

Oakland Privacy 2019: The Year in Bullet Points

Some of the things Oakland Privacy had a hand in in 2019...

- Urban Shield (militarized policing and weapons expo): Dead.
- San Francisco enacts a surveillance equipment regulation ordinance (SERO) and facial recognition ban.
- Oakland and Berkeley pass facial recognition bans.
- Oakland rejects new Bearcat (armored vehicle) for their Police Dept.
- Richmond, CA terminates its Vigilant ALPR contract, honoring their ordinance prohibiting doing business with ICE contractors.
- Oakland Privacy receives EFF's Barlow award, given for "extending freedom and innovation in the realm of information technology."
- Fought off two dozen industry efforts to water down the California Consumer Privacy Act before it became effective in Jan., 2020.
- Three year moratorium on police use of facial recognition in California signed into law.
- Oakland begins creating a police militarized equipment regulation ordinance, similar to its surveillance equipment regulation ordinance.
- Berkeley passes an ordinance requiring that certain commercial establishments accept cash, and therefore anonymity, following in San Francisco's footsteps earlier in the year.

We fight against spy drones, facial recognition, police body camera secrecy, anti-transparency laws and requirements for "backdoors" to cellphones, "pre-crime" and "thought-crime," to list just a few invasions of our privacy by all levels of Government, and attempts to hide what government officials, employees and agencies are doing.

We draft and push for privacy legislation in City Councils, at the County level, and in Sacramento. We advocate in op-eds and in the streets. We stand in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and believe no one is illegal.

Activists needed! If this work interests you - join us!

Contact us at <u>contact@oaklandprivacy.org</u>. Come to our next meeting at the Omni Commons: <u>oaklandprivacy.org/next-meeting/</u>