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| 1 | 12/3/25 14:22:11 | 12/3/25 15:27:05 | Melanie Viering | No | Regular 33. CAL. NO. 35,133 - BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, HARRIS AND KING | Oppose | <p>I oppose the expansion and normalization of public surveillance technology in New Orleans, especially systems that enable face recognition or rely on networked surveillance. Even when presented as “transparency” or “public safety,” these tools create permanent infrastructure for tracking people in public life. They disproportionately target immigrants, and other minority communities. It also discourages community members from exercising their right to organize and protest.</p> <p>If this dashboard moves forward, it should not be used to legitimize or quietly broaden surveillance. Transparency is not a substitute for limits.</p> <p>I also want to state specific opposition to any city surveillance technology being used — directly or indirectly — by law enforcement for immigration issues. That includes data-sharing, joint operations, or informal access with ICE, Customs and Border Protection, or any other government agency targeting immigrants. Surveillance data should never be used to support the racial profiling, detention or deportation of our community members. The Real-Time Crime Center should not become a gateway whose mission includes separating families and criminalizing people for their status, color, or creed.</p> <p>If you pass this ordinance: add enforceable language that (1) bans use of any city surveillance tech for immigration enforcement, (2) bans sharing of surveillance data with any other government agency targeting immigrants, and (3) requires public disclosure of any requests, agreements, or access—past or future—from those agencies.</p> <p>New Orleans should choose safety rooted in rights and community trust, not mass surveillance. People are scared to get groceries, they're scared to go to work and school during this scary and scared period. Please do the right thing and stand up for your constituents.</p> |
| 3 | 12/3/25 19:28:06 | 12/3/25 19:32:04 | Matthew Wollenweber | No | Regular 33. CAL. NO. 35,133 - BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, HARRIS AND KING | Info only | <p>I am a New Orleans city resident in District A. I am writing today to comment on Cal. No. 35133. I appreciate the council working on this ordinance. For years, NOPD has spied on New Orleans using banned facial recognition technology. A public-facing dashboard is an important step toward accountability.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this draft ordinance, as currently written, has the same problems as our existing ordinance, Section 147-2i. NOPD does not “request” the use of facial recognition technology; officers routinely bypass Sec 147-2 protections by using private, officer-managed devices and accounts outside NOPD's control to get facial recognition matches from external systems such as Project NOLA.</p> <p>Effectively, this ordinance does not provide for any oversight of NOPD's use of facial recognition technology. Effective oversight of NOPD's use of facial recognition technology must explicitly include all uses of facial recognition and surveillance technology by NOPD officers and all external systems such as Project NOLA.</p> <p>Additionally, 35133, as currently written, does not mandate a reporting timeframe. The ordinance should be updated to require officers to report all use of facial recognition technology and surveillance within 24 hours.</p> <p>Because of these concerns, I urge the council to table Cal. No. 35133 today and revise the language to close the loopholes. I have researched facial recognition technology and would be happy to help. I can be reached via email or phone at your convenience.</p> <p>Thank You,</p> |
| 4 | 12/3/25 22:02:47 | 12/3/25 22:18:38 | Madeline Chenevert | No | Regular 33. CAL. NO. 35,133 - BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, HARRIS AND KING | Info only | <p>Everyone in New Orleans deserves to live free of surveillance. ICE and federal involvement in NOLA should be met with noncompliance as in Chicago. We do not support ICE, federal policing, racial profiling, or cruel and nationalist attempts at ethnic cleansing to bring safety to the city. We need to condemn Trump and Landry for attacking the community and make us stronger and create zones prohibiting ICE and DHS entry. We need a council for community oversight on the police, not more cameras on the community. We need to prosecute ICE agents who violate the law and protect the citizens standing up for our rights in protest. Now is not the time to cooperate with state and national forces. We need to make a stand against occupation. and make it loudly and publicly.</p> |
| 6 | 12/4/25 7:37:19 | 12/4/25 7:47:09 | Jasmin Lopez | No | Regular 33. CAL. NO. 35,133 - BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, HARRIS AND KING | Info only | <p>My name is Jasmin Lopez, and I'm a resident of New Orleans. I'm urging the Council to ensure that any surveillance technology or data included in this dashboard cannot be used for immigration enforcement.</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the newly dubbed Operation Catahoula Crunch, and I want to be very clear: ICE and CBP paramilitary units do not belong in New Orleans. The long and well-documented history of violating the rights of law-abiding residents, including U.S. citizens, and their presence only creates fear in our communities. Surveillance technology should never become a pipeline to federal immigration policing.</p> <p>New Orleans is a welcoming city. Our technologies and policies must reflect that by protecting—never endangering—immigrant, Black, Brown, and working-class communities. I urge you to adopt safeguards so that this surveillance dashboard is not weaponized against our neighbors and does not assist ICE or CBP in any way.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and for prioritizing the safety and dignity of all New Orleanians.</p> |

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| 7 | 12/4/25 7:49:36 | 12/4/25 7:50:58 | Alec Vogel | No | Regular 33. CAL. NO. 35,133 - BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, HARRIS AND KING | Info only | <p>I oppose the expansion and normalization of public surveillance technology in New Orleans, especially systems that enable face recognition or rely on networked surveillance. Even when presented as “transparency” or “public safety,” these tools create permanent infrastructure for tracking people in public life. They disproportionately target immigrants, and other minority communities. It also discourages community members from exercising their right to organize and protest.</p> <p>If this dashboard moves forward, it should not be used to legitimize or quietly broaden surveillance. Transparency is not a substitute for limits.</p> <p>I also want to state specific opposition to any city surveillance technology being used — directly or indirectly — by law enforcement for immigration issues. That includes data-sharing, joint operations, or informal access with ICE, Customs and Border Protection, or any other government agency targeting immigrants. Surveillance data should never be used to support the racial profiling, detention or deportation of our community members. The Real-Time Crime Center should not become a gateway to surveillance whose mission includes separating families and criminalizing people for their status, color, or creed.</p> <p>If you pass this ordinance, add enforceable language that (1) bans use of any city surveillance tech for immigration enforcement, (2) bans sharing of surveillance data with Homeland Security, or any other government agency targeting immigrants, and (3) requires public disclosure of any requests, agreements, or access—past or future—to surveillance agencies.</p> <p>New Orleans should choose safety rooted in rights and community trust, not mass surveillance.</p> |
| 2 | 12/3/25 16:38:00 | 12/3/25 17:07:05 | Emily Rhodes | No | Regular 39. CAL. NO. 35,310 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS (BY REQUEST) | Oppose | <p>I am requesting that you OPPOSE this ordinance. Electronic Monitoring is ineffective and harmful to young people. Research shows that electronic monitoring is not an effective intervention for reducing recidivism or addressing the underlying causes of youth involvement in the legal system. In addition, Electronic Monitoring is in opposition to the Justice section of the New Orleans Youth Master Plan’s goals to decrease the number “of young people who enter, and return to, the criminal justice system.” Young people on electronic monitoring can easily be driven into physical custody for minor violations based on conduct that is an expected part of adolescence. Furthermore, electronic monitoring replicates many of the harms of physical incarceration. Please for the love of the future of New Orleans, OPPOSE this ordinance.</p> |
| 5 | 12/4/25 6:49:31 | 12/4/25 6:53:21 | Tiye Davis | No | Regular 39. CAL. NO. 35,310 - BY: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS (BY REQUEST) | Oppose | <p>The Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights is a nonprofit law office that stands with kids in the justice system, no matter what. We represent about 90% of the youth arrested in New Orleans, providing holistic legal defense that supports children both inside and outside the courtroom. We also confront the systemic issues that criminalize mostly poor, Black youth. Our goal is to keep kids out of a harmful system so they can thrive where they belong, at home, in school, and in their communities.</p> <p>The research on electronic monitoring does not support it as an effective intervention for reducing recidivism or addressing the underlying causes of youth involvement in the criminal justice system. Electronic Monitoring is contrary to the Safety & Justice section of the New Orleans Youth Master Plan’s goals to decrease the number of young people who enter, and return to, the criminal justice system.”</p> <p>Young people on electronic monitoring can easily be driven into physical custody for minor violations based on conduct that is an expected part of adolescence. Furthermore, electronic monitoring itself replicates many of the harms of physical incarceration.</p> <p>For these reasons, we urge the City Council to reject this ordinance and decline to spend two million dollars of ARPA funds on a program that does not work, and instead, address the root</p> |