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Dear Council Members:

I am in agreement with Senator Becker and our local newspapers. The public should have access to these police radio communications. Our local police communications should be in both the spirit and the law of free access. If this matter comes before you tonight, the argument for open access strongly outweighs arguments for limiting access. Senator Becker has thoughtful approaches to the issue. Hopefully you will vote consistent with this approach.

Thank you for your service.

Best regards,

Camille Townsend

"Becker bill would restore public access to police radio communications."

Even better, would be for local agencies not to limit public access to our media and others.

From: [Jo Ann Mandinach](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [City Mgr](#)
Subject: Ending Encryption is WAY PAST DUE / Effective Policing Is Desperately Needed
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Hello.

Did you see the PA Daily Post's Police Blotter last week where the paper printed a protest over the many omissions reported by PAPD to call attention to the shameless lack of reporting of the crimes? And the next day it corrected the incomplete reporting of a crime by PAPD?

Do you bother to read the Diana Diamond blog and the PA Online articles and comments about the police and the taxpayers' anger at the poor performance of PAPD?

The only possible reason they insist on encryption is to hide their failures to police this city effectively.

Do you ever compare the police blotter with the numerous reports of crimes on NextDoor where people are asking what happened at particular locations, why there were 6 cop cars near their homes, why multi-car accidents we've SEEN are never reported? Many of these questions about what happened are NEVER answered? (Feel free to ask me for specific examples I've personally witnessed.)

Do ever wonder what good it does to report a crime several days AFTER it occurred and THEN ask the public for help in identifying the perps? Who remembers the white car they saw 3 days ago and which direction it went?? It's utterly laughable.

The failure of the City Manager and the City Council to end encryption is very serious and needs to be remedied at a time when crime is REALLY increasing, where residents' security cameras can be a big help in catching criminals.

Please end this travesty now and let the chief of police know we're all watching his run for sheriff and telling all of our friends in neighboring towns what a disaster this has been.

Dave Price isn't the only one tired of being stonewalled. We ALL want transparency from our city leaders.

Most sincerely,

Jo Ann Mandinach