



April 30, 2021

Via Email

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

SUBJECT: Notice of Opposition to SB 210

Dear Senator Wiener:

The four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, firmly joined together by a common cause, are writing to you to respectfully oppose SB 210, which would require ALPR data collected by a public agency be deleted within 24 hours unless it is on a "hot list."

An ALPR system is both a real-time tool for law enforcement agencies and an archive of historical information. Imposing a 24-hour retention window on ALPR data will significantly hinder law enforcement's ability to conduct a thorough investigation in the event of a crime.

The four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula recently completed installing ALPR cameras at all entry points, in partnership with local law enforcement agencies. Data from those cameras has been instrumental in certain crime investigations. We are committed to enhancing public safety in our cities and limiting storage of non-hot list information to less than 24 hours will severely undercut our ability to investigate certain crimes and poses a threat to public safety.

While the intent to enhance privacy protections is understandable, the 24-hour retention window for ALPR data will threaten public safety by limiting law enforcement's ability to investigate crimes using license plate data. For these reasons, we strongly oppose SB 210.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric Alegria'.

Eric Alegria
Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

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Mayor, City of Palos Verdes Estates

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