Community Conversation

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Cheat Sheet

PRO-POLICE · PRO-SAFETY · ANTI-MASS SURVEILLANCE

OUR POSITION: Pro-police. Pro-safety. Anti-mass surveillance. We support targeted law enforcement use of ALPR — not a private company holding permanent records of every Corona resident's movements.

COMMON ARGUMENTS — What They Say & How to Respond

WHAT THEY SAY	WHAT TO SAY BACK
"It's just a license plate reader."	Flock's 2022 patent (US11416545B1) describes AI classification of people by **race, gender, height, weight, and clothing** — not just plates. Nova platform combines plate data with jail records and OSINT into a warrantless dossier. Existing hardware can unlock this via software update — no new cameras, no vote.
"If you have nothing to hide..."	Privacy isn't about hiding. Doctor visits, church, gun store trips: all legal, all now permanently logged by a private company.
"It helps catch criminals."	Flock only hits on already-flagged plates — your car isn't in the system until after you report it stolen. Targeted use is legitimate. Surveilling every innocent driver to maybe catch one thief is a different question.
"Cameras are everywhere."	A gas station camera records an incident. Flock tracks every vehicle's movements city-wide, timestamped on private corporate servers. One is a camera. The other is a searchable, permanent, nationwide surveillance database.
"Data is only used for legitimate investigations."	SFPD: 1.6M searches by out-of-state agencies including 19 explicitly for ICE — inside a sanctuary city. Oxnard PD: set to 'California only,' federal agencies searched anyway via Flock back-end override. Denver: 1,400+ immigration searches on audit logs. Flock's CEO admitted misleading elected officials.
"The contract says data is deleted after 30 days."	**NEW —** That's Flock's own policy in a subordinate document Flock controls. Corona's PSA contains **ZERO language** on retention. Section 3.5.1 requires Flock to keep 'Documents & Data' for **FIVE YEARS**. Audit logs — who searched what, when — retained **indefinitely**. Source: CPRA C000108-020325.
"We have it set to California-only access."	**NEW —** Oxnard PD had the exact same setting. Federal agencies searched their data anyway via a Flock back-end override — without OPD's knowledge or approval. OPD received **5 million queries on 19 cameras** in 2025 and suspended Flock February 2026. A portal setting you control does not control what Flock enables on their end. Source: Oxnard PD News Release, Feb 27, 2026.
"Neighborhoods paid for these — not the city."	Data lives on Flock's private corporate servers regardless of who funded the cameras. Flock is a $7.5 billion company. Who controls it, for how long, and who else can access it?
"This is like defunding the police."	It's the opposite. We support police with real tools and real accountability. Outsourcing public safety data to a private company with no oversight and no written use policy isn't pro-police — it's pro-Flock.
"The public approved this at a council meeting."	**UPDATED —** The council approved it — the public barely had a say. The required public hearing (§1798.90.55) was discovered mid-negotiation and held Feb 10, 2021 as a 3:30 p.m. virtual session while City Hall was closed; one resident spoke and Flock's sales rep helped answer the council's questions. The **$1.53M drone contract** passed **5–0** on April 16, 2025 after being placed on the consent calendar ('routine matters') — **zero public speakers**. Source: Council minutes, Feb 10, 2021 & Apr 16, 2025.

Sources: CPRA C000108-020325 (March 2025) · CPRA C000352-032326 (April 2026) · Corona City Council minutes (Feb 10, 2021; Jan 4, 2023; Apr 16, 2025)

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WHO IS BEHIND THIS

Flock Safety	Founded 2017. $7.5B valuation. 100,000+ cameras, 49 states. 20+ billion vehicle scans/month.
a16z	Primary investor. Co-founder Marc Andreessen: *"Democracy is fake."*
Peter Thiel / Founders Fund	Co-founded Palantir — ICE, NSA, DoD contracts. Invested in Flock's $275M round. Flock data feeds into Palantir's platform.
Palantir	CEO Karp: *"This technology disrupts Democratic voters."* $30M ICE contract. Denver audit logs show 1,400+ immigration searches via Flock. Source: Colorado Newsline.

CONTRACT INVESTIGATION — Public Records

PSA Silent on Retention	Governing PSA: ZERO language on retention or deletion. '30-day' promise lives in Flock's own subordinate Terms.
5-Year Retention	Section 3.5.1 requires FIVE YEARS retention of 'Documents & Data.' Contract never defines whether ALPR footage qualifies.
"Share With Any Agency"	Exhibit A — drafted by Corona — requires data be shareable 'with other agencies as needed.' No warrant. No approved list. No federal ban.
Portal Settings Mean Nothing	**NEW —** Oxnard PD: "California only" setting — federal agencies searched anyway via Flock back-end override. 5M queries on 19 cameras in 2025. Suspended Feb 2026.
Public Hearing an Afterthought	**UPDATED —** City attorney found the §1798.90.55 requirement mid-negotiation. Hearing held Feb 10, 2021: 3:30 p.m. virtual session, City Hall closed, one resident spoke. 'Requirement met' came from Flock's sales rep.
$2.1M+, Zero Public Speakers	**UPDATED —** ALPR: $565,283. Council approved 60 cameras 5–0 (Jan 2023); the Third Amendment was signed with no council vote and no legal review. Drone/RTCC/Axon Fusus: $1.53M, approved 5–0 on Apr 16, 2025 as a consent-calendar item. Zero public speakers.

FLOCK'S PATENT

Patent	US11416545B1 — classifies people by race, gender, height, weight, and clothing via neural networks. Searchable nationwide — no warrant.
Fig. 5A	Shows human/animal classification architecture. Not in Flock's sales brochure.
Risk	Cameras already deployed can unlock this via software update. No new cameras. No city vote. No ordinance prevents it.

FLOCK NOVA

What	"Google-like search" across ALPR data, jail records, arrest records, and OSINT. No warrant. No judge.
Experts	EFF: "dystopian panopticon." ACLU: "authoritarian tracking infrastructure." Flock removed breach data after 404 Media — kept everything else.
Risk	Every Corona camera feeds Nova. No opt-in required. No city policy currently prohibits this.

AXON FUSUS — NEW

What	Axon Fusus is a real-time crime center (RTCC) bundled inside Flock's April 2025 contract. One Flock deal — no separate Axon contract needed.
Does	Unifies drone video, ALPR overlays, officer locations, dispatch data, and third-party cameras on one live map — accessible to command, field, and partner agencies simultaneously.
600 feeds	Contract includes 600-unit video integration license. Corona has 61 ALPR cameras. The other 539 slots are designed to ingest private and community cameras city-wide.
Risk	**UPDATED —** Infrastructure for a city-wide surveillance fusion platform — approved 5–0 as a 'routine' consent-calendar item, with zero public speakers.

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