

**John Long**

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**From:** pamela worth <pamela.worth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville voter + constituent feedback

To whom it may concern: Somerville has an amazing opportunity to be the second city in the US banning the use of facial recognition technology/surveillance. I would be even prouder to live in this amazing city if that happened. Facial recognition technology is flawed and unreliable, and often exacerbates racial profiling. Because of this, I am writing to comment that this issue is a top priority for me, and I would like the city to pass a ban on facial recognition technology before the summer ends.

Thank you, and all best,  
Pamela Worth  
Paulina St.

**John Long**

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**From:** James Tyler <james.d.tyler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 1:08 PM  
**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.

As councilor Ewen-Campen 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,

## John Long

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**From:** Robert Rutkowski <r\_e\_rutkowski@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:12 PM  
**To:** Katjana Ballantyne; City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville

Katjana Ballantyne  
President and Ward 7 Councilor  
Somerville City Council  
City Hall  
93 Highland Ave.  
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[katjana@katjana.org](mailto:katjana@katjana.org), [CityCouncil@somervilleMA.Gov](mailto:CityCouncil@somervilleMA.Gov), [Mayor@SomervilleMA.gov](mailto:Mayor@SomervilleMA.gov), [cityclerk@SomervilleMA.Gov](mailto:cityclerk@SomervilleMA.Gov)

Re: Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville

Dear President:

Massachusetts has a long history of standing up for liberty. Right now, it has the opportunity to become a national leader in fighting invasive government surveillance.

Face surveillance poses a threat to privacy, chills protest in public places, and gives law enforcement unregulated power to undermine due process. The city of Somerville??home of Tufts University??has heard these concerns and is considering a ban on that city??s use of face surveillance. Meanwhile, bills before the Massachusetts General Court would pause the government??s use of face surveillance technology on a statewide basis. This moratorium would remain in place unless the legislature passes measures to regulate these technologies, protect civil liberties, and ensure oversight of face surveillance use.

Face recognition technology has disproportionately high error rates for women and people of color. Making matters worse, law enforcement agencies often rely on images pulled from mugshot databases??which exacerbates historical biases born of unfair policing in Black and Latinx neighborhoods. If such systems are incorporated into street lights or other forms of surveillance cameras, people in these communities may be unfairly targeted simply because they appeared in another database or were subject to discriminatory policing in the past.

Last month, San Francisco became the first city in the country to ban government use of face surveillance, showing it is possible for us to take back our privacy in public places. Oakland is now examining a similar proposal. Somerville is the first community on the East Coast to consider a ban.

As councilor Ewen-Campen 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.

The people of Somerville, with support from Ward 3 Council Member Ben Ewen-Campen, have a chance now to stand against government use of face surveillance and proclaim that they do not want it in their community.

Protect rights and pass Councilor Ewen-Campen??s ordinance banning government use of face surveillance in Somerville.

Yours sincerely,  
Robert E. Rutkowski

cc:  
Representative Steny Hoyer

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**From:** Michael Cox <cox.michael@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:28 PM  
**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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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,

Michael Cox  
128 Hudson St

**John Long**

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**From:** Brent Read <read.brent@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:48 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,  
Brent Read

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**From:** Christopher Roy <christopherjroy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:51 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,

Christopher Roy

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**From:** Haydn Gittemeier <lizardheadlab007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:12 PM  
**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,



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**From:** Greg <greg411dotme@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:14 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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Sincerely,

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**From:** Chuck Malloch <CBMalloch@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 8:55 PM  
**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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I ask you to stand with your constituents and vote in support of the ordinance banning government use of face recognition surveillance in Somerville.

I live in Montague, but visit Somerville often and would like to avoid having my face scanned.

Sincerely,  
Charles B. Malloch

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**From:** Sean H <halloran.sean.m@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:49 PM  
**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,

Sean Halloran

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**From:** Scott Johnston <sjohnston@alum.mit.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:56 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.

While I don't live in Somerville (I'm an Allston resident), I do work here and this law means a lot to me!

Sincerely,  
Scott Johnston

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**From:** Vaclav Stejskal - One Ocean Kayaks <vaclavs@oneoceankayaks.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:03 PM  
**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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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,  
Vaclav Stejskal  
Business owner in Somerville

**John Long**

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**From:** Faye Duxovni <duxovni@duxovni.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:08 PM  
**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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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,  
Faye Duxovni

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**From:** rick kelly <lovelisjen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:02 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.

As councilor Ewen-Campen 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,  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**John Long**

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**From:** Dave Bergstrom <dwbergstrom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 8:19 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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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,  
Dave Bergstrom



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**From:** Sally Merriman <sallymerriman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 8:52 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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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,  
Sally Merriman

42 Tennyson St  
Somerville, MA 02145

**John Long**

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**From:** Ike Feitler <ike@mit.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** No face-recognition surveillance in Somerville | 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.

As councilor Ewen-Campen 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.

Somerville has no unique problems that it needs face surveillance to solve.

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,  
Isaac Feitler

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**From:** Juan Kleese <arcumenicus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:06 PM  
**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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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,

Juan

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**From:** Aaron Melaas <aaron.melaas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 10:43 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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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,

Aaron Melaas

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**Aaron Melaas** | PhD Candidate  
Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy | Tufts University  
Tel: +1-248-343-9283 | Email: [aaron.melaas@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.melaas@gmail.com)

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**From:** Moira Weigel <moira.g.weigel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 7:47 AM  
**To:** City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** NO Facial Recognition in Somerville!

Dear Mayor Curtatone, and other representatives:

I work at Harvard University live in Somerville. My family and I love it here--in the two years since we arrived from San Francisco, we have become vocal champions of our neighborhood!

I am writing to exhort you to vote to ban the use of facial recognition technology by the city and by the police. I happen to be a scholar of the history of media technologies, and the editor of *Logic*, a journal that looks at technology's political and social effects. I am married to a technologist.

We know so much about the harms that careless adoption of facial recognition is already causing and will cause. We know that such technologies enforce racism and cis-heterosexism, and hand over huge amounts of sensitive information to enrich democratically unaccountable private entities. It's no accident that San Francisco, another city with a high population of technologists who understand how these systems work, have also voted to ban them.

Our community deserves better. Tonight, please vote for a more just and equal Somerville--and NO facial recognition tech.

Sincerely,

Dr. Moira Weigel  
Harvard Society of Fellows

**John Long**

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**From:** Clifton Thompson <thompson.clifton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:09 PM  
**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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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,

Cliff Thompson

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**From:** Ulysses Lateiner <ulysseslateiner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 1:03 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk Contact; Mayor  
**Subject:** public comment in support of municipal ordinance banning Facial Recognition in Somerville

I am writing in full support of Councilor Ewen-Campen's ordinance that would ban Somerville municipal agencies from using face surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies.

Facial recognition and other remote surveillance technologies give governments and law enforcement agencies 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 these technologies are inherently racially biased.

San Francisco passed a ban on this dangerous technology last month, and I am excited that Somerville now has the chance to become the first East Coast city to do the same.

The "benefits" of facial recognition and related technologies are more than outweighed by the threat they pose to our civil liberties. Such technologies are appropriate for an authoritarian surveillance state like China, but certainly not for Somerville. Please pass this ordinance as soon as possible.

thank you,  
Ulysses Lateiner  
15 Chandler Street  
Ward 5

**John Long**

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**From:** Jorge Yanar <jorgeyanar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** I Support the ban on face surveillance in Somerville.

Dear members of the City Council,

As a resident of Somerville, 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 me and your other constituents and vote in support of the ordinance banning government use of face recognition surveillance in Somerville.

Sincerely,  
Jorge Yanar



**John Long**

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**From:** Eric Groft <eric@tworowstudio.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 1:46 PM  
**To:** Mayor; City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Proposed Facial Recognition ban

I am writing in full support of Councilor Ewen-Campen's ordinance that would ban Somerville municipal agencies from using facial surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies.

Facial recognition and other remote surveillance technologies give governments and law enforcement agencies unprecedented power to track who we are, where we go, what we do, and who we know. The use of such technologies is a significant encroachment on our rights for liberty in movement and many other individual rights upon which our country was founded. Liberty and security are always in need of balance. The benefits of facial recognition and related technologies are more than outweighed by the threat they pose to our civil liberties. Good intentions can often lead to irreversible and damaging precedents. This ordinance would help to assure the rights of the innocent do not become secondary to the ease of surveillance.

Best,

Eric Groft  
279 Lowell Street  
Somerville, MA 02145

Ward 5

**John Long**

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**From:** rkokelly@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Kevin O'Kelly <rkokelly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:16 AM  
**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.

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. 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.

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,

Kevin O'Kelly  
16 Summer St.  
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Somerville MA, 02143-1701

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**From:** alaskacue@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Alaska Lam <alaskacue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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

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

Sincerely,

Alaska Lam  
98 Prospect St  
Somerville MA, 02143-4109

**John Long**

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**From:** kingsbury922=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Martha Kingsbury  
<kingsbury922@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:25 AM  
**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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Please support the face surveillance ban, because privacy can't protect itself.

Sincerely,

Martha Kingsbury  
341 Hurley St  
Cambridge MA, 02141-2064

**John Long**

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**From:** ptrckmrph19@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Patrick Murphy <ptrckmrph19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:50 AM  
**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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Both citizens and non-citizens, most of whom have no criminal history, should not be subject to ineffective and invasive facial recognition surveillance without any sort of due process.

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

Sincerely,

Patrick Murphy  
21R Dane Avenue  
Somerville MA, 02143-3726

**John Long**

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**From:** wts1277=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Walter Sousa <wts1277@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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

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Sincerely,

Walter Sousa  
14 Bond St  
Apt 2  
Somerville MA, 02145-1548

**John Long**

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**From:** dee=editscience.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Dee Worman <dee@editscience.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Dee Worman  
449 Canal St. #517  
Somerville MA, 02145-4361

**John Long**

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**From:** sethread@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Seth Read <sethread@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 12:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Seth Read  
197 Cedar St  
Somerville MA, 02145-3520



**John Long**

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**From:** shaviter1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Iftach Shavit <shaviter1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 2:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Iftach Shavit  
303 Lowell St  
#21  
Somerville MA, 02145-3637

**John Long**

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**From:** claudiaricker@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Claudia Ricker  
<claudiaricker@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 4:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Claudia Ricker  
91 Pearson Avenue  
Somerville MA, 02144-2222

**John Long**

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**From:** gracewhall=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Grace Hall <gracewhall@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 4:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Grace Hall  
1188 Broadway #307  
Somerville MA, 02144-1756

**John Long**

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**From:** scott.dugas@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Scott Dugas  
<scott.dugas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 6:55 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Scott Dugas  
185 Morrison Ave  
Apt 102  
Somerville MA, 02144-2300

**John Long**

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**From:** ddiaz137@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of David Diaz <ddiaz137@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

David Diaz  
23 Summit Ave  
Somerville MA, 02143-1816

**John Long**

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**From:** theresa.macvicar@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Theresa MacVicar  
<theresa.macvicar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 22, 2019 7:32 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Theresa MacVicar  
106 Moreland St.  
Somerville MA, 02145-1443

**John Long**

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**From:** gail.jacksoncommunications=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Gail Jackson Blount <gail.jacksoncommunications@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 22, 2019 8:39 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Gail Jackson Blount  
33 furnace avenue  
Quincy MA, 02169-4067

**John Long**

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**From:** kellyjford@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Kelly Ford <kellyjford@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 10:55 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Kelly Ford  
432 Norfolk Street #3G  
Somerville MA, 02143-4134



**John Long**

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**From:** elaine3457@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Elaine Emmerich <elaine3457@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 2:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Elaine Emmerich  
16 Hancock St  
#2  
Somerville MA, 02144-3103

**John Long**

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**From:** hilary.anne.ross@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Hilary Ross  
<hilary.anne.ross@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 5:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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I work on tech policy and am deeply supportive of this bill, and would be so proud for our city to set a national example on this issue.

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Sincerely,

Hilary Ross  
30 Elm Street  
Somerville MA, 02143-2229

**John Long**

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**From:** cjcote@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Chris Cote <cjcote@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 8:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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30 Elm Street  
Somerville MA, 02143-2229

**John Long**

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**From:** andromeda.yelton@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Andromeda Yelton  
<andromeda.yelton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 10:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Andromeda Yelton  
100 Rogers Ave.  
Somerville MA, 02144-2209

**John Long**

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**From:** steve=staticfree.info@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Steve Pomeroy <steve@staticfree.info>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Steve Pomeroy  
16 Spring St. #1  
Somerville MA, 02143-2522

**John Long**

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**From:** pmjones@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Peter Jones <pmjones@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 8:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Peter Jones  
5 Garden Ct  
Apt 4  
Cambridge MA, 02138-1355

**John Long**

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**From:** vicky\_orozko@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Victoria Orozco  
<vicky\_orozko@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 8:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Victoria Orozco  
32 Calvin st  
Somerville MA, 02143-3804

**John Long**

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**From:** xinjin=fas.harvard.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Xin Jin <xinjin@fas.harvard.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 8:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Xin Jin  
27 Walnut st  
Somerville MA, 02143-3024



**John Long**

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**From:** juliekrzanowski@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Julie Krzanowski  
<juliekrzanowski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Julie Krzanowski  
61 Adams St  
Somerville MA, 02145-2601

**John Long**

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**From:** ckimball119@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Christopher Kimball <ckimball119@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:38 AM  
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Sincerely,

Christopher Kimball  
26 Warner Street  
Somerville MA, 02144-1365

**John Long**

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**From:** org-aclu=cloclwinders.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Edward Helm <org-aclu@cloclwinders.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:30 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Edward Helm  
4 Billingham St  
Somerville MA, 02144-1910

**John Long**

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**From:** kristinmslevin@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Kristin Slevin  
<kristinmslevin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Kristin Slevin  
194 Cedar Street  
Apt 1  
Somerville MA, 02145-3500

**John Long**

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**From:** sam=daitzman.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Sam Daitzman <sam@daitzman.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:23 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Sam Daitzman  
6 Wall Street  
Wellesley Hills MA, 02481-4835

**John Long**

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**From:** christina.agapakis@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Christina Agapakis  
<christina.agapakis@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,

Christina Agapakis  
25 Banks St  
Somerville MA, 02144-3104

**John Long**

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**From:** nathanael.clouser@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Nathanael Clouser  
<nathanael.clouser@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Nathanael Clouser  
12C Warwick St.  
Somerville MA, 02145-3510

**John Long**

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**From:** manganmem@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Mary Mangan  
<manganmem@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:15 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Mary Mangan  
65 MAIN ST.  
SOMERVILLE MA, 02145-1460



**John Long**

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**From:** jeclairm@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Edmund Clairmont  
<jeclairm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 9:12 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Edmund Clairmont  
102 Sycamore St.  
Apt 3  
Somerville MA, 02145-2729

**John Long**

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**From:** jhbrown@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Jeremy Brown <jhbrown@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:02 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Brown  
234 Summer St  
Somerville MA, 02143-2245

**John Long**

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**From:** marty.cecchi@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Marty Checchi  
<marty.cecchi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Marty Checchi  
228 Powder House Blvd  
Somerville MA, 02144-1531

**John Long**

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**From:** sols=gwmail.gwu.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Solomon Steen  
<sols@gwmail.gwu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Solomon Steen  
236 Broadway #2  
Somerville MA, 02145-3034

## John Long

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**From:** Pawan Deshpande <pawan@alum.mit.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Pawan Deshpande

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195 Binney St #2207

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142

## John Long

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**From:** Robert Smyth <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Robert Smyth  
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29 Josephine Ave.  
MA, Massachusetts 02144

## John Long

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**From:** Lia Cowley <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:46 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Lia Cowley

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236 Somerville Ave, Apt 3

Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

## John Long

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**From:** Dmitry Erastov <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Any new "security" technology must be proven effective before taxpayer money is spent implementing it.

Dmitry Erastov  
[derastov@gmail.com](mailto:derastov@gmail.com)  
5 Haskell st  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140



## John Long

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**From:** Ryan Houlette <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Ryan Houlette  
[houlette@gmail.com](mailto:houlette@gmail.com)  
11 Newman St  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140

## John Long

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**From:** Lisa HK <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Lisa HK  
[smallveggie@gmail.com](mailto:smallveggie@gmail.com)  
221 North Harvard Street  
Boston , Massachusetts 02134

## John Long

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**From:** Tessa Bahoosh <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:41 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** I'm writing to ask you to help ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

I am writing as a citizen to ask 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.

I am deeply concerned by the power these untested technologies give to the government, how these technologies infringe on the right to privacy, and in particular they may further racial bias (whether intentionally or otherwise) against communities that are already more heavily policed.

I ask you to help Somerville join San Francisco in banning this dangerous technology. We have the opportunity to set a historical precedent fighting technology's ability to further racism and surveillance, and I hope that we take it.

Tessa Bahoosh

[tisibahoosh@gmail.com](mailto:tisibahoosh@gmail.com)

26 Warner St

Somerville, Massachusetts 02144

**From:** Rich Mason <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Rich Mason  
[richardcmason1988@gmail.com](mailto:richardcmason1988@gmail.com)  
43 Manafield St, #2  
Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

## John Long

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**From:** AJ Jenkins <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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AJ Jenkins

[aj.jenkins123@gmail.com](mailto:aj.jenkins123@gmail.com)

445 Artisan Way Apt 554

Somerville, Massachusetts 02145

## John Long

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**From:** Gordon Wade <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Gordon Wade  
[pmg327@gmail.com](mailto:pmg327@gmail.com)  
40 Powder House Blvd  
Somerville, Massachusetts 02144



## John Long

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**From:** Alexander Nally <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Alexander Nally

[alexandernally@gmail.com](mailto:alexandernally@gmail.com)

32 Calvin Street, Apartment 3

Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

## John Long

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**From:** Michael Cunningham <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Michael Cunningham  
[mcunningham330@gmail.com](mailto:mcunningham330@gmail.com)

26 Ibbetson  
Somerville , Texas 03143



**John Long**

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**From:** Jane Chakravarthy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Jane Chakravarthy

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18 Jay St

Somerville, Massachusetts 02144-2712

## John Long

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**From:** Florence Dickerson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 12:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Florence Dickerson

[floslondonwork@yahoo.com](mailto:floslondonwork@yahoo.com)

Beacon st

Sinerville, Massachusetts 02143

**From:** Ienna Fernandez <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 1:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Ienna Fernandez

[iennadt@gmail.com](mailto:iennadt@gmail.com)

19 Houghton St. #2

Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

**John Long**

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**From:** nicole.erin.madden@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Nicole Madden  
<nicole.erin.madden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Ban Face Surveillance Technologies

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Sincerely,

Nicole Madden  
83 Conwell Ave  
Somerville MA, 02144-1252

## John Long

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**From:** Kip Clark <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 2:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Kip Clark

[kipclark.ca@gmail.com](mailto:kipclark.ca@gmail.com)

23 Granite St. #2

Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

## John Long

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**From:** Anne Erde <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Anne Erde

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Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130

**John Long**

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**From:** gabriel.winant@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Gabriel Winant  
<gabriel.winant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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Sincerely,

Gabriel Winant  
12 Thorpe St. #1  
Somerville MA, 02143-1924



**From:** Xhep Xhepa <hilda.xhepa@tufts.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Xhep Xhepa

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Somerville, Massachusetts 02144



## John Long

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**From:** Oren Pilinger <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

I am a concerned Somerville voter urging 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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Oren Pilinger

[ren.pilinger@gmail.com](mailto:ren.pilinger@gmail.com)

116 School Street #2

Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

## John Long

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**From:** Jodie Dow <jdownovaes@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 2:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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Jodie Dow

[jdownovaes@comcast.net](mailto:jdownovaes@comcast.net)

59 Vinal Ave #3

Somerville, Massachusetts 02143

## John Long

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**From:** Suzanne Davies <smdavies@bu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

Please support Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen's ordinance to ban municipal agencies from using face surveillance and other at-a-distance biometric tracking technologies. As a resident of Somerville, I hope that my city will prioritize civil liberties and community over racist scare tactics.

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**From:** Bailey Cummings <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 2:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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**From:** Emily Atkinson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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**From:** Michael Leonard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 2:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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**From:** Robyn Belair <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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**From:** caitlinp.donnelly@gmail.com <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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**From:** sheetskristen@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Kristen Sheets  
<sheetskristen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:29 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,

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**From:** Heather Rosenfeld <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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**From:** Brendan McManus <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

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**John Long**

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**From:** Jessica Keating <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 3:42 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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**From:** Walter Levy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 4:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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**From:** Ashard Jones <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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**From:** Charlotte Alger <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 6:56 PM  
**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. I live half the time with boyfriend on 4 Electric Avenue near Mason Street.

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**John Long**

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**From:** Blake Stacey <bstacey@brandeis.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 6:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Pass the ordinance to ban facial recognition

City Clerk,

Usually I find myself asking questions about ArtFarm or residential zoning, but today I am writing 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. Let's set the right example and be good neighbors, instead of enabling the degradation of privacy and the advance of algorithmic racism.

Yours,

Blake Stacey

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**From:** Thisaru Perera <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 6:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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**From:** Will Millar <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 5:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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**From:** Sander Ashman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
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