Subject: FW: 4/17 FPC Public comment request

Here are my questions:

I would like to know the expressed intended use of facial recognition technology by the MPD, why they think our community needs it, and how they plan on enacting it for transparency purposes across the city:

1. We know from previous incidences and reported news stories that this technology repeatedly puts women in danger from stalkers and abusers, and puts minorities in danger from mistaken identities. Does the MPD have a plan in place to prevent or address external and internal misuse and misappropriation of this technology? If public safety is the intended goal of using facial recognition software, who in our community is this technology keeping safe?

2. As a Milwaukee resident, I believe that in the spirit of transparency, the public deserves to know how, when and where this software is being utilized in our daily lives, so that we can make informed decisions about our own safety and not have it made for us. Will there be any publicly available visual markers indicating the repurposing of pre-established public safety mechanisms (such as red light cameras) for facial recognition?

Thank you for hearing our questions and concerns over this extremely pressing and important issue.

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