YOUR DUES WOULD BUY CAMERAS THAT LOG EVERY CAR ON OUR STREETS.

The Civic Association is asking for your notarized signature to make $100-a-year dues mandatory on every lot in Section IV. The enclosed survey describes two uses for the money: a patrol, or cameras "operated by a professional security services provider" to "directly assist HPD." The cameras sold to neighborhoods for that purpose today are license-plate readers.

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149 lots at $100. The whole annual budget.	per camera per year from the largest vendor. Six cameras uses it all.	The survey's phrase: every plate, time, and direction at each entrance.	Every claim here, with its source.

WHAT PLATE-READER CAMERAS DO

- **They photograph every vehicle that passes** and store the plate, time, and location on the vendor's servers, where police can search them and the system is normally linked to other agencies' cameras nationwide. Residents' cars are logged like anyone else's. The board and the vendor set the access and retention rules.
- **Innocent drivers get stopped.** The Institute for Justice has documented at least 27 cases since 2018 of drivers pulled over, held at gunpoint, or jailed because of plate-reader errors. In about two-thirds of them, officers drew their guns before discovering the mistake.
- **This is already happening in Texas.** The state DPS camera network is searched about once every four seconds, nearly half the time from outside Texas, according to the Texas Tribune. A Fort Bend County sheriff's lieutenant admitted to about 200 personal searches, and in August Gov. Abbott stopped state agencies from buying Flock cameras.
- **The records reach immigration enforcement.** 404 Media found more than 4,000 searches run by local police on ICE's behalf in a single year. In June, 111 searches of the Texas DPS network listed "ICE deportation warrant," Border Patrol, or HSI as the reason. The board would decide whether Section IV's cameras join that network.
- **If it leaks, it cannot be unleaked.** In December 2025 researchers found at least 60 Flock cameras streaming live video and a month of archived footage to the open internet with no password, which Flock confirmed. A year of plate reads with times and locations is enough for anyone with a laptop and an AI model to work out where a family sleeps, works, worships, and sees a doctor.

WHY A DEED COVENANT IS THE WRONG WAY TO DECIDE

- **"POA" is the legal term for an HOA.** Texas law uses "property owners' association" for every homeowners association. What the amendment creates is an HOA with mandatory membership and mandatory dues that attach to the deed and pass to the next owner. If 90 lots sign, every lot is bound, including the ones that did not.
- **It is permanent, and it will not stay in neighbors' hands for long.** The covenant has no end date, and the amendment gives enforcement rights to the Association and "its successors and assigns." Volunteer boards wear out, and state law lets the board hire a management company without a member vote. Private equity firms have started buying up those companies, and Associa, based near Dallas, already serves 7.5 million homeowners.
- **This vote is the hard one. The later ones are easier.** Once a mandatory association exists, Texas law lets 67% of members amend the restrictions with no notary requirement and no opt-out. That is the route by which fines, liens, and higher dues would be added. The letter itself says further changes will be handled "after the POA is legally recognized."
- **If you want cameras, there is another way to pay for them.** Sections 1 through 5 have always funded the Civic Association with voluntary dues. Cameras can be paid for the same way, with no permanent charge on anyone's house.

60 **Section IV households that decline to sign will stop it.**

The committee needs 90 notarized lot approvals by September 4, 2027. With 89 the petition is void. Not signing counts as a no.

WHAT TO DO

- Do not sign at the door, at Slowpokes, at the park, or at the church. You can sign later if you change your mind; taking a signature back is much harder.
- If you already signed and regret it, send a short notarized letter withdrawing your signature to P.O. Box 430943, Houston, TX 77243, and keep a copy.
- Ask the committee, in writing, which vendor, how many cameras, who could search the records, how long they would be kept, and who approves sharing.
- **If you are not signing, let us know.** Email your street address and the words "not signing" to **keep4voluntary@gmail.com**, one email per household. We are keeping a count toward 60 and will not share the list. Questions welcome.

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