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Dear Council Members,

On March 10, this item failed without the necessary 5 affirmative votes. It is an abuse of power for the mayor and members of the city council to disregard their own rules in order to re-agendize this failed item. That the mayor and some council members chose to violate rules to again force this unpopular, failed proposal upon the public, begs the question: what do the mayor/council members/high-level city staff members have to gain personally by the Peregrine contract?

Aside from the grave ethics issue and untenable precedent set by re-agendizing a failed proposal, the Peregrine contract is dangerous mass surveillance that should be rejected and forever buried. This platform would cost over \$2.8 million over 10 years and approve a budget amendment in the General Fund to increase the Police Department budget by over \$244k while decreasing our Budget Stabilization Reserve in that amount.

The agreement fails to provide any accountability mechanisms to ensure the transparency and privacy of the systems, especially about the policy's vague broadband sharing across participating agencies. In other cities like Mountain View, we have seen how these systems can be manipulated to share with unauthorized agencies in a "side door" manner and how these systems are vulnerable to hackers. Without a clear accountability and transparency mechanism, this data integration platform exposes our sensitive info to the same security vulnerabilities that ALPRs face, but on a greater scale with info beyond ALPRs.

Trump's big ugly tax scam (aka HR 1) has already stolen billions from the city's and county's public healthcare and food assistance programs. Every cent of local tax money is needed to make up for these shortfalls; our public treasury must not be wasted on more mass surveillance that violate civil rights and likely incur lawsuits against the city.

Bay Area residents in general reject mass surveillance on our streets and the waste of public funds on surveillance companies, which operate on a predatory business model. We should be able to drive or walk on public streets within Santa Clara or the broader Bay Area, without having our movements tracked and our daily lives reconstructed via thousands of data points collected by cameras over time. We demand that you stop wasting public money on corporate entities that profit from mass surveillance and circumvention of local governance, the California constitution and the 4th Amendment.

Sincerely,
Santa Clara County resident