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A-5-RPV-21-0076 & A-5-RPV-21-0077 (Flock Safety)

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From: Scott Schoenfeld <scottschoenfeld@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 7:34 PM

To: SouthCoast@Coastal <SouthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Subject: Public Comment on December 2021 Agenda Item Wednesday 14e - Appeal No. A-5-RPV-21-0077 (Automated License Plate Readers, Portuguese Bend)

Good Day,

I am a resident of the neighborhood which the City of Rancho Palos Verdes proposes to install the license plate readers. I'm opposed to the installation. This area is fairly remote, faces low levels of crime and borders wild areas. There is little need for the cameras and an installation may discourage people from visiting our neighborhood or the adjacent Abalone Cove Recreation Area.

I support the Coastal Commission's Denial of the Permit to Install these cameras.

Best Regards,
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Subject: Public Comment on December 2021 Agenda Item Wednesday 14e - Appeal No. A-5-RPV-21-0077 (Automated License Plate Readers, Portuguese Bend)

The West Portuguese Bend Homeowner's Association cameras are proposed in a residential neighborhood, on neighborhood streets and not on a "major public street".

The proposal does not include any "gating or access restriction of coastal roads".

These streets do not have any "direct access to the California Coastal Trail".

Public parking is already provided at the Abalone Cove Shoreline park a short walk from this neighborhood and this proposal does not add any addition parking restrictions.

Please explain how this proposal would "deter some visitors from accessing the coast".

Please explain how the signage is "intimidating".

Please explain how this proposal restricts "equitable distribution of environmental benefits throughout the state".

The poles would not be "higher than most adjacent vegetation" and will not "detract from the coastal views from Palos Verdes Drive".

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Subject: Rancho Palos Verdes ALPR Appeal Hearing: A-5-RPV-21-0076 and A-5-21-0077

Hi Jack and Steve,

It's been quite some time since we have last been in touch and I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing you in response to the upcoming appeal of the City-issued Coastal Permit for the installation of Flock Cameras (ALPR) within two residential neighborhoods in the City's designated Coastal Zone.

I have to be honest, I was quite surprised to learn of this appeal and the reasons for it. Particularly because both of these neighborhoods do not maintain access to the coast.

As public officials, we have the responsibility to protect the public and preserve their quality of life, and that includes feeling safe.

The proposed Flock Cameras are intended to protect the public and deter crime – not to prevent the public from accessing the coast.

Interpreting the Coastal Act to mean that security devices deter public access doesn't make sense.

Many cities are experiencing a rise in crime especially smash-and-grabs and follow-home thefts.

The City, with its abundance of open space and network of trails for the public's use, is one of those cities.

Unfortunately, users of our trails and open space are returning to their cars to find windows smashed and personal belongings stolen.

No one should have to experience that – and I personally know what that is like having my car broken into while trail running.

I now avoid that trailhead and park where there is some degree of surveillance by either personnel or electronics – I am not the only one who feels that way.

To that point, I reiterate that the proposed flock cameras are **not** by any means intended to discourage public access or give that perception, rather to provide added security and a sense of safety to the public including residents.

It is our hope, similar to all other cities installing surveillance cameras, to deter criminal activity, and in cases where a crime does occur, to aid law enforcement in its investigation.

According to the City's Sheriff Captain, these cameras do help in deterring and solving crimes, especially since they have immediate access to the footage.

Thus, I respectfully ask that this appeal be taken off the December 15 agenda, and if that is too late, to have Coastal Staff work with City Staff on developing conditions that result in an outcome that benefits all members of the public including residents and visitors.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,
Ara

p.s. please add this email to the late correspondence for the December 15 agenda.

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