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I am writing/testifying in support of your proposed ordinance prohibiting the acquisition and use of facial recognition technology by County administrative offices and executive departments, including the department of public safety.

Face recognition technology (FRT) was responsible for three wrongful [arrests](#) because of its [inaccuracy](#) in the identification of minorities and women. According to a 2019 [report](#) on the use of FRT by London's police department, 81% of the suspects flagged were misidentified. FRT has become a substitute for properly collecting evidence in criminal investigations and is [often](#) used [without](#) a warrant.

Facial surveillance infringes upon people's right to protest because they feel threatened by the government's ability to identify those peacefully expressing their opposition to policy. It has been documented that police departments in [New York](#), [Miami](#) and [Washington D.C.](#) used facial surveillance to identify protesters.

FRT also enables long-term collection of an individual's location data, something which the SCOTUS [ruled](#) is illegal. Thank you for your serious consideration of this ordinance."