



The Surveillance Camera System: Seven Questions in Need of Answers

On **Wednesday, February 20 at 2:00 pm**, the Seattle City Council's Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee will hold a hearing on the large-scale system of surveillance cameras being implemented along the waterfront and connected to a "mesh network" including other parts of the city. ACLU of Washington Deputy Director Jennifer Shaw plans to testify at the hearing.

Here are several initial questions that need to be answered for the citizenry of Seattle to better understand the surveillance program.

- *What is the full extent of the surveillance camera system?
- *Who can control the cameras –aiming, zooming, and tracking – and what criteria are used?
- *Who has access to the cameras' images?
- *How long will data from the cameras be retained?
- *What additional types of data collection can be added to the mesh network beyond video cameras?
- *Will there be any independent oversight and/or other protections for privacy?
- *Will the Council be adopting a process for public input about acquisition and implementation of surveillance technology in the future?