

KEY QUESTIONS TO ANSWER BEFORE MOVING FORWARD WITH ANY SURVEILLANCE PROPOSAL

WHY ARE YOU CONSIDERING SURVEILLANCE?

- What specific problem is your community trying to address?
- How effective will surveillance be in addressing this concern?
- Are there alternatives that would be more effective, less expensive, or have less impact on civil liberties?

WHAT ARE THE COSTS AND RISKS?

- What are the financial costs of surveillance, including long-term training, operation and maintenance?
- What impact would surveillance have on privacy, free speech, and civil rights?
- How could surveillance affect trust in law enforcement?
- Have you completed a Surveillance Impact Report?

IS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY ENGAGED IN EVALUATING THE PROPOSAL FROM THE OUTSET?

- Have you sought input on priorities, costs and risks from all segments of your community?
- Is there a Surveillance Impact Report and proposed Surveillance Use Policy for the community to review?
- Will there be public hearings and debate before seeking any funds or purchasing any technology?

IS SURVEILLANCE THE RIGHT CHOICE?

- Have elected policymakers reviewed the Surveillance Impact Report and Surveillance Use Policy? Have they had an opportunity to hear public concerns?
- Will local policymakers specifically vote to approve the project moving forward? Will this happen before seeking any funds or purchasing any technology?
- Will your community re-evaluate any surveillance program annually and determine whether the program should be continued, modified, or abandoned?

WILL THESE QUESTIONS BE ANSWERED EVERY TIME?

- Has your community passed a Surveillance & Community Safety Ordinance to make sure these questions are consistently asked and answered every time surveillance is considered and to ensure proper transparency, oversight and accountability?

TRANSPARENCY, OVERSIGHT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS FOR SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY

- ♦ **KNOWLEDGE OF THE PUBLIC/PUBLIC DEBATE AT EARLIEST STAGE OF PROCESS**
Public notice and public debate prior to seeking funding or otherwise moving forward with surveillance technology proposals.
- ♦ **A VOTE BY LEADERS:** Public debate at meetings, costs and benefits considered, and a vote by elected policymakers at earliest stage of process before seeking funding or any action to move forward.
- ♦ **INFORMATION MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BEFORE VOTE:** Information about the technology and Surveillance Impact Report and Surveillance Use Policy made available to policymakers and the public prior to vote whether or not to move forward.
- ♦ **DETERMINATION THAT BENEFITS OUTWEIGH COSTS AND CONCERNS:** Local leaders, after facilitating an informed public debate, expressly consider costs (fiscal and civil liberties) and determine that surveillance technology is appropriate or not before moving forward.
- ♦ **THOROUGH SURVEILLANCE USE POLICY:** If decision to move forward, legally enforceable Surveillance Use policy with robust civil liberties, civil rights, and security safeguards enacted by policymakers.
- ♦ **ACCOUNTABILITY FOLLOWING APPROVAL:** Proper oversight of surveillance technology use and accountability through annual reporting, review by policymakers, and enforcement mechanisms.



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