

# Flock @ Sunnyvale Democratic Club

Saturday, April 18, 2026

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Sunnyvale, California



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- Started in 2019
- ~80,000 cameras
- 49 states
- ~6,000 communities
- ~~\$7.5~~ 8.4 Billion valuation  
(Series H I?)
- ~\$3,000 per camera per year  
(and rising)



# Regulatory framework (or lack thereof)

- **SB 34** - Automated license plate recognition systems: use of data
  - Usage policies, audit logs, access, etc.
  - Limits sharing out of state
- **SB 54** - Values Act
  - Limits cooperation with immigration
- **SB 274** (vetoed)
  - 30-day retention
  - Mandatory training
  - Guardrails
  - State oversight
- **SB 1013** (pending)
  - Similar to SB 274, stronger

# Playbook

- (Private) -> Grants -> Pilot -> MSA -> Renewal + Expansion
- Standard-ish ALPR Policies
  - (differ by public agency)
- Transparency portals
  - e.g. <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/sunnyvale-ca-pd>
  - Blockedby VPN

# ICE, CBP, Federal Agencies have access

- In the headlines...
  - [\*ICE, Secret Service, Navy All Had Access to Flock's Nationwide Network of Cameras\*](#)
  - [\*CBP Had Access to More than 80,000 Flock AI Cameras Nationwide\*](#)
  - [\*Reported: ICE using automated license-plate-reader cameras for immigration enforcement via state/local police\*](#)
  - [\*California police are illegally sharing license plate data with ICE and Border Patrol\*](#)
- Direct, Backdoor, “accidental”
- NCRIC, “Fusion Centers”

# Texas Abortion Case

- In the headlines...
  - [\*A Texas Cop Searched License Plate Cameras Nationwide for a Woman Who Got an Abortion\*](#)
  - [\*She Got an Abortion. So A Texas Cop Used 83,000 Cameras to Track Her Down\*](#)
  - [\*Police Said They Surveilled Woman Who Had an Abortion for Her 'Safety.' Court Records Show They Considered Charging Her With a Crime\*](#)
- Johnson County Sheriff (TX) tracked a woman suspected of abortion across state lines using Flock. Claimed it was a wellness check. Turns out it was a criminal investigation.
- Flock, police lied

# False Positives

- In the headlines...
  - ['Flock Flocked up' How a license plate camera misread unraveled one man's life.](#)
  - [How surveillance tech led police to accuse the wrong person](#)
- ~10% false positive rate (variable)
- \$45,000 settlement in Atherton, CA

# Abuse

- In the headlines...
  - *Former Orange County officer used police database to track mistress, harassed her with thousands of texts and phone calls*
  - *Complaint: Menasha police officer allegedly used Flock cameras to find victim's car*
  - *Georgia police chief, arrested for using Flock cameras for stalking and harassment*

# Local

- Santa Cruz (+ Capitola)
  - [\*Santa Cruz the First in California to Terminate Its Contract With Flock Safety\*](#)
- Mountain View
  - [\*Amid immigration crackdown, Mountain View discovers unauthorized access to license plate data\*](#)
- Santa Clara County
  - [\*Santa Clara County Leaders Cut Out Flock Safety in New Surveillance Policy\*](#)

# San Jose

- Multiple lawsuits
  - [\*Lawsuit Challenges San Jose's Warrantless ALPR Mass Surveillance\*](#)
    - EFF, ACLU on behalf of SIREN, CAIR-CA
  - [\*San José Residents Sue City. Saying Flock Safety Cameras Allow 'Mass Surveillance\*](#)
    - Institute for Justice, same as Norfolk, VA
- Recent policy changes
  - [\*San Jose City Council approves plan to restrict Flock camera data. usage\*](#)
  - Data retention from 365 to 30 days
- 500 cameras, incl. near sensitive locations
- Mahan conflict of interest

# Toolkit

- CPRA audits (network + organization), PO's, memoranda, contracts, correspondence
- Lobbying local electeds
- Organizing



Mass  
Surveillance?  
THAT'S  
RUFF!



PAWS OFF!  
ONLY  
CAT  
Surveillance!



PAWS OFF!  
ONLY  
DOG  
Surveillance!



PETS AGAINST WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE

MY CITY  
CANCELED  
THE FLOCK  
CONTRACT!

PawsOff.org

# Next Steps

- Sign the petition at <https://pawsoff.org>
- **Sunnyvale City Council, Tuesday, April 21 @ 7pm**
  - [Participate on zoom](#)
  - <https://tinyurl.com/no-flock-in-sunnyvale>
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