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POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD TRANSMITS LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING CONCERNS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY REPORT

BERKELEY, CA — The Police Accountability Board (PAB) has transmitted a formal letter to the Berkeley City Council outlining concerns regarding the Berkeley Police Department's 2025 Annual Surveillance Technology Report. The item, No. 11 on tonight's City Council Action Calendar (November 10, 2025), includes technologies such as Body-Worn Cameras, Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), Fixed Surveillance Cameras, GPS Trackers, and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

The PAB's correspondence dated November 10, 2025, highlights issues related to timely Board review, data-sharing practices, and transparency regarding potential misuse of statewide ALPR data. Specifically, the letter recommends that Council consider measures to ensure prompt notification of any future data breaches, require identification of agencies that improperly accessed Berkeley's data, and formalize the remedial safeguards outlined by the Police Department in written policy.

Community members are encouraged to review the Board's letter and to participate in tonight's Council meeting. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the School District Board Room located at 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley. Members of the public may attend in person or remotely via Zoom, and public comment will be accepted on this agenda item. Details for participation, including the meeting link and full agenda, are available on the City's website at: <https://berkeleyca.gov/city-council-meetings>.

The full letter is available at:

https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-11-10%20Letter%20re%20Annual%20Surveillance%20Technology%20Report_Final%20%28wAttachments%29.pdf

About the Police Accountability Board (PAB):

The purpose of the Police Accountability Board is to promote public trust through independent, objective, civilian oversight of the Berkeley Police Department, provide community participation in setting and reviewing Police Department policies, practices, and procedures, and provide a means for prompt, impartial and fair investigation of complaints brought by members of the public against sworn employees of the Berkeley Police Department.

About the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA):

The purpose of the Director of Police Accountability is to investigate complaints filed against sworn employees of the Berkeley Police Department, to reach an independent finding as to the facts, and to recommend corrective action where warranted. The Director of Police Accountability may also serve as the Secretary to the Police Accountability Board and assist the Board in carrying out the duties prescribed herein.

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