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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB238

I am writing in opposition to SB238. The police and sheriff departs should not have the unilateral power to use drones as they see fit without a court warrant in any given situation. Probable cause is abused as is. There must be checks and balances and accountability.

History has made it abundantly clear: unchecked surveillance powers are often used to monitor, intimidate, and silence dissent — particularly targeting protestors, activists, and communities that are already over-policed. Also, if drone data is shared with federal authorities, it could be used by the Trump administration to identify and track the people he is increasingly targeting and harassing, including immigrants and refugees, people seeking reproductive or gender-affirming healthcare, and people speaking out against the fascism of Trump, Vance, and their billionaire supporters.