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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>

Subject: Comment on Ordinance to Amend Sebastopol Municipal Code Chapter 8.80

Dear city council,

I am writing urging you to not make any changes to Sebastopol Municipal Code Chapter 8.80. Law enforcement should not be allowed to view camera footage from private owners. I believe practices like this contribute to an authoritarian surveillance state that many folks are working very hard to stop from progressing throughout the country. We deserve to have private surveillance of our homes that does not compromise our privacy from state surveillance.

Right now, there are efforts in other cities like Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, and Petaluma demanding that these cities drop their contracts with Flock Surveillance and remove their ALPRs. Local ALPRs provide data about undocumented immigrants to ICE at a time when we are needing our elected officials to do the opposite of this and actively protect our communities. If Sebastopol starts to water down its surveillance protections, it will have impacts throughout the county and may dissuade other cities from taking a firm stance to protect us from government overreach.

Please do not amend Sebastopol Municipal Code 8.80 and help keep Sebastopol a place free from oppressive surveillance.

Thank you,

Michael Titone