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 - [Electronic Privacy Information Center \(EPIC\) amicus letter](#) in support
 - [The First Amendment Project of the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists](#) amicus letter in support
 - [Sacramento Valley Mirror, Lake County News, People's Vanguard of Davis, Woodland Record, Rio Dell Times, Ferndale Enterprise, LION Publishing Group and Michael Robertson](#) amicus letter in support
 - [Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Los Angeles Times, California Newspaper Publishers Association, Californians Aware, and the McClatchy Company](#) in support
 - [Northern California Chapter of Society of Professional Journalists](#) in support
 - [City of Los Angeles](#) opposition to request for releasing ALPR data
 - [Opening brief](#) for California Supreme Court
 - [Los Angeles County Sheriff John Gaw](#) declaration in support of Los Angeles County's opposition to petition for writ of mandamus
 - [Los Angeles Police Department Opposition to Petition for Writ of Mandate](#)

- [EFF and ACLU of Southern California Reply](#) in Support of Petition for Writ of Mandate
- [Los Angeles Superior Court](#) ruling on public access to license plate data
- [EFF and ACLU of Southern California's ALPR records appeal](#) to California Third District Court of Appeals
- [EFF and ACLU of Southern California's petition](#) for California Supreme Court review
- [Los Angeles agencies/ answer](#) to California Supreme Court Petition for review
- [EFF and ACLU of Southern California's opening brief](#) in the California Supreme Court

EFF Amicus Briefs

- [Harrison Neal v. Fairfax County Police Department](#) amicus brief in support
- [United States v. Yang](#) amicus brief in support

EFF Blogs and Press Releases

- [New Ninth Circuit Opinion Calls into Question Blind Reliance on License Plate Camera IDs](#) - May 21, 2014
- [Mystery Show Debunks License Plate Privacy 'Myth'](#) - June 15, 2015
- [Secrecy Trumps Public Debate in New Ruling On LA's License Plate Readers](#) - September 3, 2015
- [What You Can Learn from Oakland's Raw ALPR Data](#) - January 21, 2015
- [License Plate Readers Exposed! How Public Safety Agencies Responded to Major Vulnerabilities in Vehicle Surveillance Tech](#) - October 28, 2015,
- ['No Cost' License Plate Readers Are Turning Texas Police into Mobile Debt Collectors and Data Miners](#) - January 26, 2016, A Texas City
- [Rescinds 'No Cost' License Plate Reader Deal For Being 'Big-Brotherish'](#) - February 25, 2016
- [Here are 79 California Surveillance Tech Policies. But Where Are the Other 90?](#) - April 11, 2016
- [Georgia License Plate Reader Bill: Bad for the Public, Bad for the Police](#) - March 23, 2016
- [Mass Surveillance at Public Gatherings Is Why We Need Oversight Policies](#) - October 31, 2016
- [Virginia Supreme Court Should Protect Drivers from License Plate Surveillance](#) - February 22, 2017
- [The Four Flavors of Automated License Plate Reader Technology](#) - April 6, 2017
- [Require Police to Purge Their Databases of Innocent Citizens' Personal Information, EFF Tells Virginia Supreme Court](#) - August 2, 2017
- [Police Have Collected Data on Millions of Law-Abiding Drivers Via License Readers](#) - August 31, 2017
- [ICE Accesses a Massive Amount of License Plate Data. Will California Take Action?](#) - January 19, 2018

- [California Senate Rejects License Plate Privacy Shield Bill](#) - January 30, 2018
- [Keep Border Spy Tech Out of Dreamer Protection Bills](#) - February 3, 2018
- [EFF and MuckRock Are Filing a Thousand Public Records Requests About ALPR Data Sharing](#) - February 16, 2018

Legislation

- Federal
 - There is no Federal legislation for ALPR use at this time.
- State
 - On January 1, 2016 California law [S.B. 34](#) went into effect. It requires agencies that use [automated license plate recognition](#) (ALPR) or access ALPR data to publish privacy and usage policies. These policies must be posted "conspicuously" on their websites.

Known Manufacturers

- Vigilant Solutions, of Livermore, California
 - Maker of license plate recognition software
- ELSAG, of Greensboro, North Carolina
 - Maker of ALPR products and parking enforcement software
- MVtrac, of Palatine, Illinois
 - Maker of ALPR systems

Law Enforcement Training Guides and Materials

- [Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department training slideshow presentation on ALPRs](#)
- [Alameda Police Department ALPR use policy](#)