Where do you stand on Flock / ALPR surveillance in Brunswick County?

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I'm writing from DeFlockILM.org, a nonpartisan, citizen-led effort documenting automated license plate reader (ALPR) surveillance across the Cape Fear. We aren't tied to any party or campaign — we're sending the same questions to every candidate for the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners.

Brunswick County runs one of the region's larger Sheriff's Office Flock camera networks. Public records show the data is shared widely, including with agencies outside North Carolina, and this year a Sheriff's Office employee resigned during a State Bureau of Investigation review of alleged Flock misuse. The Board you're seeking funds and oversees this program.

Before November 3, voters deserve to know where you stand. We'd be grateful for your answers to four questions:

1. Do you support continuing, expanding, or ending the County's Flock/ALPR program?
2. Should any ALPR contract or renewal require a public hearing and a recorded Board vote, rather than administrative or consent-agenda approval?
3. Do you support an independent, external audit of who searches the County's cameras and why — and turning off default nationwide data sharing?
4. What limits, if any, would you place on sharing Brunswick County plate data with out-of-state and federal agencies?

We'll publish your response in full and unedited at DeFlockILM.org, alongside the other candidates', so residents can compare. A non-response is simply noted as such.

Thank you for your time, and for stepping up to serve.

Best regards,

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