

Stop Surveillance in Boston!

Advocacy Tool Kit

Background:

The Boston City Council is considering two local ordinances which reign in unregulated surveillance by the Boston Police and other city agencies. The Council needs to see that the community wants policies or they won't take action to protect our civil rights. The City council is expected to hold a public hearing on these proposals soon.

Face Surveillance Ban: The face surveillance ban will prevent city agencies from using face surveillance software, ensuring that people are not subject to unregulated, mass surveillance in public spaces. The proposed ban protects our freedom of speech and our privacy. It also promotes racial justice and safeguards immigrants' rights today and for future generations. Learn more about the issue in general [here](#) and about local face surveillance bans [here](#).

Community Control Over Police Surveillance: The Community Control Over Police Surveillance (CCOPS) ordinance protects privacy, civil liberties, and the democratic process by requiring police departments to get community buy-in before acquiring new surveillance technologies. The ordinance sets up a democratic, transparent process so the public is fully informed and engaged in the conversation about what police departments are doing, and why. Learn more about CCOPS [here](#).

How Can You Help?

Please let Matt Allen at the ACLU know when you've taken any of these actions by sending a quick email to mallen@aclum.org or text to 508-410-1547. We need to know how many calls and emails get into the council so we can track our progress.

1. Call your city councilors to express support.

Call your city councilors (4 At-Large councilors and your district councilor) and ask them to support the face surveillance ban and CCOPS. [Sample script here](#).

2. Email your city councilors to express support.

Email your city councilors (4 at-large councilors and your district councilor) and ask them to support the face surveillance ban and CCOPS. [Sample email here.](#)

- 3. Attend the virtual hearing on the face surveillance ban and speak in favor during the public comment portion of the hearing.**

**Hearing on Face Surveillance Ban
Boston City Council
Committee on Government Operations
[Hearing on Docket #06083](#)
Tuesday, June 9
3:00 PM**

Please RSVP [here](#) to receive information on how to join the virtual hearing on Zoom.

A hearing on CCOPS will also take place sometime in the future.

- 4. Submit written testimony.**

Send written testimony in support of the face surveillance ban to the ACLU (mallen@aclum.org). The ACLU will gather all testimonies to hand them into the council in one big, compelling stack. View sample written testimony [here](#).

- 5. Sign the petition.**

[Sign this petition](#) in support of the face surveillance ban and share it with your friends who reside in Boston.

- 6. Promote the campaign on social media.**

Follow the ACLU on social media and amplify mentions of this campaign.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aclumass/>
Twitter: https://twitter.com/aclu_mass
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/aclu_mass/

City Councilors:

You have 5 city councilors: 4 at-large councilors and 1 district councilor. Find out who your district councilor is [here](#). The map on the city website has recently been down a lot lately. If it isn't working and you don't know who your district councilor is, contact Matt Allen, ACLU Field Director (mallen@aclum.org 508-410-1547) for help.

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