beth: A “surveillance state” can creep up on you. Very concerned about “function creep”. City guardrails of little use. Terminated in other cities such as Oak Park, IL. We need transparency and accountability. Use the Flock funds for more positive use.
- Francis: Noted City Council and Mayor pursuing greater use of technology. Andreesson Horowitz is PE Investor in Flock and looking to profit off the technology.
- Nancy: Fixing the technology is besides the point. As a librarian, privacy is tantamount. Not collecting the data in the first place is the best way to protect the privacy. Recommend shutting down ALPR.
- Patricia: Trust in local law enforcement is breaking down. Organizations who hold data are sharing or misusing the data. Flock did not have proper safeguards and is violation of IL and other state laws. Cities in IL terminated contracts with Flock.
- Paul Alexander: Police said that we do not have right to privacy in public. They say they can track people without warrant. That is not constitutional. Police are paid to speak with PAB but PAB is voluntary. Need public to support PAB efforts.
- Zoe: Support end of ALPR. There are serious privacy problems. People can purchase data without warrants. Privacy is a basic human right.
- Rehya: People are being charged without due process. Recommend termination of ALPR.
- Thora: Reject ALPR in current form. Data is being shared in more ways than we can know. Flock is sharing data and we may not be aware. Terminate Flock.
- Jay: There is a right to privacy in the Public. History in the USA might be different if in the past the country had this surveillance. SDPD has already broken rules. Terminate ALPR.
- Daniel: Recommend shut down ALPR. City Council needs to stand up to Fascism.
- Michael: I do not want to constantly be monitored. SDPD terrorizes my community. Recommend termination of Flock/ALPR.
- Miguel: Recommend termination of ALPR/Flock. Flock is willing to share its technologies. It discriminates against people of color.
- Nancy: Recommend terminating ALPR/Flock. SDPD and Flock are not facing consequences for breaking the law. PAB needs to advocate for the Community.
- Doug: Reject SSL/ALPR contracts. Flock is improperly sharing data and ICE is actively trying to get access to this data.

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- Matthew: Stop using ALPR/Flock. Money is better spent on community services. The Mayor is not trustworthy.

PAB is trying to allow public comment on the PAB portal. [PAB looking into this].

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

/s/ LMD as Recorded for the PAB