



April 12, 2022

The Honorable Jackie Speier, MC  
House of Representatives  
2465 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: SUPPORT: City of San Mateo CFP Request – Acquisition of License Plate Recognition and Camera Technology**

Dear Representative Speier:

On behalf of the San Mateo City Council and our 105,000 residents, we support the City of San Mateo's \$100,000 CFP request for the Acquisition of License Plate Recognition and Camera Technology. Currently the San Mateo Police Department (SMPD) has 25 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR). They have been assigned to the most strategic and highest crime locations. This has proven to be successful, but also helped the Department identify a strong need to include other areas of ingress and egress to our city. The police tried to address it by equipping 6 mobile traffic trailers with ALPRs, but that has proven to be inadequate. The San Mateo Police Department needs 30 additional ALPRs to bring the total to 55 cameras.

SMPD officers utilize the ALPR systems **every day**, and it is a vital tool that is used to solve crimes. Many of these crimes would otherwise go unsolved or take an extraordinary effort to solve, but ALPR technology increases the SMPD solvability rate keeping community safer. Ten (10) other jurisdictions with similar populations as San Mateo have more ALPRs.

For all the aforementioned reasons, the San Mateo City Council supports the City of San Mateo's CFP request of \$100,000 for the Acquisition of License Plate Recognition and Camera Technology. Our members put their lives on the line every day to protect the public. They deserve the finest technology.

Sincerely,

Rick Bonilla, Mayor