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MEMORANDUM

Robert Jonsen
Sheriff

DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Susan Ellenberg, President, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Robert Jonsen, Sheriff
SUBJECT: Response to Auditing the ALPR System

During the March 14, 2023 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Simitian requested additional information about auditing the Automated License Plate Reader System to ensure that the data is not stored longer than 30 days.

A member of the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division has confirmed with the vendor (FLOCK) that ALPR data from Saratoga and Los Altos Hills is automatically deleted from the data storage system at midnight at the end of the 30th day from its initial entry. Additionally, since the ALPR system has been in place, a member of the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division has audited the system frequently. The audit consists of submitting a query for information beyond 30 days. To date, the system has yielded no responsive results meaning that there was no data stored within the system from either Saratoga or Los Altos Hills.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes the need to balance information collected with the right to privacy of members of the public. Moving forward, our Patrol Division will conduct an audit on a bi-weekly basis to ensure the system is purging all images past 30 days. Those audit reports will be made available through the Annual Surveillance Report.

cc: Members of the Board of Supervisors,
Tiffany Lennear, Clerk of the Board,
Dr. Jeff Smith, County Executive