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TO: Jeffrey Jordon, Captain, Special Projects/Legislative Affairs

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SUBJECT: The San Diego Police Department's Response to the Privacy Advisory Board's Questions Dated June 6, 2024, Regarding Smart Streetlight and ALPR Cameras.

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**Summary:**

The San Diego Privacy Advisory Board (PAB) was created by the Transparent and Responsible Use of Surveillance Technology Ordinance ("TRUST Ordinance") adopted on September 9, 2022. The TRUST Ordinance mandates a process of community meetings, Use Policies, Impact Reports and reporting out to the PAB and San Diego City Council before acquiring or using surveillance technology. On May 23, 2024, the San Diego Police Department reported on new proposed locations for Smart Streetlight and ALPR cameras to the PAB. Following the presentation, the PAB provided written questions to the Department on June 6, 2024.

This memorandum will outline each PAB question from June 6, 2024, followed by SDPD's Response.

**1. How many cameras have been installed so far?**

As of June 12, 2024, 412 sites have been installed, and 369 sites are completed and working properly.

**2. Are the Flock Transparency Reports manually updated or automatically from camera signals? Why do the numbers fluctuate so much on the portal?**

FLOCK Safety updates the transparency portal. The numbers fluctuate because they are based on hits and detections collected by SDPD cameras. Every day is different. In addition, cameras are installed weekly, leading to an increase in hits/data.

**3. Have any locations been changed due to community requests? If so, how many?**

Camera relocations to a new location not previously approved require City Council approval. As a result, no locations have been changed due to community requests.

To remain in compliance, the Department has begun the process outlined by the TRUST Ordinance to seek approval for new locations based on community requests, infrastructural issues, natural obstructions and changing crime trends. The Department presented several of the proposed locations to PAB and posted the updates on the City webpage for public review.

**4. Are there any plans to address any of the PAB's recommendations from 2023?**

PAB's recommendations were addressed in a memo from the San Diego Police Department on July 18, 2023, titled *The San Diego Police Department's Response to the June 22, 2023, Privacy Advisory Board's Memorandum re: "San Diego Police Department Proposal to Acquire Smart Streetlights with Automated License Plate Readers."* The memo was provided to the PAB, San Diego City Council, and was posted publicly on the City of San Diego's Technology webpage.

All of PAB's recommendations were presented to the San Diego City Council as required by the Ordinance. After consideration, City Council requested the Department make specific updates to the Use Policy prior to implementing the technology. All updates from the City Council were addressed in the Use Policy for both Smart Streetlights and Automated License Plate Readers.

**5. And just a question for our own planning purposes: when can we anticipate the annual report for SSL/ALPR?**

When smart streetlights were approved in August 2023, the Ordinance required an annual report within one year of approval. Thus, the annual report would have been due by August 2024. However, that section was amended this year to consolidate the timing of all annual reports (section 210.0108(a)). This amendment changed the time to February 1 of each year for the preceding calendar year.

That amendment became effective on March 15, 2024. Thus, the 2024 amendment changed the original timing for the Smart Streetlights

annual report. As a result, the annual report will be submitted by February 1, 2025, in accordance with SDMC 210.0108(a), as amended effective March 15, 2024.

**Conclusion:**

The San Diego Police Department has carefully considered and responded to all questions about the Smart Streetlight and ALPR cameras put forth by the Privacy Advisory Board.

Please contact Captain Jeff Jordon and A/Lieutenant Bisesto if additional questions arise.