



Based on what you know now, would you recommend the Board renew the Flock contract or let the contract lapse?

PLURALITY 102 votes tallied and 2 abstentions

Recommend the Board renew the contract

86 votes 84.31%

Recommend the Board let the contract lapse

16 votes 15.69%

Comments for Based on what you know now, would you recommend the Board renew the Flock contract or let the contract lapse?

Comment 1

Generally, I am very in favor of improvements to public safety, even at the expense of privacy. Flock, however, has designed their product without regard for that privacy. It's too easy for it to be violated by bad actors, and too few mechanisms are in place for holding those bad actors responsible. I'd be interested in another vendor with better policies, or revisiting Flock if the market ever forces them to improve.

Comment 2

I'm glad these are controversial because there is a lot of potential for abuse. On balance our household thinks it's worth renewing at this time. If there is any leverage to ensure police use is logged and audited, or to encourage Flock to take privacy extremely seriously, then applying that pressure would be good. Thanks!

Comment 3

Adding language to the contract to be able to cancel the contract at will without penalty as discussed at the meeting is a good idea. Also renewing with the same company as the Berkeley PD renews with is a good idea, Flock or otherwise. I support having cameras and LPRs with a contracted company.

Comment 4

Anyone looking at the data should have a valid reason to do so. Unauthorised use should result in a fine and a one month jail term

Comment 5

Undoubtedly there have been some breaches of the protocols governing Flock but overall it is effective in using license plates to locate the villains. The one additional comment I have concerns the possibility of transferring our flock cameras to Berkeley. While I recognize the burden placed on our officers in managing these cameras I fear that Berkeley would remove many of our Flock cameras and re-situate them where they think the cameras are better used. Not good for us. Also, Berkeley could decide next year on in ensuing years not to use Flock cameras, and then where will we be.

Comment 6

Sounded helpful, but when we had a garage break-in, the police did not even follow up when we asked to have them obtain flock camera data.

Comment 7

The Flock cameras are very important and we should renew. We should also be vigilant to ensure they aren't being abused by Flock or the government. We should revisit if a change in the facts requires.

Comment 8

Very good summary of issues in the Fact Sheet. I am comfortable that ICE/CBP does not have access. While the world will always have bad actors, that remote (in this case) possibility does not outweigh the considerable positives in terms of assisting police in the apprehension of criminals and the benefits of deterrence/protection of the UCAN neighborhood.

Comment 9

We think this is important and valuable for neighborhood safety

Comment 10

I do like the idea of only a one year renewal in order have flexibility. It seems there are still many moving parts.

Comment 11

Protection of the residents has increased since their installation. Thankful for that and decreased vandalism.

Comment 12

Only if the city renews its flock contract and ucan obtains a much better contract from flock or the city agrees to take over the cameras under the city's contract

Comment 13

We support renewing the contract subject to a strongly written new contract to protect privacy.

Comment 14

Only if the contract contains the safeguards proposed by Mark Humbert for the Berkeley Flock cameras. Does it?

Comment 15

We have had almost no "strangers" knocking on our door since the Flock Cameras went up. I think it has been safer for us during the last 2 years as a result of having them.

Comment 16

Only with the safeguards as suggested by Steve Berger, Larry Hobel and Paul Valenstein.

Comment 17

I've heard all the pros and cons at the mtgs at the Claremont Club and have concluded there are more positives than negatives on renewing this contract.

Comment 18

Much better here since the Flock cameras were installed.

Comment 19

For me, concerns about bad things linked to Flock elsewhere have nothing to do with our little carefully tended system. We should wait for the City of Berkeley to make its deal with Flock (or another provider) and try to ride its coattails. We will not be able to get Flock to do what we want, but the city may be able to get the company to modify its terms. And if the city switches to get a better deal elsewhere, it probably makes sense to try to switch also.

Comment 20

I think this is the most brilliant board ever and it should keep up the amazing work.

Comment 21

I believe it works. Good luck with maintaining control so neither ICE nor unqualified people get access.

Comment 22

Wish we didn't need it but we urgently need it because Bad People don't honor the social contract.

Comment 23

I have a camera on my property and am happy to renew the contract.

Comment 24

I am strongly in support of renewal of the contract, in part because UCAN's leadership has approached the issue with so much care. Thank you for your hard work.

Comment 25

BPD has a 51 camera network which functionally may be redundant to our private one. Not sure it is worth UCAN maintaining a separate private network. Given the expanding privacy and governance concerns, it's not clear to me that a private network should grapple these important issues, in parallel with City of Berkeley efforts. If there has been significant benefit in the network and crimes being solved (not just searches), and UCAN continues with FLock for another year, I would at minimum want shorter days retention and clear restricted auditing and sharing restrictions. I'd not sign longer than one year contracts. There remain serious concerns around surveillance and misuse of that information.

Comment 26

With best efforts to make contract stronger regarding privacy protections

Comment 27

With our federal government bending more authoritarian in the Trump era, I don't see the need to provide them with additional tools in this. As a home owner I don't think the value added to local policing is anything approaching that broader risk. I can and have just installed my own personal security cameras. UniFi makes some great products that double as home networking setup.

Comment 28

Thank you for taking feedback.

Comment 29

yes, we want to keep Flock.