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Hello City Council,

My name is Josh Szilagyi, and I have been a resident of Green for all 28 years of my life. I'm writing this email to express my concerns over the use of Flock Safety in our community.

I would first like to quote our constitutions 4th amendment: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

I understand that there is no expectation of privacy in public, but I believe that Flock cameras are a direct infringement on our 4th amendment rights, and I also believe that there were some consequences that were unforeseen with Flock that are not only detrimental to our community, but the human right to privacy in our society as a whole. Other communities have already taken a look at this issue in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, and it's time for Green to reevaluate before it's too late.

I first want to reflect on the comments made by council member Babbit in a 2024 council meeting where Flock Safety was discussed. She stated that these cameras are very similar to your phone getting pinged by the police, but one HUGE difference is that the police need a warrant and probable cause to ping someone's phone to track it. With Flock it's like having pings on everyone traveling in a car 24/7 without a warrant. There is currently an open lawsuit to determine whether or not Flock is a direct infringement on our 4th amendment rights. I hope our justice system does its due diligence and sees the picture that I see and will try and paint below.

Companies like Flock store the data it has, and as council member DeVitis was rightfully concerned about, turn around and sell it to 3rd party companies. So no, Flock does not track people, and it does only track license plates currently, BUT the 3rd party companies it sells data to does not just track license plates. For example, an insurance company can approach Flock to buy their data. Once they have that data/footage, they can track their customers driving patterns and then adjust their rates accordingly. The same thing can be done by health insurance companies, flock cameras go into shopping centers, a health insurance company buys the data/security footage and then monitor spending habits of individuals and adjust their rates as they see fit without anyone knowing.

Another issue I am concerned about is that Flock could potentially lead us to a mass surveillance police state like communist China. My concern is not unfounded as Flock is already in 49 out of 50 states and scans around 20 billion plates monthly. On top of that, just this past week, Flock announced its partnership with Amazon's Ring. Yes, Ring doorbell that allows you to see who is at your door, and I know plenty of people who have Ring cameras not only for their doorbell, but in their homes. The details have not been fully disclosed yet on this partnership, but if Flock has access to their cameras and Rings, where won't they have eyes? Not to mention Flock is now advertising their Raven program that also adds audio

recording on top of video. Additionally, Flocks CEO stated in an interview when asked, do you envision a future with a Flock camera on every corner and he answered "Yes!". I don't want our freedoms taken away like they do in China.

Flock has been found to not always be trustworthy either. Flock initially had stated it was not sharing their data with the Federal government in an interview and then a month later they were caught sharing their data with ICE for immigration raids. I just fear what a network of cameras in our communities can lead to and how it currently infringes on our rights.

I urge the council to reconsider the contract when the time comes to renew.

Thank you,

Josh Szilagyi