



Town of Atherton  
DEPARTMENT OF  
POLICE



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Chief Angela Averiett  
Los Altos Police Department  
1 N San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

Dear Chief Averiett:

*Angela*

The Atherton Department of Police patterned with Flock to establish our Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) program in 2019. We were the first law enforcement agency in San Mateo County to deploy Flock ALPR cameras and now most agencies in the county have done the same. Our program started with 2 ALPR cameras and quickly grew to a total deployment of 47 cameras based numerous crime fighting successes and the overwhelming support from our residents for the ALPR program.

The placement of ALPR cameras at strategic locations adds a significant investigative option that assist our Department in solving and deterring crime in Atherton's neighborhoods. In my experience with our very successful program, one of the most important benefits is the real deterrence factor it provides. ALPRs provide law enforcement with a pointer system that can help identify vehicles associated with suspects, witnesses, or victims, and develop exculpatory information that assists with focusing investigative resources. The data allows law enforcement to connect serial criminal activities that may have occurred in disconnected law enforcement jurisdictions.

The Flock ALPR camera system is a cost-effective way to truly enhance the safety/security for your residents. The system improves officer safety and is a true force multiplier when it comes to criminal investigations, identification/apprehension of suspects involved in criminal activity, and in the identification of Amber, SILVER, and BLUE alert vehicles. I fully support the leveraging of this type of technology and have been able to advise numerous police chiefs around the country on the true and real benefits of the Flock ALPR system.

Sincerely,

*SDM McCulley*

Steven D McCulley  
Chief of Police