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STATEMENT: Councilmember Campillo Calls for the Suspension of the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program Following the Discovery That the City of San Diego's ALPRs Were Used to Track a Domestic Violence Victim During an Internal Affairs Investigation Involving an SDPD Officer

SAN DIEGO — In response to discovering that automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) were used to track a domestic violence victim during an internal affairs investigation involving an SDPD officer, Councilmember Campillo released the following statement calling for the suspension of the ALPR program:

"I have supported ALPRs because they are a proven tool for preventing and solving serious crimes in our San Diego community. But my support has never been unconditional. I made it unequivocally clear that if the trust we place in those responsible for managing this technology and its data is violated, I cannot continue to support the program in its current form.

Learning that the Police Department used ALPRs inappropriately to surveil one of their own and a member of the public calls the entire program into question.

Public trust is not optional, and accountability is not negotiable. A tool intended to protect our community cannot be allowed to become a means of inappropriate surveillance. Until these serious concerns are fully addressed and the safeguards necessary to prevent further misuse are demonstrated, I am withdrawing my support, and I am demanding that the program be immediately suspended and an audit be conducted of its use within our Police Department to understand the extent which it has been misused."

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