

Public Comment: Wheaton City Council, October 5, 2026

Good evening, Mayor and members of the Council. My name is Kim Alanis. I live at 121 Shelley Lane and have lived in Wheaton for ten years.

First, I want to say Thank You. Serving on this council means dedicating your time and energy in a public space, which can be challenging and uncomfortable, for very little pay. I appreciate you for doing it.

I'd like to say today how good it is to see how Wheaton has changed. For a long time, the unspoken rule here was "mind your own business." Now I see more people living by a different one: be kind to yourself and to others, and if you see something that isn't right, say something. That shift is why I'm up here tonight.

It's important to be aware of happenings around us, and if we're not aware, do our best to become aware. That brings me to Flock. I spoke last meeting and am speaking again to encourage the conversation to continue rather than fall quiet.

Wheaton currently has 64 ALPR cameras. They enable any vehicle to be tracked anywhere, anytime, whether or not the driver has done anything wrong. That data is held by a private company, not by the city, and residents have very little visibility into who can access it, how long it's kept, or how often it is used to solve crimes here in Wheaton.

In Spring 2027, both the original 20-camera Flock term and the 44-camera Flock term are set to renew. The second is set to renew automatically from year to year. Decisions this significant shouldn't roll over quietly.

I am asking that any one of you seven council members please email Ray Munch, the City Manager who creates the meeting agendas, to add "A public review of Flock cameras in Wheaton, IL" to the October 26th Planning Session agenda. I will follow up in 3 business days via email, and subsequently as is necessary, to ensure this topic gets the attention it needs.

Keeping Wheaton safe and protecting residents' privacy are not opposing goals. We can do both, and we should do it together.

Finally, I want to speak to everyone in this room and everyone watching at home. You don't have to be comfortable at a microphone to make a difference. Having a conversation with a friend or neighbor makes positive impact. Send an

email, attend an event; however you do it, make your voice heard. A city can work best for everyone when every voice is part of the conversation.

Thank you.

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