



**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA PACKET  
SUPPLEMENTAL #1  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
6:30 PM**

**Board Members**

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**MEETING LOCATION**

Office of the Director of Police Accountability  
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Item 10.d. - Review of the 2024 Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Annual Report – Notable Trends & Oversight Considerations



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025  
**To:** Honorable Members of the Police Accountability Board (PAB)  
**From:** Hansel Aguilar, Director of Police Accountability (DPA) *HA*  
Jose Murillo, ODPa Policy Analyst *JM*  
**Subject:** Review of the 2024 Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Annual Report –  
Notable Trends & Oversight Considerations

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The 2024 Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Annual Report provides an overview of department operations, staffing, crime trends, and key initiatives. The report highlights staffing challenges, emergency call trends, crime prevention efforts, and updates on policy reforms.

This memorandum evaluates the report through the lens of civilian oversight priorities, focusing on:

- Notable trends between the 2023 and 2024 reports
- Accountability measures & compliance with Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) policies
- Analysis of stop data & racial disparities
- Use of force reporting & surveillance technology developments

### I. Overview

The evaluation incorporates findings from the 2024 PAB FIP Implementation Report, as well as previous ODPa oversight memos.

### II. Notable Trends Between 2023 and 2024

A comparative review of the 2023 and 2024 BPD Annual Reports reveals several key developments:

TOPIC	SUMMARY OF TREND
<b>Crime Trends</b>	• Robberies increased by 32% from 2023 to 2024, while shootings (-26%) and vehicle thefts (-23%) declined. (BPD, 2025, p. 9)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The BPD attributes “significant results” to “Department initiatives”, but the report does not discuss specific strategies that led to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>firearm recoveries increasing 28% and</li> <li>retail theft operations leading to 79 arrests over six months (BPD, 2025, p. 9)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Future plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>installing fixed surveillance cameras in high-traffic public areas to complement the existing Automated License Plate Reader network in order to create a comprehensive security system to enhance both deterrence and investigative capabilities.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Stop Data &amp; Racial Disparities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Despite recommendations from the PAB to reduce non-safety-related stops, there is no explicit analysis of progress made in this area.</li> <li>The Veil of Darkness (VOD) analysis remains the primary method for assessing bias, though alternative methodologies have been recommended (PAB, 2024, p. 26)</li> </ul>
<b>Use of Force Reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report concludes that these closely aligned rates suggest that the decision to use force is determined by factors other than race. (BPD, 2025, 26)</li> </ul>
<b>Surveillance Expansion &amp; Transparency</b>	ALPR Data has been added to Transparency Portal, but outcomes and effectiveness still remain unclear.

### III. Key Observations & Findings

#### A. Staffing & Resource Allocation

TOPIC	TREND	CITYGATE STAFFING REPORT RECOMMENDATION
<b>Sworn Officers</b>	BPD staffing levels remain critically low, with only 154 sworn officers (authorized: 181) and 21 dispatchers (authorized: 41).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore Patrol staffing by adding 15 officers (four to teams 1, 2, and 3; three to Team 7) (Citygate, 2024, p. 88)</li> <li>Deploy additional Community Service Officers (CSOs) to support patrol operations and reduce the demand on sworn officers. (Citygate, 2024, p. 89)</li> </ul>

<b>Dispatchers</b>	While 911 calls increased by 9%, the report does not analyze whether response times have disproportionately impacted certain communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase Supervisory Public Safety Dispatchers from four to six. (Citygate, 2024, 130)</li> <li>• Consider adding a dedicated call-taker position to alleviate workload. (Citygate, 2024, 129)</li> <li>• Expand floor space and add workstations to accommodate new hires and training needs. (Citygate, 2024, 130)</li> </ul>
<b>Non-sworn officers</b>	Community Service Officer (CSO) expansion is positive, but no measurable performance outcomes are provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deploy five additional CSOs to handle non-emergency calls, process found property, and conduct evidence collection to relieve sworn officers. (Citygate, 2024, p. 89)</li> <li>• Train CSOs to take non-emergency calls, recover stolen vehicles, and assist in crime scene investigations (Citygate, 2024, p. 89)</li> </ul>

Recommendation: Future reports should evaluate how staffing shortages impact response times across neighborhoods and how they are being addressed through the Citygate recommendations.

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## B. Stop Data Analysis & Racial Disparities

- The 2024 PAB Report on Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) Implementation states that racial disparities in pedestrian stops have increased substantially, while racial disparities in vehicle stops have slightly decreased. Specifically, Black pedestrians are now 8.3 times more likely to be stopped than White pedestrians. (PAB, 2024, p.7)
- The BPD's 2024 Annual Report includes stop data but does not explicitly analyze progress in reducing disparities or link changes in policy to observed outcomes.
- The Veil of Darkness test is referenced in BPD's reports as a method for assessing bias, but the PAB has raised concerns that alternative methodologies should be considered.

Recommendation:

1. Expand racial disparity analysis and provide a clear roadmap for reducing disproportionate stops.
2. Clarify implementation of Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) traffic stop reforms.

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## C. Use of Force Transparency

### Racial Breakdown of Use-of-Force Incidents:

- The 2024 BPD Annual Report provides a racial breakdown of use-of-force incidents. Specifically, it analyzes the percentage of arrests involving use of force across different racial groups, noting:
  - 7% for Asian subjects
  - 13% for African American subjects
  - 11% for Hispanic subjects
  - 12% for White subjects
- The report concludes that these closely aligned rates suggest that the decision to use force is determined by factors other than race.

### Recommendation:

The 2024 BPD Annual Report includes a racial breakdown of use-of-force incidents, however, to enhance transparency, future reports could provide more detailed analyses, such as contextual factors surrounding each incident. Provide transparency on Early Intervention System (EIS) tracking and implementation.

## D. Surveillance Expansion & Transparency

- Outcomes/Effectiveness of ALPR Program is not fully articulated. The report notes, *“ALPR technology played a role in 14 arrests, helped recover 10 stolen vehicles, generated 14 investigative leads, and contributed to the issuance of 2 warrants.”* (BPD, 2025, p. 15)
- Potential data points:
  - Total number of vehicles detected since the adoption of ALPRs
  - Intersections where ALPRs are deployed
  - Time series analysis
  - Number of hotlist hits since the adoption of ALPRs
  - Association between ALPR and high yield rates
  - Racial analysis of searches conducted pursuant to ALPR hits
  - Attribution of outcomes to ALPR usage

*“878 stops led to at least one arrest, 1,573 resulted in citations, and 1,795 concluded with warnings. The department conducted searches in 13% of stops, with contraband found in 51% of these searches. Overall, searches resulted in the seizure of 63 weapons, including 12 firearms recoveries. Notably, discretionary searches—those not related to reasons other than an arrest, search warrant, vehicle inventory, or emergency conditions—had an even higher yield rate of 60%.”* (BPD, 2025, p. 22)

- Not reflected in the report--- the BPD has initiated a transition from Edgeworth to Flock Safety cameras but has not provided a full assessment of the new system's capabilities.

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Item 10.c. - Communications to City Council Regarding the March 18, 2025, Action Item 11: “Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition”

# SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS 2

## BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**DATE OF MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

*The agenda packet for this meeting was distributed/posted on March 6, 2025. Communications in this supplement were received after 5pm on March 11, 2025. This communication packet was distributed/posted on March 17, 2025.*

*Each item in this supplement follows the corresponding item on the City Council Agenda for this date.*

### **Action Calendar**

#### **Item #11: Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition**

- 48. Sherry Perez
- 49. Markus Feyh
- 50. Enrique Marisol
- 51. Lisa Teague
- 52. Sheridan Eggers
- 53. Sarah Freedman
- 54. Mark Rhoades
- 55. Beth Roessner
- 56. David Shiver
- 57. Suzan Steinberg
- 58. 38 Similarly worded form letters

Durr, Jasmine

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**From:** sherryperez07@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:36 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Keep Cal students safe by installing more surveillance cameras

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To whom it may concern:

As a parent of a freshman female student at Cal Berkeley, I strongly urge you to install more fixed cameras in student populated areas around the campus including *the intersection of Durant and Telegraph in Southside*, as well as locations downtown.

Cal Berkeley is a world class academic institution where the brightest young minds come to study and these students deserve to be safe and protected from heinous and bold acts of crime when studying, going to and from campus, grabbing lunch or dinner, hanging out with their peers, etc.

A parent's worst fear is their daughter or son being caught in harm's way as a victim of crime when they are merely innocently going about their day as a student at college. We are talking about protecting young adults - 18, 19, 20 + year olds...many whom are living away from home for the first time.

Cal Berkeley is a prestigious school with rigorous coursework that requires hours and hours of studying and focus. Let's let our students focus on their academics instead of being worried if they will be followed home, mugged, or assaulted.

Please, please, please protect our Cal students by installing more surveillance cameras to keep them safer, deter crime, and keep criminals accountable for crime via video camera surveillance. This is especially critical in helping police to thwart crime especially with the city and campus police being short staffed.

This request is specifically in reference to Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting).

Thank you in advance for hearing my comments and considering installing additional fixed security cameras in Berkeley near the campus and downtown in order to keep Cal students safe!

Best regards,  
Sherry Perez  
Parent of a Freshman Cal Berkeley student

Sent from my iPhone

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Markus Feyh <markus.feyh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2025 7:26 AM  
**To:** All Council; All Council; Bartlett, Ben; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Support for Installation of Surveillance Cameras in High Pedestrian Areas  
**Attachments:** 2025-03-18 Item 11 Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera.pdf

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

As a Berkeley resident, I'm writing in support of the proposed transition to solar-powered surveillance cameras from Flock Safety in high pedestrian-traffic areas. Enhancing community safety should remain a top priority, and this thoughtful redistribution addresses critical concerns raised by local residents and businesses.

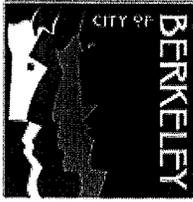
Focusing surveillance on areas identified by crime trends, pedestrian traffic, and community feedback is a responsible step toward creating a safer environment. The selected intersections, such as University/Shattuck, Durant/Telegraph, and Shattuck/Ashby, are crucial zones where improved monitoring could significantly enhance public safety, deter crime, and assist the Police Department in swiftly resolving incidents.

The shift to solar-powered cameras is environmentally sustainable and resolves previous logistical issues with installation, making this transition both fiscally prudent and aligned with Berkeley's climate goals. Additionally, leveraging grant funding to minimize costs further demonstrates responsible governance and careful stewardship of city resources.

I urge you to approve this initiative to strengthen community safety and trust in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to our city's safety and well-being.

Respectfully,  
Markus Feyh



ACTION CALENDAR

March 18, 2025

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager  
**Submitted by:** Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police  
**Subject:** Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to begin the Surveillance Technology Ordinance (STO) process with a proposal to transition the External Fixed Video Surveillance Camera program from Edgeworth Integration, LLC to Flock Safety. This proposal also reallocates camera placements away from corridors already served by the ALPR system and positions them in areas with high pedestrian traffic. The change addresses installation challenges such as PGE power limitations and Caltrans right-of-way delays and strengthens the City's ability to respond to and investigate crime. We recommend that the resolution authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary actions to implement this transition in compliance with applicable ordinances and policies. We also recommend that Council provide authorization as required by the STO to the City Manager to seek available grant funding for surveillance cameras.

The proposed camera placements result from a detailed review of key factors. We identified locations where monitoring would capture individuals entering or exiting areas of heavy pedestrian traffic. Analysis of crime trends and retail theft data revealed zones that would benefit most from surveillance. Local feedback from business districts and community meetings also indicated specific areas of concern. These considerations have led us to propose camera sites adjacent to key intersections:

- Center / MLK
- Milvia / Alston
- Center / Shattuck
- University / Shattuck
- Cedar / Shattuck
- Durant / Telegraph
- 4<sup>th</sup> / Virginia
- University / MLK
- College / Ashby
- 9<sup>th</sup> / Gilman
- Solano / Colusa
- 4<sup>th</sup> / Hearst
- Adeline / Fairview
- Shattuck / Ashby
- 62<sup>rd</sup> / King
- College / Alcatraz

In the case that additional funding becomes available and/or Council wishes to authorize more locations, we propose additional camera sites adjacent to these intersections: Ashby / Domingo, Ashby / San Pablo, Ashby / 6th and University / San Pablo.

This revision responds to two main issues. First, camera placements along Ashby and San Pablo will encounter delays due to Caltrans right-of-way challenges and Edgeworth cameras have electricity requirements that cannot be accommodated within our flat-rate contracts for traffic signals with PGE, and installing a dedicated meter would be prohibitively expensive. These challenges render the installation of Edgeworth cameras unfeasible. Second, the widespread deployment of ALPRs now covers vehicle movements, which makes the previously approved locations redundant. The new approach concentrates on high-foot-traffic areas that promise improved evidence collection during incidents.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Initial camera placements were selected to address vehicle-related crime patterns. The recent deployment of ALPRs now records vehicle ingress and egress citywide. This overlap has rendered some of the originally planned sites unnecessary. In parallel, installation delays on Ashby and San Pablo have emerged from issues with the Caltrans right-of-way. PGE restrictions have also prevented the use of traffic signal poles for powering Edgeworth cameras.

Switching to Flock resolves these issues because its solar-powered cameras can be mounted on any pole along the City's right-of-way, and focusing on pedestrian traffic removes the impetus for placing cameras on Caltrans ROW. In addition, these cameras integrate seamlessly with Flock's ALPR system. They offer superior technical specifications, featuring advanced pan, tilt, and zoom capabilities along with robust real-time activity alerts.

Adopting a new vendor triggers the requirement to submit a fresh acquisition report under the Surveillance Technology Ordinance. Although the underlying technology remains consistent, the ordinance mandates a new submission and waiting period. In addition, the City must work with Edgeworth and Finance to resolve the \$292,000 already expended. Future council items may include authorizing the reallocation of these funds as well as presenting the new acquisition report after review by the Police Accountability Board.

### BACKGROUND

Council actions on October 12, 2021, and January 30, 2024 authorized the installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at designated intersections. The original directive allocated \$600,000 from the FY 2024 baseline Public Works budget (General Fund 011) for cameras at key locations, and the City has already disbursed \$290,000 to Edgeworth Integration, LLC. Recent evaluations have uncovered significant challenges with this approach. Edgeworth's cameras and servers draw more significantly more electricity than permitted under our flat-rate contract with PGE for

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traffic signals- a limitation that prevents installation at all the approved sites. In addition, Caltrans right-of-way issues are delaying installations specifically along Ashby and San Pablo. Furthermore, the City's expanding rollout of ALPR cameras now renders the original locations redundant for vehicle tracking purposes. The ALPR project is progressing well, with 32 of 52 approved Flock ALPRs installed; the remaining sites along Ashby and San Pablo await Caltrans permits. Given these issues, we propose a revised plan that pivots our focus to high-foot-traffic areas while adopting Flock's solar-powered cameras. This vendor switch resolves our electricity challenges and integrates seamlessly with our ALPR system, offering increased investigative value and more effective evidence collection during incidents..

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff considered continuing with the original set of intersections. However, internal reviews suggest that the proposed sites offer more targeted coverage, prompting this request to redistribute the installations. Staff also considered continuing with Edgeworth products; however, technical challenges have rendered this alternative unworkable.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The revised strategy enables Public Works to complete the camera installations promptly. Devices will be located at points that best support investigations and discourage criminal behavior. Of the 15 fixed camera locations originally proposed and approved by Council that remain uninstalled, 1 location is included the proposed plan for surveillance cameras (62<sup>nd</sup> / King), 9 are directly covered by an installed or planned ALPR camera (San Pablo / University; 7<sup>th</sup> / Ashby; San Pablo / Ashby; Sacramento / Ashby; College / Ashby) and the remaining 5 are on thoroughfares covered by nearby ALPRs (7<sup>th</sup> / Dwight, San Pablo / Dwight, Claremont / Ashby, Alcatraz / College, Woolsey / Shattuck).

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Transitioning to solar-powered cameras will reduce the carbon footprint of this project

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The FY 2024 baseline Public Works budget (General Fund 011) provides \$600,000 to support this project. Flock solar-powered cameras are priced at \$5,000 per camera each year. At that rate, the 15 approved cameras will require an annual expenditure of \$75,000. The City has already disbursed \$290,000 to Edgeworth, but Public Works and the Finance Department will work with Edgeworth to reassign these funds to other projects, including camera installations at the animal shelter, transfer station, and corporation yard. An additional \$310,000 remains requisitioned and unspent. This

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amount covers four years of operating costs for the Flock cameras. If the \$290,000 is recovered, it would provide an additional four years of funding.

The Flock surveillance cameras qualify for a consortium purchasing agreement—the same method we used to purchase Flock ALPRs—allowing the City to leverage pre-negotiated pricing and standardized terms.

Additionally, grant funding is available to support the purchase, subject to Council approval per the Surveillance Technology Ordinance. Therefore, we are also requesting permission to seek a grant—including one scheduled to close on March 21, 2025, for up to \$300,000—to cover the purchase costs.

CONTACT PERSON

Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police, (510) 981-5700

ATTACHMENTS

1: Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###N.S.

RESOLUTION APPROVING REDISTRIBUTION OF FIXED CAMERAS AND  
AUTHORIZING VENDOR TRANSITION

WHEREAS, the City's earlier plan for External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras no longer reflects current operational needs because the Automated License Plate Recognition system now covers key corridors; and

WHEREAS, ongoing issues—including delays from Caltrans right-of-way complications and PGE power supply restrictions—have hindered installations at the initially designated sites; and

WHEREAS, a detailed review of crime trends, retail theft data, and community feedback has identified that reallocating surveillance resources to high pedestrian traffic areas will provide greater investigative value and more effective evidence collection during incidents; and

WHEREAS, the updated plan shifts camera installations to select locations, namely:

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WHEREAS, switching from Edgeworth Integration, LLC to Flock Safety permits the use of solar-powered cameras that can be installed on any City right-of-way pole and integrated with the ALPR network without previous constraints; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework for this revised approach aligns with the Public Works budget while addressing funds previously allocated to projects with Edgeworth Integration; and

WHEREAS, the revised strategy adheres to the approved Surveillance Camera Policy and is expected to provide more effective coverage for investigative purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to:

1. Initiate the process to transition the External Fixed Video Surveillance Camera program from Edgeworth Integration, LLC to Flock Safety, including the adoption of solar-powered cameras;

2. Reallocate camera placements from corridors now served by the ALPR system to the high pedestrian traffic intersections identified above;
3. Execute all necessary actions, in compliance with applicable ordinances and policies, to implement the revised camera installation strategy;
4. Submit a new acquisition report as required under the Surveillance Technology Ordinance; and
5. Seek, on behalf of the City, available grant funding to assist with the purchase costs of the new system.

**From:** Enrique Marisol <enriquemarisol20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 15, 2025 12:38 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** BCC Item 11- Protect our Right to Public Privacy

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Hello,

My name is Enrique Marisol. I am a resident of District 4 and the Vice Chair of the Berkeley Human Welfare and Community Action Commission. I am speaking today in my capacity as an individual who has been living in Berkeley for 6 years now. I am contacting you to express my deep concern with the hastily constructed item 11 on this week's City Council Agenda. Already, the Public Works Department has allocated \$600,000 of taxpayer dollars toward surveilling us in the City of Berkeley. Now, the City Manager and Chief of Police, both unelected roles, are asking for an additional \$375,000 for installation of even more cameras to surveil citizens in public spaces.

The Public Works Department is intended to build, maintain, and improve Berkeley's infrastructure, ensuring essential services like roads, water, and waste management function effectively for the public's benefit and safety. On the Berkeley Public Works web page, it lists Divisions: Transportation, Zero Waste, Engineering, Streets & Utilities, Facilities Management, Equipment Maintenance and Administrative & Fiscal Services. **No where is police or private surveillance of the public listed.**

Yet already, \$260,000 of our general fund has been given to a private surveillance company, Edgeworth. This means that video of private citizens in Berkeley doesn't just flow through the city but happens through a company that uses artificial intelligence technologies. AI-assisted surveillance technologies are known to racially discriminate and assume darker skin tones or non-white facial features are criminal without evidence. Even if certain AI programs or data are under certain privacy protections now, we know that hardware and software are now able to be changed remotely by the tech companies, and especially under this current presidential administration, it's more important than ever that people have control of their bodies and mobility of movement.

The documents for Item 11 explicitly state that the purpose of this expansion is that now the Chief of Police and City Manager feel confident they've covered surveilling vehicles with the license plate reader technologies, and now want to move on to more specific surveillance to where there are lots of pedestrians. **It is not a crime to walk on public streets in the City of Berkeley, and the city should not be recording us as private citizens for doing so.**

Now, the City Manager and Chief of Police are already asking for another \$375,000, totaling to over \$1 MILLION DOLLARS allocated on increasing surveillance of the public in just the past year.

There is no evidence that this project has yielded positive results despite the fact that it has already started, **nor has there been any effort to evaluate the effectiveness of this expansion before confidently asking for \$1 million dollars of Berkeley taxpayer money.**

Item 11 uses local beloved Berkeley businesses that have unfortunately been subject to break-ins as scapegoats to increase surveillance on the everyday Berkeley community without any real correlation to how adding more cameras stops crime. If we are looking for places to spend an extra \$300k to help our local Berkeley businesses, we need to address the spiked rent for business owners and cost of living.

This resolution is not being proposed to increase safety, but it looks like it's actually a rush-job ulterior motive to grab more money for this project before a grant deadline passes. Under "Fiscal Impacts of Recommendation," it's written, "Therefore, we are also requesting permission to seek a grant—including one scheduled to close on March 21, 2025, for up to \$300,000—to cover the purchase costs." March 21 is Friday. Requests to expand projects that have already cost the Berkeley taxpayer hundreds of thousands of dollars and not yielded positive results for the community can't be passed just because a grant deadline closes in three days. **This sets a dangerous precedent that prioritizes the interests of individuals in the government over the interests of the community they are supposed to serve.**

If the Berkeley City Council passes this item, it will be prioritizing the personal interests of the City Manager and Chief of Police, just to secure \$300k more on a project that just got \$600k a year ago, instead of taking the proper time to deliberate on the material benefits and costs of a resolution, looking at multiple options to a problem that actually materially support the residents, business owners, and communities of Berkeley.

Additionally, item 11 recommends council give the City Manager, who is not elected by the public, unilateral power over the execution and implementation of these surveillance systems. This is anti-democratic as it excludes the public from these decisions and processes, keeping us in the dark about increased public surveillance in our neighborhoods.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject Item 11 on Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition.

Thank you for your time,

Enrique Marisol,  
*Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Vice Chair*

**From:** Lisa Teague <teague.lisa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 15, 2025 4:37 PM  
**To:** All Council; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Vote no on more surveillance cameras in Berkeley

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If the Berkeley City Council passes this item, you will be prioritizing the personal interests of the City Manager and Chief of Police, just to secure \$300k more on a project that just got \$600k a year ago, instead of taking the proper time to deliberate on the material benefits and costs of a resolution, looking at multiple options to a problem that actually materially support the residents, business owners, and communities of Berkeley.

Additionally, item 11 recommends council give the City Manager, who is not elected by the public, unilateral power over the execution and implementation of these surveillance system

For these reasons, I urge you to reject Item 11 on Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition.

Sincerely,

Lisa Teague

COB Mental Health Commissioner, UCBPD Police Accountability Board member, and Southside resident

Durr, Jasmine

**From:** Sheridan Eggers <sheridan.eggert@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 15, 2025 8:04 PM  
**To:** All Council; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Privacy Protection Concerns with Item 11

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Hello,

My name is Sheridan Eggers and I am a resident of District 3. I am contacting you to express my deep concern with the hastily constructed item 11 on this week's City Council Agenda. Already, the Public Works Department has allocated \$600,000 of taxpayer dollars toward surveilling us in the City of Berkeley. Now, the City Manager and Chief of Police, both unelected roles, are asking for an additional \$375,000 for installation of even more cameras to surveil citizens in public spaces.

The Public Works Department is intended to build, maintain, and improve Berkeley's infrastructure, ensuring essential services like roads, water, and waste management function effectively for the public's benefit and safety. On the Berkeley Public Works web page, it lists Divisions: Transportation, Zero Waste, Engineering, Streets & Utilities, Facilities Management, Equipment Maintenance and Administrative & Fiscal Services. No where is police or private surveillance of the public listed.

Yet already, \$260,000 of our general fund has been given to a private surveillance company, Edgeworth. This means that video of private citizens in Berkeley doesn't just flow through the city but happens through a company that uses artificial intelligence technologies. AI-assisted surveillance technologies are known to racially discriminate by falsely identifying people with dark skin tones. Even if certain AI programs or data are under certain privacy protections now, we know that software can be changed remotely by the tech companies, and especially under this current presidential administration, it's more important than ever that people have control of their bodies and mobility of movement.

The documents for Item 11 explicitly state that the purpose of this expansion is that the Chief of Police and City Manager feel confident they've covered surveilling vehicles with the license plate reader technologies, and now want to move on to more specific surveillance to where there are lots of pedestrians. It is not a crime to walk on public streets in the City of Berkeley, and the city should not be recording us as private citizens for doing so.

Now, the City Manager and Chief of Police are already asking for another \$375,000, totaling to over \$1 MILLION DOLLARS allocated on increasing surveillance of the public in just the past year.

There is no evidence that this project has yielded positive results despite the fact that it has already started, nor has there been any effort to evaluate the effectiveness of this expansion before confidently asking for \$1 million dollars of Berkeley taxpayer money.

Item 11 uses local beloved Berkeley businesses that have unfortunately been subject to break-ins as scapegoats to increase surveillance on the everyday Berkeley community without any real correlation to how adding more cameras stops crime. If we are looking for places to spend an extra \$300k to help our local Berkeley businesses, we need to address the spiked rent for business owners and cost of living.

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Additionally, item 11 recommends council give the City Manager, who is not elected by the public, unilateral power over the execution and implementation of these surveillance systems. This is anti-democratic as it excludes the public from these decisions and processes, keeping us in the dark about increased public surveillance in our neighborhoods.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject Item 11 on Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition.

Sincerely,

Name, identifiers (ex. Berkeley resident, UC Berkeley student, Berkeley Business Owner, etc)

### Public Comment Talking Points

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- As
  - outlined in the documents for Item 11, Council actions from just last year already allocated \$600,000 from the baseline Public Works Budget, with
  - \$290,000 of that already being disbursed to Edgeworth, the private security camera company
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  - In
    - addition, the City is already rapidly expanding the number of Automated License Plate Readers installed, with 52 approved and 32 of those 52 already implemented.
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    - Clearly,
      - the project started last year hasn't been finished or had all of its money used up yet. Why so quick to ask for more money?
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      - The
        - City Manager and Chief of Police are already asking for another \$375,000, totaling to over \$1 MILLION DOLLARS allocated on increasing surveillance in just the past year
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- nor has there been any effort to evaluate the effectiveness of this expansion before confidently asking for \$1 million of Berkeley taxpayer money.

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- Please
- vote against passing Item 11.
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Item 11 uses the vague claim of trying to reduce crime as an excuse to increase surveillance on the everyday Berkeley community, disproportionately affecting our houseless communities and communities of color that love to call Berkeley home.

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- There
- are zero justifications stated in this proposal for why we are adding so many more cameras at these specific spots, and that's because there's no real reason.
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- Today
- it's this list of 16 cross-sections, tomorrow it's more of them. We know this because it's happened already, as Item 11 is an expansion of last year's request to set up surveillance cameras, and within the documents for Item 11,
- it states the Council wants to authorize 6 more locations in addition to these 16 additional ones if they get the money.
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- Meaning
- it's really asking for 22 new camera locations.
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- Don't
- pass Item 11, and protect our most vulnerable communities that are already under daily harassment, surveillance, and policing.
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Item 11 is not seeking to make us more safe, but just increasing surveillance.

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- I
- urge you to vote against Item 11 because this is a violation of our right to privacy.
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- Recording

- crime does not stop it, but creates a dystopian-level database of visuals of the people that live in Berkeley just for existing: getting to work, getting to class, seeing a friend, patronizing a business, going to a City Council meeting, whatever it may be

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○ Item

- 11 does not reduce crime or dangerous incidents, but seeks to increase the amount and types of recordings we have of everyday people in their everyday lives.

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○ This

- information doesn't just flow through the city but happens through private companies.

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○ Both

- companies contracted for this project, Edgeworth
- for cameras and Flock for automated license plate readers, use artificial intelligence technologies.

- Is this the future we want for Berkeley?

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○ Especially

- for today's Item 11 that is specifically seeking to expand cameras, AI-assisted surveillance technologies are known to racially discriminate by falsely identifying people with dark skin tones

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○ Even

- if certain AI programs or data are under certain privacy protections now, we know that hardware and software are now able to be changed remotely by the tech companies, and especially under this administration, it's more important than ever that people have
- control of their bodies and mobility of movement

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- It is not a crime to be outside, and the city should not be recording us for it. Vote no on Item 11.

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- justification for this resolution is very vague, proposing 16 new camera installations without any specific reasons why these locations specifically.

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○ It

- seems like Berkeley is just eager to get as many cameras and license plate readers on our streets as possible in highly populated areas, without any regard for what is actually effective and helpful in protecting people.

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○ The

- documents for Item 11 even explicitly state that the purpose of this expansion is that now the Chief of Police and City Manager feel confident they've covered surveilling vehicles with the license plate reader technologies,
- and
- now want to move on to more specific surveillance to where there are lots of pedestrians.

- Quote,
- "The new approach concentrates on high-foot-traffic areas that promise improved evidence collection during incidents." Unquote.

- This
- is dangerous to endorse increased surveillance in areas just because there are a lot of people around.

- It
- doesn't sound like we're stopping criminal acts, it sounds like Berkeley is increasing its campaign of making being on the street a criminal act.

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- Installing
- a minimum of 16 more camera locations across the streets of Berkeley to try to "reduce crime" is a thinly veiled excuse to increase surveillance.

- For
- example, the most expensive and damaging break-ins that happened in Berkeley have been at the camera stores Looking Glass Photographic Arts in February and Photolab in March. It was devastating.

- But
- these are literally stores full of cameras—it's a false claim that cameras stop crime.

- What's
- a camera gonna do when a store gets broken into? Grow legs and stop a burglary? No!

- What
- actually helped these businesses get their feet back on the ground isn't allocating a million dollars to add more city surveillance blocks away, but this business' strong relationship with the Berkeley community that have provided support and fundraising

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- we are looking for places to spend an extra \$300k to help our local Berkeley businesses, we need to address the spiked rent for business owners and cost of living.
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- the city of Berkeley passes its legislation because of the personal interests of the City Manager and Chief of Police,
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- Item
- 11 wastes hundreds of thousands of dollars with no economic benefit, no social benefit, no health benefit, no benefit to any stakeholders outside of the government. The residents of Berkeley would prefer not to waste money on cameras, we all already carry
- those around every day. Please vote no.
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- these cameras and automated license plate readers are making Berkeley look so ugly! Seriously, the traffic lights look like they have TV screens at this point! Vote no on Item 11.
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**From:** Sarah Freedman <sarfreedman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:35 PM  
**To:** All Council; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Item 11- NO on public surveillance, we have a right to privacy

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Hello,

My name is Sarah Freedman, I'm a resident of District 5. I'm writing to urge you not to pass item 11 on this week's agenda. Surveillance does nothing to improve public safety, it is a waste of resources, and it in fact causes harm to already marginalized populations in our city.

The city has already diverted public works money away from needed infrastructure towards senseless surveillance. Not another dollar should be spent on policing until our streets are free from potholes, our bus stops all have benches, and we have housing for everyone.

I am also concerned about outsourcing Surveillance to private companies that use AI. The harms of AI are extensive and research shows it makes communities less safe while draining energy and using water. AI-assisted surveillance technologies are known to racially discriminate and target Black people inaccurately disproportionately. Even if certain AI programs or data are under certain privacy protections now, we know that software can be changed remotely by the tech companies, and especially under this current presidential administration, it's more important than ever that people have control of their bodies and mobility of movement.

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There is no evidence that this project has yielded positive results despite the fact that it has already started, nor has there been any effort to evaluate the effectiveness of this expansion before confidently asking for \$1 million dollars of Berkeley taxpayer money. It's embarrassing that you would waste more taxpayer dollars without doing your due diligence.

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For these reasons, I urge you to reject Item 11 on Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition.

Sincerely,

Sarah Freedman  
Berkeley resident and concerned citizen

**From:** Mark Rhoades <mark@rhoadesplanninggroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 9:48 AM  
**To:** All Council; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Cc:** jcaner@downtownberkeley.com; Beth Roessner  
**Subject:** We Need the Cameras

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am not going to beat around the bush. We need the cameras to help us fight the crime that has become ubiquitous in Berkeley. We need more of them than are proposed but this is fine for now. At a time when crime against our local businesses, it is irresponsible to not to install them – unless you want to see our beloved small business environment further harmed. It has already taken too long.

Arguments against installing the cameras are weak and idealistic. Ignore them and embrace the data. Pay attention to the council members whose districts are hit the hardest by these crimes and want the cameras. Let's protect our small businesses and shoppers – the backbone of our local economy.

Best,

**Mark Rhoades, AICP**  
**Rhoades Planning Group**

**From:** Beth Roessner <beth@berkeleychamber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 9:49 AM  
**To:** All Council; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Berkeley Chamber supports new BPD security cameras

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Hello Mayor and Council,

I'm writing in strong support of item #11 on the 3/18 Council agenda: Revised External Fixed Surveillance Cameras. Retail theft and vandalism continues to be a concern for our businesses, and we believe that the strategic use of security cameras can play a crucial role in addressing this issue.

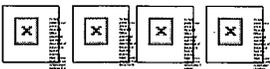
The proposed cameras will provide our law enforcement with the necessary tools to effectively investigate and solve crimes, improving response times and increasing the likelihood of bringing offenders to justice. By incorporating modern technology into our crime prevention strategies, we can empower the BPD to work more efficiently and build safer commercial corridors, ultimately benefiting the entire community.

The installation of fixed security cameras in high-traffic areas will also send a strong message to criminals that retail theft will not be tolerated in Berkeley. Moreover, knowing that our police have access to video footage will serve as an added deterrent, encouraging criminals to think twice before targeting our businesses.

We urge you to adopt this resolution and provide BPD the resources they need to effectively keep our community safe. The security of our businesses, customers, and community members is paramount, and we are confident that this measure will have a positive impact on the overall safety of our commercial districts.

Respectfully,  
 Beth

**Beth Roessner, CEO**  
 Berkeley Chamber  
 1834 University Ave.  
 Berkeley, CA 94703  
 (510) 549-7000  
[www.berkeleychamber.com](http://www.berkeleychamber.com)



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- MAR 18** | Business After Hours @ Mental Health Association of Alameda County
- MAR 20** | Restaurant Week Kickoff Party @ ACCI Gallery
- MAR 26** | Empower Her Hour Networking Event @ Revival Bar + Kitchen
- APR 18** | Berkeley Today & Tomorrow 2025 @ Berkeley City Club

Durr, Jasmine

**From:** David Shiver <dshiver@bae1.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 9:52 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Agenda Item #11 - Approve Surveillance Cameras

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Dear Council:

Please support our retailers by approving:

**11.-Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition**

**Recommendation:** We recommend Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to begin the Surveillance Technology Ordinance (STO) process with a proposal to transition the External Fixed Video Surveillance Camera program from Edgeworth Integration, LLC to Flock Safety.

David L. R. Shiver  
2428 Stuart St  
Berkeley, CA 94705

**From:** Suzan Steinberg <suzan@stonemountainfabric.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 10:41 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Vote to combat retail theft

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Dear City Council,

Please approve a resolution for these items on the agenda to further support all of us Retailers! We need help out here.

**Berkeleyside, 3-13-25**  
**BPD wants new cameras to combat retail theft. Here's where**  
**The Berkeley Police Department has redrawn its map for fixed surveillance**  
**cameras, in part to better combat retail theft.**

**Berkeley City Council Agenda: 3-18-25**  
**11.-Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition**

*Sincerely,*  
*Suzan Steinberg*  
 Owner since 1981  
 Downtown Berkeley Landmark Store  
Stonemountain & Daughter Fabrics  
 2518 Shattuck Ave @Dwight Way  
 Berkeley, CA 94704  
 510-693-6010 (personal number)

Durr, Jasmine

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**From:** TOMAS, Bernard Amon <tomasb@who.int>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 7:30 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org; Kirsten Aebgayle Tomas; Aebjohn Tomas  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Locations and Vendor Transition"

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am a parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safe for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the Safebears board.

Please please make UC Berkeley Safe for students. I sent my daughter to UC Berkeley because I believe it s the best institution of the world upholding the highest level of moral values of humanity. This even if I spend almost 90,000 USD a year for her education there. But the lack of safety there is making me regret my decision. My wife and I worry about her everyday causing us huge stress and anxiety, especially we are thousands of miles away from her.

You have the power to make the place safe our students who just want to experience a great college life in a safe environment.

Thank you.

Bernard Tomas  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Bruce Bauer <bebauer80@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2025 9:55 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11, action calendar, March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I am a UC Berkeley alumnus, retired UCPD police officer and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to the Council by the SafeBears board.

Cameras deter wrongdoers from acting in the first place, help apprehend suspects and aid in their prosecution.

Cameras are especially important in a city like Berkeley where both City and University police are short staffed and lack the numbers to do the frequent proactive patrols that were common when I was on the force. In the case of UCPD, we are talking a 50% decrease in sworn officers and a concurrent increase in felonies since I retired. Students, faculty and community members on and around the campus are at greatly increased risk which could be lessened somewhat by the cameras.

Crime and public disorder make it more difficult than it should be for Cal students to learn and grow and take advantage of all that U.C. Berkeley has to offer. These students should be having the time of their lives, not fearing for their lives. The cameras make their environment a bit more secure.

Respectfully,

Bruce Bauer

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Elizabeth Areiza <e.areiza@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 7:51 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

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Elizabeth Areiza

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Dee <bekindandgoodtoall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:11 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Respectfully,  
Ann D.

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Karen O'Keefe Scallon <kokeefe731@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:26 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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I implore you to pass this resolution.

Karen Scallon

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Paul Rickey <paulrickey@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:32 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Let's use the modern tools for crime prevention as we are a modern university city. Cameras work. Our children and business owners deserve a safe environment to live and learn . With police understaffed, cameras are a cost effective way to put a witness and a deterrent in high traffic places.

Please pass the resolution for fixed cameras. Thank you, paul Rickey A concerned father

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Rita Zobayan <rzrickey@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:33 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Thank you for keeping safety in mind,  
Rita Zobayan  
Please excuse any typos.  
Sent from my iPhone.

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Melissa Kerpel <melissa@visagroup.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:43 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
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**From:** sandra lee <slee003@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:10 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Thank you,  
Sandy Lee  
parent of Jessica Ng class of 2026

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Lisa Tsering <lisa.tsering@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:17 AM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students.

My son was also the victim of a crime near campus.

I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Lisa Tsering  
El Cerrito

Sent from my iPhone

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Janine Jacobson <janinejacobson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:36 AM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

In the three years by daughter has been on campus, she has heard gunshots, been forced to stay indoors due to activity taking place near her dorm, and been harassed by protesters who have 1) blocked access to campus; 2) physically assaulted her friends in her presence; 3) and been a disruption to her classes.

Thank you for you keeping the safety of the students top of mind.

Regards,

Janine Jacobson

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Lisa Mirkovic <lmirkovic7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:49 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** SafeBears Info  
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Sincerely,  
Lisa Mirkovic

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Rindala Duaybis <rindalad@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 10:35 AM  
**To:** All Council  
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Regards,

Rindala Duaybis

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**From:** Sunita Saini <sssfinner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 11:28 AM  
**To:** All Council  
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**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Melissa Garber, Esq. <mgk8833@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 12:11 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

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Thank you,  
Melissa Garber

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**From:** ERICA CELEDON <erica.celedon@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 12:26 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

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Thank you,  
Erica Celedon

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**From:** Elke A <elke.b.adler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 12:33 PM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Berkeley Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley junior and am a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students.

I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Please approve installing additional security cameras in Berkeley, especially the areas around campus.

Sincerely,

Elke Adler  
Boulder, CO

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Taline Kazandjian <talinetk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 2:53 PM  
**To:** All Council; council@berkeleycity.gov  
**Cc:** SafeBears Info  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition", Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, meeting, 2025

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. It is important that our kids thrive and feel safe while walking to and from campus. It also makes sense economically- the safer the neighborhood the more people go out and frequent local shops and restaurants. It's a simple thing and could save a life. I strongly support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Thank you,  
Taline Kazandjian

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Taline T <talinek@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 2:59 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
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I strongly support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Thank you,  
Taline Kazandjian

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lisa Mott <englishprof03@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 3:29 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support fixed surveillance cameras as used in the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

There have been far too many egregious crimes in Berkeley (including, you may recall, one flagrant and horrific incident against an elder resident, right in front of the police station) and it's time to use the available resources for the greater good of the community.

Thank you for your time and please approve the resolution.

Lisa Mott

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Nav <drghuman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 3:47 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Nat Tsui <natnat000@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 4:49 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Nat

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** R. Wood <lienot@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 6:12 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. My daughter has already had one seriously uncomfortable encounter with a man blocking her passage on a sidewalk. Fortunately, another man saw the situation and confronted the man blocking her.

I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board!

Sincerely,  
Rod Wood

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**From:** G S <gunthermstein@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 6:47 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

please put in the cameras.  
gunther

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Grace Yap <graciyap@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 7:21 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Yours sincerely,  
Grace Yap

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** Valarie Phillips <valphilly8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:01 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
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I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Sincerely,  
Valarie Phillips

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**From:** Eric Vejby <ericvejby@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:19 PM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Go Bears!

Eric Vejby  
925-785-4464

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Eva Lai <eva\_yw\_lai@yahoo.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 8:47 PM  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Ajayatsc@gmail <ajayatsc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:00 PM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Thank you.

Aj shah

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Jill Travis <jill\_travis99@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:35 PM  
**To:** All Council; contact@safebears.org  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of two UC Berkeley students and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Jill Travis

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**From:** Charles Goldberg <chvrles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:46 PM  
**To:** All Council; contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of two UC Berkeley students and a supporter of SafeBears' mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to the Council by the SafeBears board.

Thank you for your support of student safety,  
Charles

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** JEAN KUSHI <curiousjh@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 10:39 PM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Please keep our students safer and the beautiful Berkeley community safer for all. It also makes good business sense for the future of Berkeley. Let's be proactive and prevent Berkeley from ending up like Oakland and San Francisco where you fear for your safety in every corner.

Sincerely,

Concerned Parent of UC Berkeley student and SafeBears member

Sent from my iPhone

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Martin Kerpel <martindkerpel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 5:40 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student, an alumni and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

Martin Kerpel

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Karie <kar@regofamily.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:11 AM  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

UC Berkeley is consistently named one of the most unsafe campuses. I stay up late to ensure my daughter gets home when she goes to the library to study. My other daughter just graduated from UCLA and there is no comparison to the constant crime alerts I get from UC Berkeley.

Karie Rego  
917.797.5588

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** carl.martellino@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2025 5:25 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley as safe as possible for students and for all members of the community. I support the resolution for the external fixed surveillance camera locations.

I held an administrative leadership position at the University of Southern California for over a decade before retiring. USC has robust safety features including fixed cameras on the campus as well as an extensive perimeter from the core campus. These cameras are monitored 24/7 with multiple officers as well as advanced AI technical monitoring tools. They are extremely effective in deterring crimes and, should a crime occur, in very quick apprehension of the perpetrator(s). There are also license plate scanning technologies to identify stolen vehicles or those near the campus identified with nefarious intent. USC works in close contact with the Los Angeles Police Department and local city officials to provide extraordinary and robust security for their students. It is imperative that UC Berkeley, as a flagship school, in an urban core, offer a level of security that is commensurate with the security risks which it faces.

The security cameras, properly monitored and managed, absolutely work. I support the reasons and rationale put forth in the comments submitted to the City Council by the SafeBears board. This is the right thing to do.

Thank you,

Carl

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Carl Martellino

## Durr, Jasmine

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**From:** Seema Burke <seema@seemaburkelaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 10:39 AM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of a UC Berkeley student and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

My student has been at Berkeley since Fall 2022. During that time, there have been at least six shootings very close or on campus, one of which my student witnessed (during which there was one fatality) and her roommate witnessed another. There are hundreds of other incidents that have happened, from a strong armed theft of a phone from a professor waiting at a bus stop, to a person chasing people with a lead pipe when walking home from a work shift, to car smashes and grabs to theft from people and stores in the area, to assaults. If adding these cameras would have ANY impact on deterring these crimes and/or finding and making those who perpetrate these crimes accountable, they **MUST** be installed. In particular, I and SafeBears, ***strongly support the installation of fixed cameras in student-centric neighborhoods, such as the intersection of Durant and Telegraph in Southside***, as well as locations downtown, ***including Shattuck between Center and Durant***, where construction continues apace of student housing, both university owned and private.

You have the support now of DA Jones Dickson in helping make Berkeley and Alameda County safer. Take this step to approve the cameras to help your police and prosecutors do their job to prioritize the safety of Berkeley residents.

Thank you.

Best regards,  
Seema

**Seema L. Burke, Esq.**

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**From:** Jasmine Smith <jasminesmith2007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** All Council  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the current parent of a UC Berkeley student and the parent of a recent UC Berkeley graduate and situation in and around campus is extremely unsafe and intolerable. I am supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. It is imperative that we add additional security measures to ensure the safety of our kids. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board. Please approve the resolution to help our students!

Jasmine Smith :)

**Durr, Jasmine**

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**From:** Kira Sasaki <kirasasaki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2025 11:50 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Cc:** contact@safebears.org; Van Kerckhove Patrick Edward; Alec  
**Subject:** Comment on "Revised External Fixed Surveillance Camera Locations and Vendor Transition" (Item #11 on action calendar for March 18, 2025, meeting)

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am the parent of two UC Berkeley students (both ccd ) and a supporter of the SafeBears mission to make Berkeley safer for students. I support the above resolution for the reasons stated in the comment submitted to Council by the SafeBears board.

As a former Berkeley resident I care about the future of Berkeley. Safety is a concern not only for its residents but also for its future as a community .

Kira Sasaki  
Los Altos