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July 12, 2026

To: Mayor and Town Council, Town of Prescott Valley; Town Manager; Town Clerk (as custodian of records); Town Attorney; Chief of Police

Re: Request for a publicly noticed hearing and recorded vote on the Town's Flock Safety surveillance camera and license plate tracking program (the automated license plate reader / Real-Time Operations program); Arizona public records request under A.R.S. §§ 39-121 *et seq.*; and demand for preservation of records

I. PURPOSE AND STANDING

I live in unincorporated Yavapai County, in the Prescott Valley area. My vehicle is photographed and logged by the Town's cameras as I travel through Prescott Valley. I write as a directly affected member of the public who has no vote over the program that records her movements.

A word about who I am. I own a small business in Prescott Valley — a hair salon. I drive into this town to open it and to keep my appointments, the same roads at the same hours, day after day. **Those cameras do not record a trip; they record a schedule. And they do not only record mine — every client who drives to my chair is photographed and logged on her way to see me.** My customers have nothing to do with any of this. **I am signing my name to this letter, and I have thought carefully about what that means.**

This letter makes three requests: **(1)** that the Council place this program on a publicly noticed agenda and take a recorded roll-call vote on it in the open; **(2)** that the Town produce the public records identified in Section VI; and **(3)** that the Town preserve the records identified in Section VII.

A note on sourcing. Every factual statement in this letter is drawn from one of three things: a document the Town or the Department itself published; a record I have obtained and attached as an exhibit; or a published court decision or statute. Where I do not know something, I say so and I ask. I make no allegation of illegality, misconduct, or bad faith by any officer, employee, or member of this Council.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND — FROM THE TOWN'S OWN MATERIALS

The program was approved as a twelve-month pilot, and the pilot was never reported back. On August 24, 2023, the Council took up Item 8B, a grant award from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs. The Town's own published video of that meeting (Exhibit E) records the Department telling the Council that the Town was awarded "257 thousand dollars over five years," that the award involved "a subscription service where there's some ongoing fees each year," and that it would fund "a license plate reader program **which will begin with a 12-month pilot program**" (31:19, 31:36). The Department repeated the point: "we're going to do a 12-month pilot project," and explained that the pilot would be used to test the policy — "we think we have a great policy right now in place. Obviously during this pilot project, though, we may find that we need to make some adjustments" (39:29, 39:46). The Council then adopted Resolution No. 2023-2335 in the amount of \$256,791.26 (41:18–41:52).

The pilot period ended. The program did not. The publicly available record does not reflect that the twelve-month pilot was ever evaluated, that any adjustment to policy was reported back, or that the Council ever voted to make the program permanent. Instead the network grew — from the first fifteen readers to twenty-six readers

action; that the court may award attorney fees to a requester who substantially prevails; and that a person **wrongfully denied access “has a cause of action against the officer or public body for any damages resulting from the denial.”** I would very much prefer that none of that be necessary. It will not be, if the records are produced.

VIII. DEMAND FOR PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

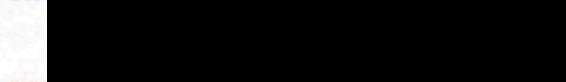
I request that the Town immediately preserve, and instruct Flock Safety and any connected vendor, contractor, or partner agency to preserve, all records relating to this program — including plate reads and images, hot lists, audit and search logs, retention and sharing configuration settings, contracts and invoices, grant files, training records, policy versions, and all communications concerning the acquisition, approval, funding, renewal, expansion, or auditing of the program — pending the Town's response to this request. This includes any record scheduled for automatic deletion under the 30-day purge, which should be suspended as to any record responsive to this request.

IX. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing in this letter is an allegation of illegality, misconduct, or bad faith. I reserve all rights available to me under Arizona law, including those provided by A.R.S. §§ 39-121.02 and 38-431.07. I would much prefer that none of that be necessary, and I expect it will not be: the Council need only agendize this program, hold the hearing, and take the vote in the open.

Thank you for your time and your service to this community.

Respectfully,



Laura Covell



Date: July 13, 2026

Enclosures: Exhibit A — Flock Safety Transparency Portal (PVPD). Exhibit B — Atlas of Surveillance entry (PVPD). Exhibit C — PVPD technology page. Exhibit D — Town of Prescott Valley Open Checkbook, surveillance and investigative technology vendors. Exhibit E — Council meeting of August 24, 2023, Item 8B. Exhibit F — DPS Contract 2025-061, Local Border Support. Exhibit G — U.S. Marshals Service MOU and referenced GIITEM agreement. Exhibit H — Council meeting of March 13, 2025. Exhibit I — Study Session of June 5, 2025. Exhibit J — PVPD Flock Safety forum, October 2024. Exhibit K — March 13, 2025 agenda and Staff Report. Exhibit L — Peregrine Technologies quote, filed under the Anti-Human Trafficking grant. Exhibit M — “Council Presentation” slide deck, June 5, 2025. Exhibit N — Minutes of September 25, 2025 and December 12, 2025. Exhibit O — FY27–FY31 Capital Improvement Plan, Police Department operational costs.