

PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORS

Oakland's Flock Surveillance Threatens Immigrant Communities

THE CONTRACT

December 17, 2025: Oakland approved a \$2 million contract with Flock Safety (7-1 vote):

- 290 automated license plate readers scanning vehicles across Oakland
- 40 new cameras with live video and pan-tilt-zoom capabilities
- 1.4 million vehicle scans per month (November 2025 alone)
- Data shared with 50+ law enforcement agencies
- Integration of private cameras (Ring, Nest) into surveillance network
- 30+ days data retention (longer for investigations)

THE ICE CONNECTION

Flock Safety has been caught sharing data with federal immigration authorities (ICE), violating sanctuary city policies:

- July 2024: San Francisco Police accessed Oakland's Flock system and shared data with federal law enforcement
- December 2024: Richmond, CA paused their Flock system after discovering federal agencies could access their data
- 2024-2025: Multiple cities discovered ICE accessing Flock networks nationwide
- January 2025: ICE, Secret Service, and Navy confirmed to have Flock access

Oakland's contract includes a 'Federal Assumption' termination clause—but this only works AFTER a breach occurs. Your neighbors' data will already be compromised.

YOUR CAMERA FEEDS IT

Ring + Flock Partnership (October 2024):

Police using Flock can now request your Ring doorbell footage through 'Community Requests.' If you share footage, your home address and email are given to police, and the footage enters a network accessible to 5,000+ law enforcement agencies.

Other cameras in Flock's network:

- Ring cameras (Amazon)
- Nest cameras (Google)
- Axon platform cameras
- Corporate cameras at FedEx, Lowe's, and 1,000+ other businesses

TAKE ACTION NOW

Immediate Steps:

- Disable Ring camera sharing (see page 2 for detailed instructions)
- Email City Council demanding contract termination (contact info at right)
- Share this flyer with your neighbors and community groups
- Attend City Council meetings (Tuesdays, 6:30 PM at City Hall)

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Demand they terminate the Flock contract and protect Oakland's sanctuary city status.

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PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

How to Disable Camera Sharing

■ RING CAMERAS

Disable Community Requests

Ring partners with Flock. Police can request your footage. Here's how to opt out:

METHOD 1: Neighbors App

1. Open Neighbors by Ring app
2. Tap menu icon (■) in top-left
3. Select "Neighborhood Settings"
4. Tap "Feed Settings"
5. Scroll to "Community Requests" under Post Types
6. Uncheck the box next to Community Requests
7. Tap "Apply"

METHOD 2: Ring App

1. Open Ring app
2. Go to "Control Center"
3. Select "Public Safety"
4. Opt out of Community Requests Email Notifications

✓ You're now opted out!

MAXIMUM PRIVACY:

End-to-End Encryption

(If your Ring device supports it - this prevents Ring from accessing your videos)

1. Ring app → Control Center
2. Select "Video Encryption"
3. Choose "Advanced Video Encryption"
4. Enable "End-to-End Encryption"
5. Turn ON

■ This disables: Sharing and Alexa

✓ But provides: Complete privacy

■ NEST CAMERAS

■■■ WARNING

You CANNOT fully opt out of Nest sharing with police

- Google reserves the right to share footage without a warrant in 'emergencies'
- No opt-out available - Only Google determines if situation qualifies
- No end-to-end encryption offered on Nest cameras
- Footage stored in Google's cloud for up to 60 days
- You may not be notified if your data is shared
- Google claims they've 'never done this' but keeps the right

If You Must Keep Nest:

- Disable cloud storage (use local SD card only)
- Reduce retention period to minimum
- Limit camera placement (avoid public-facing areas)
- Delete footage regularly

BETTER: Switch Cameras

These require warrants:

- Arlo - Requires warrant for ALL requests, local storage available
- Wyze - Requires warrant for ALL requests, affordable with SD card
- Eufy - End-to-end encryption (company CANNOT access)
- Apple HomeKit - Default E2E encryption on compatible cameras

■ COMPARISON

May Share Without Warrant:

- Ring (if you don't opt out)
- Nest (Google)
- Amazon Cloud Cam

Protects Your Privacy:

- ✓ Arlo
- ✓ Wyze
- ✓ Eufy
- ✓ Apple HomeKit cameras

■ CHECKLIST

If you have Ring:

- Community Requests disabled in Neighbors app
- Community Requests disabled in Ring app
- End-to-end encryption ON (if supported)
- Two-factor authentication enabled
- Unknown devices removed from account

If you have Nest:

- Seriously consider switching to Arlo, Wyze, or Eufy
- If keeping: Disable cloud storage, use local only
- Minimize what cameras capture

Everyone:

- Inform neighbors about privacy issues
- Share this flyer in your community
- Email Oakland officials demanding Flock termination
- Attend City Council meetings to voice opposition

Key Resources:

- EFF: eff.org
- ACLU: aclu.org
- DeFlock: deflock.me
- East Bay Sanctuary: ebsanctuary.org

Your privacy matters. Your neighbors matter. Your community matters.

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