Oakland Privacy 2020: The Year in Bullet Points

Some of the things Oakland Privacy had a hand in in 2020:

- Deeply involved in the successful effort to get Santa Cruz to pass a facial recognition and predictive policing ban.
- Initiated and concluded a successful lawsuit against Vallejo re: Stingray approval and use by Council.
- Lawsuit vs. Oakland for egregiously violating the Public Records Act.
- Lobbied for and saw AB 1185, Sheriff Oversight, signed into law.
- Got the AC Transit Board to approve a policy on its surveillance cameras for its rapid-transit platforms.
- An opposition campaign to the faux commercial privacy ballot initiative, Prop 24. (it passed nonetheless).
- Advised activists in Portland, Oregon on their campaign which ultimately resulted in passing a ban on both government AND commercial use of facial recognition, a first.
- Defeating proposal for deploying surveillance cameras across Berkeley.
- A report on Ring camera usage via the ‘Neighbors App’ in SF.
- Eliminating the ‘Preventing Violent Extremism’ program in California.
- Successful public records lawsuits vs. Sacramento and Fresno sheriffs.
- Obtained, made public info. via public records requests, including police helos, cell site simulator logs and ALPR deployment locations.

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 and at the County and state levels. 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!

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