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Good Morning Ramis,

I'm sending this email to provide some virtual introductions, to bring you up to speed on LPRs, and request the ACLU's assistance.

- Commissioner and Attorney Linda Bernard (313-690-2500) is the Police Commissioner for District 2 and chairs the Policy Committee. She is laser focused on police policy reform, civil liberties, and social justice. She takes a community roundtable approach to policy development, and invites anyone who attends her committee meetings in person to physically sit at the table with the Commissioners and have an equal voice. Commissioner Bernard and Commissioner Moore advocated for this Video Release Ordinance: [DRAFT Video Release Policy for the City of Detroit v4 11212023.pdf \(detroitmi.gov\)](#)
- Jasmin Taylor is one of the Board's newest appointed Administrative Assistants. Amongst other things, she serves as Commissioner Bernard's "Commissioner Community Partner" (CCP).
- Commissioner Bernard and Jasmin, Ramis (586-214-7359) is an attorney with the ACLU. He has been a helpful partner, and presented to the Board in 2023 on LPRs. I recommend you and the Policy committee stay in close contact with him.

The Board has approved 2 DPD submitted specification reports for LPR and Camera technology - ALPRs in 2023; LPRs and Freeway Cameras in 2024. As a follow up to these approvals, Commissioner Bernard is committed to developing strong DPD Policy around the usage of this technology. At this time, there does not appear to be any standalone DPD LPR policy.

(Note: There is now a place on the BOPC website for publishing all active DPD policies. About a third of policies are currently published, and staff is continuing to publish the rest. This was a page I established prior to leaving the Board. Please use it as a reference. [Board of Police Commissioners Policy Directives | City of Detroit \(detroitmi.gov\)](#)

The Policy Committee has been meeting every 2 weeks on Tuesdays at 5pm. Please reference the City of Detroit Events page for all scheduled meetings. [City Events | City of Detroit \(detroitmi.gov\)](#). If you or anyone in the ACLU has capacity to assist Commissioner Bernard and the Policy Committee in the development of an LPR Policy, I'm sure your input would be greatly appreciated.

Here are the resources I've found online so far. I'm sure the Policy Committee would appreciate the ACLU's take on these positions and any other recommendations you can provide.

- The U.S. Department of Justice provides a template for the development of License Plate Reader policies. After the information in the top of the document, a template is at the bottom where all one has to do is fill in the blanks and edit: [LPR Policy Template FINAL 2-7-170.pdf \(ojp.gov\)](#)

- The Brennan Center also has recommendations for policies governing License Plate Reader usage: [Automatic License Plate Readers: Legal Status and Policy Recommendations for Law Enforcement Use | Brennan Center for Justice](#)
- Here is an LPR policy from the International Association of Chiefs of Police: [IACP-LPR-Policy-Sample.pdf \(ncpea.org\)](#)
- Here is the Legal and Policy Evaluation of LPRs by the University of Michigan: [ALPR Memo Final Jan 2023_0.pdf \(umich.edu\)](#)

I look forward to working with each of you on furthering police oversight and accountability.

Respectfully,

Victoria