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My name is Casadie, and I oppose the use of unmanned aircraft systems in law enforcement. I think that adding drone surveillance to law enforcement and other agencies is a big intrusion to the public's privacy. I don't believe in the use of unmanned surveillance. We already have a huge problem within law enforcement with accountability and correct prosecution. To use unmanned surveillance creates another degree of separation between law enforcement and the public. While there could be benefits to unmanned surveillance, I believe that the negative aspects outweigh the benefits. To have unmanned law enforcement surveillance just helps create a more persistent and permanent police state. With the unchecked racial bias that is inherently woven into the system, unmanned surveillance creates a higher chance of incorrect arrests and prosecutions. There are plenty of instances where police have mis-used their power and turned off their body-cams, which has created many problems. Who's to say that unmanned surveillance wouldn't be used in incorrect and even despicable ways? I strongly suggest rethinking this measure, and putting more attention to other important measures.