



HEARING NOTES

Council Bill: 23-0379

Facial Recognition Technology Regulations

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology
Chaired by: Councilwoman Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: November 15, 2023

Time (Beginning): 10:15 AM

Time (Ending): 12:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey
Phylicia Porter James Torrence

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Andrew Northrup, Office of the Public Defender
- Hillary Ruley, Baltimore City Law Department
- Graham Campbell, Director Data Driven, Baltimore City Police Department
- Erin Murphy, Director of Government Affairs, Office of State’s Attorney for Baltimore City
- Kimberly Sauer, Chief of Staff, Councilman Burnett
- Robert Enten, Attorney, Gordon Feinblatt LLC
- Sonia Portnoy-Leemon, Resident
- Martaze Gaines, Organizing Black
- Taylor Smith-Hams, Blue Water Baltimore

- Lydia Stamato, Resident
 - Jake Parker, Security Industry Association
 - Kristen Carmone, Resident
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Major Issues Discussed

1. The hearing, centered around Council Bill 23-0379, extensively examined the regulatory landscape of facial recognition technology.
 2. Privacy, data security, potential misuse, bias, and discrimination emerged as major focal points of concern.
 3. Participants underscored the imperative for accountability and transparency in the deployment of facial recognition technology.
 4. The critical evaluation aimed at shaping regulations that balance the technology's potential benefits with safeguarding individual rights and ensuring responsible use.
 5. The hearing delved into specific facets of facial recognition technology regulations.
 6. Discussed issues such as defining search parameters, the methodology of conducting searches, and the establishment of rigorous standards for analysts engaged in verification processes.
 7. Explored the proposed licensing structure for private entities employing facial recognition technology.
 8. Emphasized the need for fostering transparency and public awareness in the utilization of this technology.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

1. Request for the Baltimore Development Corporation to be at any subsequent hearings.
 2. Request for information on successful cities with facial recognition regulation.
 3. Request for information on the number of businesses with a system of recording keeping facial recognition technology.
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Date: November 20, 2023



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<u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u>			Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email					
Andrew	Northrup	Office of the Public Defender		✓			
ROBERT	ENTEN	MD BANKERS ASSOC		F or A	✓	✓	
Killian	McGinnis	Self			✓		
Lydia	Stamato	self			✓		
Taylor	Smith-Hans	self			✓		
GONIA	PORTNOY-LEONARD	SELF		✓			
Marilyn	Carlisle	Showing Up for Racial Justice	✓	✓			

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City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Health, Environment, and Technology

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2334 593 0265, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m235107c4b26feca7d1fb5394666e497d)
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock, Mark Conway, Ryan Dorsey, Phylicia Porter, and James Torrence
Absent 1 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

23-0379

Facial Recognition Technology

For the purpose of regulating the use of facial recognition technology; requiring possessors of data recovered from facial recognition technology to develop a certain policy regarding retention and destruction of data; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of facial recognition technology.

Sponsors: Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen

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