

R26-011: Resolution to Adopt the Flock Out Campaign and Establish the Flock Out Working Group

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Part I — Adoption of the Flock Out Campaign

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, automated license plate readers (ALPRs) create searchable records of vehicle movements by automatically capturing license plate, vehicle, and location data, including from people not suspected of criminal activity;

WHEREAS, Savannah has used Flock Safety ALPRs since 2020, expanding from 16 cameras to 48 in 2022, and in December 2025 approving a further \$193,500 expansion funded through a SCAD Serves grant that was intended to bring the City's Flock network to 124 cameras;

WHEREAS, Savannah Police Department's Flock transparency portal reported in July 2026 that the system included 105 LPR and other cameras, detected more than 550,000 unique vehicles and was searched more than 1,900 times in the preceding 30 days, while retaining data for 30 days;

WHEREAS, despite Georgia laws, departmental policies, training, and auditing intended to restrict ALPR use to legitimate law-enforcement purposes, a 2026 SPD investigation identified unauthorized Flock searches by four officers and two civilian employees, resulting in all six being terminated and four former employees subsequently being arrested by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

WHEREAS, these incidents demonstrate that safeguards and after-the-fact auditing do not eliminate the risks created by maintaining large, searchable databases of people's movements, and that the usefulness of ALPRs in individual investigations does not by itself justify routine mass collection of vehicle-location data;

WHEREAS, opposition to Flock Safety and ALPR surveillance has grown into a nationwide movement, including a National Week of Action Against ALPRs, with DSA chapters and other organizations organizing to end their use and warning that replacing Flock with another ALPR vendor does not end the underlying surveillance system;

WHEREAS, Savannah DSA's opposition to mass surveillance, political repression, anti-immigrant enforcement, and privatized policing technology follows from our commitments to democratic control, working-class freedom, racial justice, migrant solidarity, and opposition to the expansion of the carceral state;

WHEREAS, Savannah DSA's Members Handbook authorizes members to propose campaigns to the General Membership when those proposals include a clear goal, timeline, and organizing plan;

Campaign Adoption

Therefore, be it resolved, Savannah DSA adopts **Flock Out** as an official chapter campaign.

Be it further resolved, the principal objective of the Flock Out Campaign shall be to end the use of Flock Safety in Savannah and the surrounding areas and prevent its replacement with a substantially equivalent system of routine, dragnet automated license plate surveillance.

The campaign shall pursue the following demands:

1. End the City's relationship with Flock Safety.

Savannah should terminate or decline to renew its contracts and subscriptions with Flock Safety and deactivate and remove City-operated Flock ALPR equipment as quickly as legally practicable.

2. No vendor substitution for the same surveillance system.

The City should not replace Flock Safety with Axon, Motorola, Genetec, Leonardo, or another vendor providing substantially equivalent mass ALPR surveillance. The campaign's objection is to the surveillance practice, not solely to one corporation.

3. Public accounting of Savannah's ALPR program.

The City and Savannah Police Department should provide the public, to the fullest extent permitted by law, with an accounting of:

- contracts, amendments, subscriptions, grants, and expenditures associated with the system;
- the number, type, and general deployment of cameras;
- applicable retention settings and policies;
- the number and categories of authorized users;

- aggregate search and alert activity;
 - agencies and networks with which Savannah data or access has been shared;
 - hotlists and external databases to which Savannah's system is connected;
 - policies governing searches, access, audits, and disciplinary review;
 - substantiated incidents of misuse and resulting corrective action; and
 - the discrepancy, if any, between cameras authorized or contracted for and cameras currently reported as operational.
4. **Limitations to information requests.**
Nothing in this demand calls for the public release of individual captured license plate records that are protected from disclosure under Georgia law.
 5. **End private financing of mass surveillance.**
Savannah DSA shall call upon SCAD and other private institutions to cease financing the expansion of police surveillance infrastructure and shall oppose future efforts to use grants, donations, or private partnerships to circumvent meaningful public debate over surveillance expenditures.
 6. **Democratic control over future surveillance technology.**
Any proposal for future automated vehicle surveillance should be subject to meaningful public notice, disclosure of contracts and data practices, and public deliberation before procurement or deployment.
 7. **Invest in communities rather than surveillance.**
Savannah DSA shall advocate for public resources that would otherwise expand dragnet surveillance to instead support programs that address material community needs and the underlying conditions affecting public safety.

Campaign Strategy and Timeline

Be it further resolved, the campaign shall proceed through an initial organizing plan consisting of the following phases:

Phase I — Research and Organization: first 60 days

- obtain and organize available contracts, procurement records, policies, audits, aggregate usage information, and relevant City records;
- determine contract expiration, renewal, termination, and procurement deadlines;
- establish a clear map of City decision-makers and institutional stakeholders;
- establish communication with organizers already participating in FLOCKOUT SAV and other anti-ALPR efforts;
- identify organizations and constituencies affected by surveillance, including migrant-rights, racial-justice, reproductive-rights, civil-liberties, labor, student, and neighborhood organizations;
- prepare a Savannah-specific campaign brief and member political-education materials.

Phase II — Coalition and Political Pressure: approximately days 30–120

- conduct outreach to potential coalition partners;
- meet with City Council members and other relevant decision-makers;
- identify at least one elected or institutional champion willing to publicly challenge continued ALPR use;
- conduct public education through canvassing, tabling, teach-ins, earned media, digital communications, petitions, and other appropriate methods;
- organize participation in City Council meetings and other relevant public bodies.

Phase III — Escalation and Decision: continuing as necessary

- build coordinated public pressure around any contract renewal, budget action, procurement decision, or other opportunity capable of terminating the program;
- organize rallies, public-comment mobilizations, call-in or letter-writing drives, public hearings, coalition statements, and other tactics approved under this resolution and Savannah DSA's governing rules;
- continue pressure until the cameras are deactivated and removed and the City has committed not to replace Flock with substantially equivalent mass ALPR surveillance.

These phases are organizing benchmarks rather than restrictions on the Working Group's ability to respond to opportunities or developments as they arise.

Part II — Formation of the Flock Out Working Group

WHEREAS, Savannah DSA's Members Handbook establishes Working Groups as the chapter bodies responsible for carrying out outward-facing campaigns and community organizing approved by the General Membership;

WHEREAS, a sustained campaign against a municipal surveillance system will require research, public education, member mobilization, coalition work, legislative and procurement monitoring, and continuity between General Meetings;

Therefore, be it resolved, Savannah DSA hereby establishes the **Flock Out Working Group**, hereafter referred to as the **Flock Out WG**, for the purpose of implementing and coordinating the Flock Out Campaign adopted in Part I of this resolution.

Be it further resolved, Ethan W. and Maggie X. are identified as members in good standing willing to serve as the initial co-chairs required for formation of the Working Group, subject to the leadership selection procedures contained in its charter.

Be it further resolved, the Flock Out WG is delegated authority to develop and execute the day-to-day tactics, scheduling, research, outreach, political education, and organizing necessary to implement the strategy and demands approved in Part I, consistent with Savannah DSA's bylaws, handbook, standing rules, financial policies, and decisions of the General Membership.

Be it further resolved, the Working Group may communicate and coordinate informally with FLOCKOUT SAV, national and regional anti-ALPR organizers, civil-liberties organizations, DSA bodies, and other community organizations in furtherance of the campaign. Any formal coalition, joint campaign, long-term organizational partnership, endorsement, or commitment requiring General Membership approval under Savannah DSA's governing documents shall be brought to the membership for approval.

Be it further resolved, adoption of this resolution does not authorize any expenditure beyond existing chapter financial procedures. The Working Group may request funds and chapter resources through the processes established by Savannah DSA.

Be it finally resolved, the following charter is adopted as the governing charter of the Flock Out Working Group.

Part III — Charter of the Flock Out Working Group

1. Purpose

1.1 Establishment

The Flock Out Working Group is a Working Group of the Savannah Chapter of Democratic Socialists of America Inc. established to organize the chapter's campaign against Flock Safety and automated license plate reader mass surveillance.

1.2 Mission

The Flock Out WG exists to:

- implement Savannah DSA's membership-approved Flock Out Campaign;
- build organized community power capable of ending Savannah's use of Flock Safety and substantially equivalent mass ALPR surveillance;
- educate chapter members and the broader community about surveillance technology, data collection, privatized policing infrastructure, and their effects on civil liberties and working-class political freedom;

- build solidarity with communities particularly vulnerable to surveillance and state repression; and
- develop Savannah DSA members as organizers through research, outreach, coalition work, public education, direct participation in local government, and collective action.

1.3 Governing Authority

The Flock Out WG operates pursuant to the Savannah DSA bylaws, Members Handbook, standing rules, financial policies, and decisions of the General Membership. Nothing in this charter grants the Working Group authority to override those governing documents.

2. Scope of Work

2.1 Campaign Organizing

The Flock Out WG may organize activities necessary to carry out the membership-approved campaign, including:

- canvassing and community outreach;
- tabling and flyering;
- petitions and constituent-contact campaigns;
- public-comment mobilizations;
- rallies and demonstrations;
- town halls and teach-ins;
- meetings with elected officials and public employees;
- monitoring City Council, procurement, budget, and other governmental proceedings;
- campaign trainings;
- volunteer recruitment and member mobilization; and
- other lawful organizing tactics consistent with the campaign strategy approved by membership.

2.2 Research

The WG may research:

- Flock Safety and other ALPR vendors;
- City contracts, procurement processes, grants, expenditures, and renewal dates;
- camera deployments and aggregate system use;
- law-enforcement policies and data-sharing arrangements;
- audits and documented misuse;
- relevant state and local law;
- surveillance technology connected to the campaign;

- experiences and strategies of campaigns in other jurisdictions; and
- other information reasonably necessary to carry out the campaign.

The Working Group shall prioritize public records, official documents, direct research, and other verifiable sources when publishing factual claims on behalf of the campaign.

2.3 Political Education and Communications

The WG may develop fact sheets, presentations, trainings, talking points, graphics, canvassing materials, public-comment guidance, and other educational materials consistent with the political position established by this resolution.

Public statements issued formally on behalf of Savannah DSA remain subject to the chapter's normal approval procedures.

2.4 Coalition and Community Outreach

The WG may build relationships with community organizations, neighborhood groups, unions, civil-liberties organizations, student organizations, DSA bodies, existing Flock Out organizers, and other groups whose work intersects with the campaign.

The WG may conduct routine communication and event coordination but may not independently establish a formal long-term chapter partnership, coalition membership, joint campaign, political endorsement, or financial commitment where Savannah DSA's governing documents reserve that authority to the General Membership.

2.5 Limits of Scope

The Working Group's membership-approved mandate concerns Flock Safety and automated license plate reader surveillance.

The WG may research related surveillance technologies when relevant to this campaign, particularly where they form part of the same surveillance network or are proposed as a replacement for ALPRs. Expansion into a separate chapter campaign against unrelated surveillance technologies requires approval of the General Membership.

The Working Group may not adopt new chapter political positions or make political endorsements on its own.

3. Membership and Leadership

3.1 Membership

Membership in the Flock Out WG is open to all Savannah DSA members in good standing who wish to participate.

For internal voting and leadership purposes, an **active member** is a Savannah DSA member in good standing who has attended at least two meetings, campaign events, or organized activities of the WG during the preceding six months.

During the first six months following formation, participation occurring since the Working Group's first organizing meeting shall be used to determine active status.

Community members and coalition partners who are not Savannah DSA members may be invited to participate in public events, coalition meetings, research, and other appropriate activities, but chapter governance and Working Group votes remain the responsibility of Savannah DSA members.

3.2 Co-Chairs

The Working Group shall elect two Co-Chairs from among Savannah DSA members in good standing.

The Co-Chairs shall:

- convene and facilitate meetings;
- coordinate the Working Group's work plan;
- maintain communication with the Steering Committee;
- ensure General Membership reporting requirements are met;
- ensure that records are properly maintained;
- coordinate responsibilities among members rather than concentrating campaign work in the chairs; and
- ensure that WG actions remain within the authority granted by this resolution and Savannah DSA's governing documents.

The members identified in Part II as willing to serve shall be eligible for election as the initial Co-Chairs.

3.3 Secretary

The Working Group may elect or appoint a Secretary responsible for minutes, records, attendance, document organization, and other administrative work.

Where no Secretary is selected, the Co-Chairs shall ensure these responsibilities are assigned.

3.4 Elections, Vacancies, and Recall

Leadership elections shall occur at a properly noticed meeting of the Working Group.

Leadership terms may not extend beyond the life of this charter unless the Working Group is reauthorized.

A Co-Chair may be recalled by majority vote of members present at a properly noticed Working Group meeting, subject to chapter grievance and conflict-resolution procedures.

Vacancies shall be handled according to Savannah DSA's governing rules.

4. Meetings and Decision-Making

4.1 Meetings

The Flock Out WG shall meet at least once per month while the campaign is active.

Additional meetings may be called by either Co-Chair or at the request of two active members.

Meetings shall be announced through the chapter's normal internal communications channels with reasonable notice whenever circumstances permit.

Meetings are open to Savannah DSA members except when confidentiality is necessary for member safety, legal matters, sensitive campaign planning, grievance procedures, or another purpose permitted by chapter policy.

4.2 Decision-Making

The Working Group shall seek broad participation and discussion before making significant campaign decisions.

Binding decisions shall be made by a simple majority of eligible members present and voting at a properly noticed meeting unless Savannah DSA's governing documents require a different threshold.

The WG may adopt additional procedures governing online votes, emergency tactical decisions, meeting facilitation, or similar internal matters so long as they remain consistent with chapter rules.

4.3 Tactical Authority

Within the campaign goals, demands, and strategy approved by the General Membership, the Working Group has authority to make ordinary day-to-day tactical decisions without returning every action to a General Meeting.

Changes to the fundamental campaign demands, establishment of a new campaign, new chapter political positions, formal long-term organizational partnerships, unapproved expenditures, or other matters reserved to the General Membership must be returned to the appropriate chapter body.

5. Accountability, Reporting, and Records

5.1 General Membership

The Flock Out WG is accountable to the General Membership.

The WG shall provide a brief report at each General Meeting addressing:

- work completed since the previous report;
- current campaign developments;
- upcoming actions;
- progress toward campaign objectives;
- coalition or community developments; and
- decisions requiring membership consideration.

5.2 Steering Committee

The Co-Chairs shall maintain regular communication with the Steering Committee concerning logistics, communications, chapter resources, legal or safety concerns, and matters requiring broader chapter coordination.

Steering's role does not displace the Working Group's authority over ordinary campaign tactics within the strategy approved by the membership.

5.3 Records

Meeting minutes and decisions shall be placed in the appropriate chapter archive within seven days of each meeting whenever practicable.

Campaign research, source documents, political-education materials, contact records, and other institutional knowledge shall be maintained in chapter-controlled storage so that the work does not depend on the personal accounts of individual organizers.

6. Security, Privacy, and Participant Information

Because this Working Group is organizing specifically around surveillance and government data collection, it shall apply a principle of data minimization to its own work.

The WG shall:

- collect only participant information reasonably necessary for organizing;
- use chapter-approved systems when storing member or volunteer information;
- avoid unnecessary collection or publication of license plate numbers, travel information, immigration information, or other sensitive personal data;
- restrict access to sensitive campaign information to members who need it for legitimate organizing purposes;
- take reasonable precautions when publishing photographs or records from campaign activities where disclosure could create a foreseeable risk to participants; and
- comply with Savannah DSA's information-security, confidentiality, and member-data policies.

This charter authorizes lawful political organizing and does not itself authorize damage to, tampering with, or unauthorized access to surveillance equipment or computer systems.

7. Finances and Chapter Resources

All funds used for the Flock Out WG's activities shall remain Savannah DSA funds and shall be held and disbursed through the chapter's normal financial systems.

The Working Group may submit requests for:

- printing and literature;
- signs and campaign materials;
- meeting or event expenses;
- digital organizing tools;
- educational materials; and
- other reasonable campaign expenses.

Approval and reimbursement shall follow Savannah DSA financial policy.

The Working Group may recommend fundraising activities but may not independently establish financial accounts or accept funds outside normal chapter procedures.

8. Campaign Evaluation

The Working Group shall periodically evaluate progress using concrete indicators, including:

- completion of a reliable account of Savannah's ALPR contracts, deployments, policies, access, and renewal process;
- growth in active member participation;

- development of community and organizational relationships;
- engagement of City decision-makers;
- public participation in campaign actions;
- movement toward termination or non-renewal of Flock contracts;
- actual deactivation and removal of Flock equipment; and
- prevention of replacement with substantially equivalent mass ALPR surveillance.

Termination of a Flock contract alone shall not be treated as complete campaign victory if substantially equivalent surveillance continues through another vendor.

9. Implementation, Term, and Review

Within fourteen days of adoption of this resolution, the Flock Out WG shall hold an organizing meeting to:

1. elect its secretary, if necessary;
2. establish an initial active member roster;
3. identify immediate research and organizing assignments;
4. establish regular meeting times; and
5. adopt a basic work plan consistent with Part I of this resolution.

This charter is valid until the earlier of:

- one year from the date of adoption; or
- the end of Savannah DSA's Flock Out Campaign, or
- the next Savannah DSA Convention.

Before expiration, the Working Group shall submit a brief report describing its activities, accomplishments, outstanding campaign objectives, and recommendation to renew, revise, or sunset the Working Group.

Renewal or amendment of the charter shall occur through the processes established in Savannah DSA's governing documents.