

Taylor Whittingslow

From: K Ram [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 5:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Cancel GV's contract with Flock/other surveillance tech companies

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Dear Council members,

I am writing to strongly urge you to cancel your contract with Flock "Safety," which doesn't keep us safe at all. I never agreed to be consistently surveilled while I am in the city of Grass Valley (I live in Nevada City, but regularly drive on routes with Flock cameras, and I shop and go to GV regularly). Not only that, this technology has allowed for many cited and reported abuses, often by law enforcement, as well as the CEO and employees of Flock. The abuses include using the technology to stalk women, spy on children, and harass the general public. Even if this technology was solely being used to read licence plates, which it isn't, there has never been accountability or transparency in receiving consent by the public on the part of GV officials or law enforcement to spy on the populous, nor to allow almost any body or individual outside of our community to spy on our populous.

Not only do I want GV officials to cancel their contract with Flock, but there must be no other contracts or agreements with any other company perpetrating mass surveillance, now or in the future, and all Flock cameras must be dismantled immediately.

Thank you for your time,
Keren Ram

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From: Susan Hopkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 5:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Flock Cameras - please read between 5:00 and 6:00 PM

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On Aug 11, 2026, at 10:13 AM, Susan Hopkins <susandhpeace@gmail.com> wrote:

August 11, 2026

To: Grass Valley City Council Members

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli

Jan Arbuckle

Joe Bonomolo

Tom Ivy

Greetings!

As a resident of Nevada County, I wish to express my deep concern regarding the Flock Cameras in the City of Grass Valley. By such invasive monitoring, the cameras compromise our privacy, cause undue anxiety, and put the public at risk. Please vote to have them removed.

Thank you! Susan Hopkins, 12959 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA

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From: Jamie D [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 5:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: My public comment for the August 11,2026 Grass valley City Council meeting re: Flock cameras

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My public comment for the August 11,2026 Grass valley City Council meeting re: Flock cameras

I do not want Flock cameras in my community, city, state or country. It's a violation of privacy and they are proven to be misused.

Jamie D
Grass Valley, CA

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From: Don Frazer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 5:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Flock

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My name is Don Frazer. I would very much like to see Grass Valley end their contract with Flock and remove all the Cameras. They are unnecessary. They are a huge invasion of privacy. We have existed as a City for decades without them. We do not need them now. They can be accessed by government agencies without permission. I believe that they can track people's phones. Someone may say no they can't, but who knows what kind of software has been or ca. be remotely installed.

We do not need them. Any benefit is out weighed by the risk.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Don Frazer

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rhys Crowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 5:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Flock comment for Agenda or Public Comment

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It is not enough to terminate the contract and keep cameras. The ACLU has come hard at this and understands that cameras, capturing our movements, are violations of our rights. These rights can and will held in court cases. We want a firm decision to respect the residents of Nevada County and give us our rights to privacy. End the lazy tech policing as you will never be able to protect our data from misuse. Unless you hire constant data monitoring professionals, you will never be able to protect the data. This is a battle you don't want to die on. We will win, should it ever be taken to court. Our rights are violated. Make the change before you are paying us for the violations of our laws.

Resa Crowell, Grass Valley
Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

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From: Tracey Stirling [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 4:59 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Against flock cameras

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To whom it may concern. I have been a resident of Grass Valley and Nevada County for almost 20 years and I am completely against the use and installation of flock cameras. In my opinion they are an invasion of privacy and pose many risks and threats to not only personal privacy but to the security of our entire country. As a long time resident I hope you will consider the voices of the many many residents who are against the renewal of the flock cameras contract and to remove them immediately.

Sincerely
Tracey Stirling

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From: Jon Hioki [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 4:53 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comment for August 11, 2026

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My name is Jon Hioki and I am a resident of Grass Valley. I am writing to urge the city council to do whatever is necessary to remove Flock cameras from our city.

No matter how much this technology is touted as a "tool for crime prevention", the information these cameras track and record can easily be used in nefarious ways by whomever obtains the information. They say the data is not sold, but where is the proof? We should just trust this company that the data is protected? Has that ever been the case?

The surveillance state our country has turned into will only harm our neighbors and our community. We need them removed from Grass Valley immediately.

Thank you,
Jon Hioki

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From: Itara O'Connell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 4:34 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comment

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NO FLOCK CAMERAS. The surveillance state is out of control. Itara O'Connell, Grass Valley, CA

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From: WIRELESS CALLER - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 4:34 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voicemail from WIRELESS CALLER at [REDACTED] on Aug 11 2026 4:31 PM
Attachments: 1786491110-00001a87.mp3



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Time: Tuesday, August 11 2026 4:31 PM

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]

Duration: 53 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: Hi, my name is Shane Campbell. I live in Grass Valley. I tried to leave a voicemail earlier and the system hung up on me early. I didn't get more than a minute in. Anyways, I want to just say that FLOC needs to go. The CEO of FLOC at one point about a year ago promised that FLOC had no federal contracts whatsoever, none. Reporting two months later showed that They had a secret pilot program with the DHS. These cameras are sharing information illegally. And the company, most of all, is not trustworthy. They're, yeah, that's it. That's the long and short of it. Thank you.

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From: Chauncey Jo Quam [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 4:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment regarding ALPRs in City of Grass Valley

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Hello Council,

I appreciate you all taking time to hear the concerns of your community regarding ALPRs and their impact on our community. I am writing to include in discussion the negative fiscal impact ALPRs are already causing for our neighboring city of Roseville.

A review of the FLOCK alerts sent to Roseville's police department from 2023-2024 documented that 71% of the alerts were false identifications by the ALPR system (1). Dispatching police resources to incorrect identifications is impudent to taxpayers of Grass Valley and frivolous for the overworked officers being dispatched to false cases. ALPRs drain costly police budgets dispatching police on false alerts. Communities are also arguably less safe when police are removed from patrol to physically pursue falsely identified citizens. It also is a cost to our community as a whole when 71% of the alerts are innocent citizens being wrongly targeted by officers.

I encourage the Council to make the prudent economic decision for our towns fiscal budget and reconsider the use of ALPRs within our city.

Thank you for your time.

Chauncey Quam

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Citations:

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<https://www.businessinsider.com/flock-camera-misread-license-plate-reader-california-roseville-police-2026-7>

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From: sky guy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 4:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: ALPR's

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to the city of grass valley.

my name is Noah and i am 26 years old.

i have lived in grass valley for 20 years and this is the first time i have submitted a public comment. i am writing this message because i feel the subject is so important it requires something to be said. having cameras by the company flock safety in the city i have grown up in and love, does not make me feel safe. in fact it does the opposite. please hear mine and the words of the people who attend the meeting tonight. we do not want these cameras in our city.

thank you.

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Holistic Trauma Recovery Institute [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 2:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting on 8/11/26 Opposition to Flock Safety Surveillance

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

My name is Schuyler Bright I am a resident of the Grass Valley area. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the deployment or expansion of Flock.

While public safety is important, mass surveillance systems like Flock pose serious risks to our civil liberties and privacy without proving to be an effective long-term deterrent to crime. Here are my primary concerns:

Mass Surveillance: These cameras log the movement of everyday citizens who are not suspected of any crime, creating an invasive database of our daily routines.

Data Privacy Risks: Third-party storage of location data opens the door to potential data breaches, hacking, and unauthorized tracking.

Lack of Oversight: Deploying this technology without strict, independent oversight and clear data-deletion policies can lead to misuse and "mission creep" over time.

Our city should invest in community-proven safety programs rather than outsourcing our public spaces to private surveillance corporations. I urge the City Council to reject the use of Flock technology and prioritize solutions that protect both public safety and privacy.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Schuyler Bright, ASW #125584

C-IAYT, CAS, CMT

13498 Red Dog Rd

Deer Creek Park

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From: Shane Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 1:57 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voicemail box glitched

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Shane here, left a message and the voicemail box glitched, said thank you and hung up.

Please delete my voice memo, but do record that I am a grass valley resident who wants these cameras gone.

Thank you

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From: WIRELESS CALLER - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 1:56 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voicemail from WIRELESS CALLER at [REDACTED] on Aug 11 2026 1:54 PM
Attachments: 1786481691-0000183c.mp3



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Time: Tuesday, August 11 2026 1:54 PM

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]

Duration: 29 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: My name is Shane Campbell. I live in Grass Valley. I am calling because flock cameras are a hazard to our community and need to be removed. It's really as simple as that. There are numerous cities

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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 1:50 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting on 8/11/26 Opposition to Flock Safety Surveillance

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

My name is Kris Lawrence, and I am a resident of Grass Valley. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the deployment or expansion of Flock.

While public safety is a priority, mass surveillance systems like Flock pose serious risks to our civil liberties and privacy without proving to be an effective long-term deterrent to crime. Here are my primary concerns:

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Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,
Kris Lawrence
15971 Mount Olive Road
Grass Valley Ca 95949

Kris Lawrence, LPT
Licensed Psychiatric Technician
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From: CHRIS Houston [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 12:46 PM
To: Public Comments

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Christine Houston

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From: Elise Strickler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 11:09 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: ALPR Public Comment

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Hello Council Members,

I am writing respectfully to express my concern regarding surveillance cameras in our community, specifically Flock's automated license plate readers (ALPRs).

You have heard many valid concerns around privacy and utilization, and I want to echo all of those concerns.

We as a society have allowed and accepted hundreds of micro-decisions that result in the incremental loss of privacy, often for the sake of convenience. The request to remove these surveillance cameras may seem counterintuitive, since our modern infrastructure often makes opting out of digital tracking nearly impossible. But when we have the choice not to track our community members, we should take it. The presentation stated that Flock doesn't track people, but the examples given in presentations prove otherwise. Just because it says it doesn't use facial recognition, that isn't the only way to track people.

When we have the choice to prioritize privacy rather than steer our community further into a surveillance state, we should make that choice.

I've heard the argument, "I'm not doing anything wrong, so why should I worry?" But what happens when the definition of "wrong" changes — at the local, state, or federal level?

There are many nuances to this conversation, and I'm happy to discuss it further.

My request, as a local resident, is that you cancel this contract and do not enter into a new one with a different vendor.

Thank you,
Elise Strickler

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From: Susan Hopkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 10:13 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Flock Cameras - please vote to remove

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August 11, 2026

To: Grass Valley City Council Members

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli

Jan Arbuckle

Joe Bonomolo

Tom Ivy

Greetings!

I wish to express my deep concern regarding the Flock Cameras in the City of Grass Valley. By such invasive monitoring, the cameras compromise our privacy, cause undue anxiety, and put the public at risk. Please vote to have them removed.

Thank you! Susan Hopkins

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From: MAYA BORHANI - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 10:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voicemail from MAYA BORHANI at [REDACTED] on Aug 11 2026 10:01 AM
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Time: Tuesday, August 11 2026 10:01 AM

From: MAYA BORHANI [REDACTED]

Duration: 2 minutes 22 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript:

Hi. Good morning. It's 10 a.m. on August 11th, Tuesday. I would like to submit a comment for tonight's meeting, which is a strong no, please reject. Do not sign a contract, or if you've signed it, please rescind that contract to have ALPR cameras installed in the city of Grass Valley. No, no, no. Many of us are really against this. We don't believe the technology has been fully vetted and it's not going to just be used for license plate reading and it makes many citizens feel like a surveillance state. And we are a small town based on trust and good Samaritan values and working together. This is the opposite. It's not like we're a huge urban center with that kind of, that much crime. This feels 100% like a setup to be working with ICE directly, to be deporting people who perhaps have every legal right to be here, but then get snuck, stunk into ICE's nefarious system. Also, it just, yeah, it's really offensive. I was really

disturbed when I read that this was happening in our town. My name is Maya, M-A-Y-A, Borjani, B-O-R-H-A-N-I. I actually live within Nevada City limits out on the San Juan Ridge, but I do business in Grass Valley all the time. I'm currently looking to buy a home for the first time in my life at 67 years of age. I've lived on the ridge or in Nevada City most of my adult life, and I am mostly looking in Grass Valley, and this offends me so deeply. As a long-time resident of the county and someone who's looking to be a resident of the City of Grass Valley, no, no, no to the so-called FLOC ALPR cameras. Do not do this and endanger trust of the citizenship in your leadership. My specific address is 15510 Kilham Circle in Nevada City 95959. and my phone number is 360-298-5866. Thank you very much for taking my comment and lodging them in the record. Bye-bye.

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To: Public Comments
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Time: Tuesday, August 11 2026 6:10 AM

From: N PANNOZZO [REDACTED]

Duration: 1 minute 25 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: My name is Nicholas Pinozzo. I live at 14709 Powerline Road, Grass Valley. My comment is the Grass Valley Police Department is either unprofessional, untrained, or has many biases. There was an incident at the Grass Valley Post Office yesterday. The Grass Valley Police Department did nothing about it even though three masked men were trying to start a fight so they could sue people is what the police told bystanders. They did not charge the three masked men. This morning I called the police department and they told me they can't interfere with people's civil rights. So they believe assaulting people in the post office while masked is a civil right that they're allowed to do. I can no longer go to Grass Valley in public because the police will not protect me. No one will protect me, and they will actually let them get away

with crime. 415-680-8110, yes, I moved here to get away from this, and here I am with the police department I'm allowing it, probably encouraging it.

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From: Paul King [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2026 1:02 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Please terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety

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Mayor Hodge and Council Members, I am a resident of Grass Valley writing to ask the Council to terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety. Public records obtained through the California Public Records Act show our Flock cameras have been searched over 7.5 million times by outside agencies, with more than five million of those searches coming from agencies outside California, which directly violates California Civil Code § 1798.90.55(b). The records also show 1,175 searches by federal immigration enforcement (HSI, CBP, and Border Patrol), every one of them after the California Attorney General explicitly prohibited that sharing in October 2023. More than 80 communities have already ended their Flock contracts, including Santa Cruz, the first city in California to do so by a 6-1 council vote. Mountain View, South Pasadena, Cambridge, Denver, Austin, and Eugene have followed. I am asking the Council to make Grass Valley next. The full data is at deflocknc.org.

Thank you,

Paul Koenig 10106 Schroeder Way, Grass Valley, CA 95949

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From: Phil Di Leo [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 1, 2026 9:55 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Please terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety

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Thank you,
Phil Di Leo

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From: declan maloney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 6:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Please terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety

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Mayor Hodge and Council Members,

I am a resident of Grass Valley writing to ask the Council to terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety. I have lived in Nevada county from the age of 4 until present day, 36 years old. 32 years and the vast majority of my life. I love it here. I want to better my community. I work hard every day to be an upstanding citizen. This issue with the Glock cameras is an extremely unsafe and unconstitutional violation of our rights. STAND UP FOR US!

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Thank you,
Declan Maloney