

John Long

From: geordie ks <gkenyonsinclair@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:22 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I support the ban on facial surveillance

Dear members of the City Council,

I urge you to pass Councilor Ewen-Campen's proposed ordinance banning government use of face recognition technology in Somerville.

As Ben has stated, Somerville residents wouldn't support a law requiring every resident to wear a visible identification badge. And, we definitely don't support the covert monitoring of Somerville residents as they go about their lives, attending prayer, doctor visits, or spending time with loved ones and partners.

I ask you to stand with your constituents and vote in support of the ordinance banning government use of face recognition surveillance in Somerville.

Sincerely,
Geordie Kenyon-Sinclair

10 Benedict Ave, Somerville, MA 02145

John Long

From: Joel Gwynn <joelman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:37 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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Sincerely,
Joel Gwynn

John Long

From: doreenj14 <doreenj14@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 3:05 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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Sincerely,

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

John Long

From: kate byrne <kateby68@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 3:53 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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I ask you to stand with your constituents and vote in support of the ordinance banning government use of face recognition surveillance in Somerville.

Sincerely,

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

John Long

From: noula278 <noula278@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 4:44 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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Sincerely,

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9.

John Long

From: Matthew Reddin <reddin.matthew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 6:40 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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Sincerely,

John Long

From: Nate Buchanan <ndb916@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 1:26 AM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

Dear members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge you to pass Councilor Ewen-Campen's proposed ordinance banning government use of face recognition technology in Somerville.

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Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen

John Long

From: Anthony Cirurso <bosoxfan2567@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:59 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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Sincerely,

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John Long

From: Jaclyn Pillitteri <jacy.pillitteri@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 1:52 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
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Sincerely,
Jaclyn Pillitteri
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John Long

From: Casey Gruppioni <cgruppioni@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 1:56 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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I ask you to stand with your constituents and vote in support of the ordinance banning government use of face recognition surveillance in Somerville.

Sincerely,
Casey Gruppioni
36 College Ave #24, Somerville, MA 02144

John Long

From: Kenny Shuster <shuster.kenny@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:28 PM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

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I am writing to urge you to pass Councilor Ewen-Campen's proposed ordinance banning government use of face recognition technology in Somerville.

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I ask you to stand with your constituents and vote in support of the ordinance banning government use of face recognition surveillance in Somerville.

Sincerely,

Kenny

John Long

From: Brian Neltner <neltnerb@mit.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 9:48 AM
To: City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact
Subject: Ban facial surveillance in Somerville.

Members of the City Council,

I am writing to urge you to pass Councilor Ewen-Campen's proposed ordinance banning government use of face recognition technology in Somerville.

As councilor Ewen-Campen has stated, Somerville residents wouldn't support a law requiring every resident to wear a visible identification badge.

Such surveillance is already discouraging me from outdoor activities and I find myself slowly starting to treat the streets of Somerville that have been a welcoming home for so long as hostile to my civil liberties. As a resident and homeowner in the city for 13 years it is very discouraging that this needs to even be said, we are an amazing city and we can and should do better. There should be no government database tracking where individuals in the city are or where they're going, it is extremely dangerous, especially with the high probability of the database being hacked, relative to the theoretical benefits.

I can imagine (generously) a slightly higher chance to find missing persons or solve crimes and (not-so-generously) a near certainty that future hackers will get to use this data when deciding which homes to rob. Please, as an MIT alumni with a commitment to making Somerville better, you have to assume any data you collect in this manner will be stolen by at least China, the Russian mob, North Korea, and Iran. I am not trying to be dramatic, this is just what will inevitably happen. It is simply not realistic to secure these databases well enough to prevent it.

I understand why they use these tools at the Marathon or at the July 4th celebration. I can avoid it by simply not attending those events – and I indeed have not attended either since they became militarized and under constant surveillance. It creates a terrible environment for a celebration, even if justified in those very special circumstances for security purposes.

I can't avoid going to the grocery. Don't make me wear a mask to go to the grocery in order to exercise my right to privacy against widespread warrantless surveillance.

I ask you to stand with your constituents and vote in support of the ordinance banning government use of face recognition surveillance in Somerville.

Sincerely,
Brian Neltner, Ph.D.
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Somerville, MA 02143

John Long

From: Evan Hempel <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 8:43 AM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

I write as a concerned resident to urge you to support Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen's ordinance to ban municipal agencies from using face surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies.

Face surveillance technologies give the government unprecedented power to track who we are, where we go, what we do, and who we know. The use of these technologies is particularly dangerous for people of color and immigrant communities. Numerous studies have shown that face surveillance technologies are inherently racially biased, particularly against Black women.

San Francisco passed a ban on this dangerous technology last month, and I hope Somerville becomes the first East Coast city to do the same.

Evan Hempel

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Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

John Long

From: Eliza Schreibman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 10:04 AM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

I write as a concerned resident (6 years) to urge you to support Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen's ordinance to ban municipal agencies from using face surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies.

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Eliza Schreibman

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Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

John Long

From: Tracy Lefferdink <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 11:02 AM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

Hello,

First off, these facts exist: <https://news.mit.edu/2018/study-finds-gender-skin-type-bias-artificial-intelligence-systems-0212>

Which is some scary shit! And a blatant attack on personal space. And let me tell you, I care about my personal space.

That said, I write as a concerned resident to urge you to support Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen's ordinance to ban municipal agencies from using face surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies. Get outta dat personal space!

Face surveillance technologies give the government unprecedented power to track who we are (stay away from my personal space), where we go (keep away from my personal space), what we do (personal space), and who we know (others' personal space). The use of these technologies is particularly dangerous for people of color and immigrant communities. Numerous studies have shown that face surveillance technologies are inherently racially biased, particularly against Black women (ugh, no).

San Francisco passed a ban on this dangerous technology last month (which means - you guessed it - they have personal space!), and I hope Somerville becomes the first East Coast city to do the same.

Stay out of my personal space, please.

Sincerely,
Tracy Lefferdink

Tracy Lefferdink
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22 Laurel St #33

John Long

From: Mkaltenberg@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Mary Kaltenberg
<Mkaltenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 12:15 PM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

Dear City Council, Mayor Curtatone, and City Clerk Long:

I write as a concerned resident, to urge you to support Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen's ordinance to ban municipal agencies from using face surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies.

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Somerville is a wonderful place to live in part because we protect our immigrant neighbors, value privacy and free speech, and prioritize racial justice. The face surveillance ban makes sure those values extend into the future, where technologies like these run the risk of eroding our most basic rights.

Please support the face surveillance ban, because privacy can't protect itself.

Sincerely,

Mary Kaltenberg
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Somerville MA, 02143-3533

John Long

From: Justin Reddington <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 1:20 PM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Justin Reddington
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44 Springfield St
Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

John Long

From: Marley Hillman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 4:40 PM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Marley Hillman

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Somerville, Massachusetts 02144

John Long

From: Philip Shook <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 12:33 PM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Philip Shook

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PO Box 7970

Tempe, Arizona 85281

John Long

From: Michael Bell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 12:42 PM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Michael Bell

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Chicago, Illinois , Illinois 60623

John Long

From: Kris Gilbert <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 12:51 PM
To: City Clerk Contact
Subject: Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

I write as a concerned person to urge you to support Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen's ordinance to ban municipal agencies from using face surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies.

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Kris Gilbert

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Binghamton, New York 13903