

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE USE OF ALPR CAMERAS AND AUTOMATED MASS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures is a cornerstone of a free society, protected by both the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 15 of the Missouri Constitution; and

WHEREAS, companies such as Flock Safety operate sprawling, artificial-intelligence-driven Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) networks that capture billions of images annually, creating a permanent, warrantless tracking system of law-abiding citizens as they go to work, school, and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, these massive surveillance networks lack independent oversight and are highly susceptible to egregious abuse, as recently demonstrated in St. Charles County where a public servant was criminally charged for misusing law enforcement databases and AI camera data over 250 times for personal tracking and stalking; and

WHEREAS, the collection, retention, and sharing of automated personal location data without an individualized judicial warrant fundamentally subverts the presumption of innocence and weaponizes the state's infrastructure against private citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis County Libertarian Central Committee fiercely opposes the deployment, expansion, and funding of Flock Safety ALPR systems and all other automated mass-surveillance spyware cameras within St. Louis County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee calls upon all local municipal governments and the St. Louis County Council to immediately dismantle existing networks, cancel active government and corporate surveillance contracts, and prohibit the future implementation of warrantless tracking systems.