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Subject: Please POST to Legistar and PULL Item #29 - Drone -- from 12/10/19 BOS Agenda

Please timely post the entirety of this message to Legistar and pull Item #29 – Drone/unmanned aerial vehicle – from 12/10/19 BOS agenda for public discussion.

The following two related articles are relevant to government surveillance and raised concerns about "Big Brother" during the Taxpayers Association meeting. How exactly is this drone going to be used, and what oversight is there to ensure citizen privacy rights?:

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Melody,

Thanks for sending this. Yes, Big Brother is alive and well in San Diego (and spreading elsewhere, of course). Anytime the government rolls out something like this and claims that it will "gather only metadata such as static data on parking, vehicle counts, pedestrian counts, temperature, humidity, and air pressure", you know it will go well beyond merely counting.

But we should all be comforted by Police Captain Jordan's promise to San Diego's citizens that "the CityIQ system won't be used 'to harass, intimidate or discriminate against any individuals or groups'". Yeah, right.....

Privacy Concerns Over San Diego Smart Streetlights

The Daily Conspiracy Team

San Diego, California is proud to be the world's largest smart city platform but advocates say the drive toward computer-driven interconnectedness is going too far as the city unveils its new streetlight equipped with face recognition software.

Claiming energy savings and "new technological opportunities," the San Diego leaders are "transforming the City's existing street lighting infrastructure into a connected digital infrastructure."

The city website says that data collected by the streetlight-mounted data collection sensor nodes "can be used to develop applications and systems that benefit the City and the community," and will gather only metadata such as static data on parking, vehicle counts, pedestrian counts, temperature,