

Resolution 25-08.016

Opposing Automated License Plate Readers Data Misuse and Prioritizing Community Investments over Surveillance Expansion

WHEREAS, Automated License Plate Reader systems present significant privacy and civil rights concerns, with data potentially accessible to federal immigration agencies, putting immigrant and marginalized communities at risk; and

WHEREAS, the continued investment in Automated License Plate Readers diverts critical resources away from essential community programs such as parks, libraries, and safety net services that foster healthy, thriving neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, local leaders, organizations, and community members have expressed overwhelming opposition to Automated License Plate Reader funding, citing its potential misuse, lack of regulation, and threats to democratic freedoms and community trust.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes sharing Automated License Plate Reader data with ICE and other Federal agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports prioritizing investments in community-based programs, such as extended library hours, public park maintenance, recreational opportunities, hygiene infrastructure, and emergency response services, over the expansion of surveillance technologies like Automated License Plate Readers.

This Resolution was passed by the California Democratic Party Resolutions Committee at the August 2025 Virtual Executive Board Meeting.