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Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item: 13.x of the December 14, 2023 (Regular) Palm Desert City Council meeting (4:PM)
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City of Palm Desert
City Council Chamber/ City Hall
73510 Fred Waring Dr.
Palm Desert, CA.
Attn: Clerk of the Board/City Council/General Public

Re: Written letter to be entered in the Public record and made available for public Inspection for the December 14, 2023 (4:PM) regular Palm Desert City Council meeting - Agenda Item: 13.x (Increases In Public surveillance equipment)

Dear current City Council members,

This letter is in opposition of the continuous use of area-wide Invasive monitoring of people's movements within the City of Palm Desert, California. It's reasonable to consider that the Increased use of surveillance devices (Flock cameras) within the City's boundaries will continue to degrade the Public trust in Palm Desert City officials to effectively manage City Government. Three hundred thirty one thousand dollars (\$331,000) for the first year of service followed by two hundred ninety one thousand five hundred dollars (\$291,500) each year after for (Flock contracted services) is unreasonable and extremely wasteful use of City resources.

The term Public safety appears to have been ambushed and subverted by local governmental agencies in an attempt to intimidate and normalize complete surveillance of everyone and everything within their political boundaries. It's critical that Independent and non-bias groups have the capabilities of "Oversight" over any and all area-wide Governmental bodies use of Public surveillance programs.

Please be reminded that mastive amounts of data has and will continue to be collected through the Flock cameras systems. Automated license plate recognition (ALPA) is only one aspect related to that private sector business marketed ambitions.

It's been repeatedly demonstrated that ALPA's have Increased the likelihood of dangerous high speed police encounters - which has produce damages to the safety of all bystanders and parties Involved. A high percentage of returned property are "over-due" vehicle rentals and or lease defaults.

Recently in a regional area of California, a family was stopped by local police at gun-point after an ALPA alert - that alert was found to be in error.

It's reasonable to consider that local tourists will become "suspects" while passing by any one of the (113) Flock monitoring devices throughout the City. And it's reasonable to consider that their Political/Health/Entrainment movements will be potentially collected and out sourced for unknown and unobtainable purposes. It's been demonstrated that federal government agencies (FBI) have collected "License plate numbers" at School Board meeting

of students parents that provide "Public testimony" during those open Public meetings.

City government agencies are Intended to be the People's representatives - please consider your roles in a free and open Democracy.

Sincerely,

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