

**TO:** Mayor Durkan, Members of the Seattle City Council  
**FROM:** The City of Seattle Community Technology Advisory Board (CTAB)  
**RE:** Amendment 1 and the Formation of a Community Surveillance Advisory Board

April 10, 2018

Dear Mayor Durkan and Members of the Seattle City Council,

We are writing today to express concern regarding Amendment 1, which would amend Ordinance 125376, and create a Community Surveillance Advisory Board. The Community Technology Advisory Board (CTAB) feels that establishing a new community advisory board for the sole purpose of reviewing surveillance technologies is redundant and detracts from the role and mission of CTAB. Despite disagreeing with Amendment 1 overall, we feel that it raises an important point, one with which we agree: that the surveillance technology process and Seattle community members would benefit from an increased level of community input.

It is also our understanding that a Mayoral task force is being considered to help address the City's surveillance technologies awaiting review (to be dissolved when the review process is caught up to present-day needs). CTAB asks that the Seattle City Council refrain from passing Amendment 1, and instead support the following three recommendations, which we believe will better address the needs of Seattle community members:

1. Expand the Community Technology Advisory Board to support the future technology review process. We have requested that Seattle City Council expand the Community Technology Advisory Board's membership from 10 to 15 seats (this recommendation was made in a previous memo), and upon Council approval, we will seek to increase the number of members with relevant skills, as well as community representatives from marginalized groups that may be disproportionately impacted by surveillance technologies and;
2. Establish a joint committee comprised of CTAB members and a similar board/committee with civil rights insights and expertise, to be supported by Council staff. This new joint committee shall serve as part of the community input process for acquisition of surveillance technologies for the City of Seattle and;
3. Should the Mayor establish a task force or working group to address existing surveillance technology review, we ask that a current CTAB member be included, and that CTAB representation be increased upon expansion of the current board size.

Thank you for considering our thoughts. We look forward to partnering with you in 2018.

Sincerely,

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