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New Proposed Ordinance Aims to Regulate Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology in Durango

Durango City Councilor Shirley Gonzales and advocacy organizations to hold press conference on Protect our Privacy Ordinance

DURANGO, Colo. – Durango City Councilor Shirley Gonzales will be holding a press conference this Friday, April 3, alongside civil rights and advocacy organizations, to discuss a proposed ordinance that would create judicial warrant requirements for any agency wanting to access data captured by automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras, limit the baseline retention of footage to 72 hours, and create a community oversight board that would ensure that provisions of the ordinance are followed. The proposed ordinance includes exceptions to the warrant requirement for exigent circumstances and a process for parties to request specific data to be preserved for a limited period.

“This is common-sense regulation that would provide important safeguards for our community while allowing our police department to continue to use the Flock Safety system,” said **Councilor Gonzales**.

“If passed, this ordinance would create critical protections that would protect the civil liberties of everyone in Durango. This is a crucial regulation needed to ensure that law enforcement and government agencies cannot abuse this developing technology without consequences or oversight,” said **Anaya Robinson, ACLU of Colorado public policy director**.

WHAT: Press Conference on Protect our Privacy Ordinance

WHO: Durango City Councilor Shirley Gonzales, Colorado Immigrants’ Rights Coalition (CIRC), Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center, and ACLU of Colorado



WHEN: Friday, April 3, 2026, Noon – 1 p.m.

WHERE: Durango Community Recreation Center, Windom Conference Room, 2700 Main Ave, Durango, CO 81301

Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center strongly supports the Protect Our Privacy Ordinance as an important step in protecting the constitutional rights and civil liberties of everyone who lives in and travels through Durango.

“For immigrant communities in particular, unchecked surveillance systems create real fear and risk, making strong protections such as judicial warrant requirements, strict limits on data retention, and community oversight essential safeguards against misuse of personal data. We are deeply grateful to the community members, advocates, and organizations who worked to develop this important legislation that protects everyone in Durango and ensures our city does not move toward becoming a surveillance state,” said **Enrique A. Orozco-Perez, Co-Executive Director *Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center***

The ordinance was developed by community advocates who live in Durango, with support from the ACLU of Colorado and CIRC. The ordinance authors will present on the need for the ordinance, explain the provisions, describe the intended outcomes, and answer media questions.