

Tucson Mayor and City Council Meeting – Aug 5th 2026

Good evening Mayor and City Council,

My name is Reyes, I'm a citizen of Ward 5. I am representing Deflock Tucson tonight, though I'm not a paid speaker.

First I want to thank the council members who reached out to have a dialogue with me. I apologize that I haven't reciprocated, we've been collectively busy, and do plan on reaching back out to everyone who has offered. Our online petition to remove AI Mass Surveillance in our community has reached over 2000 signatures on July 24th and has already jumped by a near 200 since that date.

Over 20 cases now have come out of officer abuse of the ALPR systems in order to illegally stalk and track their love interest, and ex wives/partner. Pinal County Sheriff Ross Steeples announced he intends to cancel their ALPR contract over 4th amendment conflicts.

John Oliver just this Sunday did a dedicated show to this topic. I highly suggest all councilmembers, mayor, and city managers watch it.

Today I wanted to talk about the Odyssey. I know a bit random but stick with me here.

Odysseus, also known by his Latin name Ulysses, the title character is actually referenced in modern day tech companies in what is known as a Ulysses pact. For those unfamiliar in the story Ulysses in wanting to hear the Sirens call, who dooms its listeners to jump to their deaths in the sea, made a plan with his men that he should be tied to the mast of the ship, and ignored his orders during the duration of the fatal song, in order to keep the ship and all its members from deviating.

An example of said pact was when Apple prided itself in its nigh unbreakable encryption for its phones and other devices. The encryption was so obstructive that the FBI sought out a court order to force Apple to create a backdoor for it and force install it on all other phones. Apple had in its design of the phone post the Snowden surveillance revelations, designed it so no

entity, even the government, could create said backdoor, and stood firm in its original promise. The Ulysses pact, no outside temptation, even the governments sway, would deviate their original design and intention.

I bring this up to say that no third party surveillance company currently contracted with the city has such a pact in their mission or designs. Not Axon, not Motorola, nor Verkada, Rekor, or LiveView technologies. All of these for profit corporations have made no long terms plans to resist the federal government in allowing them backdoor access to their collective data putting us all at risk of exposure. Time passes, and values change/drift, short term goals take precedence, and alignments and long term goals divert without any sort of guardrails.

Due you really trust these corporations at their current word. Rekor for example has only existed for less than a decade.

Personally I found it unlikely that they haven't already. I'd suggest you all do your duty and have oversight of the collected data, but once they reach their servers on AWS cloud network you are barred from doing so. Our information exists within a black box that could be stored, copied, contorted and shared, in any number of ways, and you have no recourse to find out exactly how. Welcome to private industry with no actual oversight! As OD Harris, councilman of Chandler said, these companies are making your duty impossible.

And in the case that corporate malfeasance has occurred, do you and your legal staff really feel up to challenging these multi billion dollar companies legally. Were no small town city, but that's the big leagues, and any sort of suit would be littered with litigation, delays, and overbearance known from said corporations.