ASHEVILLE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA · 2026 ELECTION CYCLE

North Carolina Candidate Pledge: Ending Mass Surveillance

For candidates for any municipal, county, or state office in North Carolina

As an elected public official serving _____, my job is to serve the interests of the residents of that community. Automated license plate readers, real-time crime center platforms, cell-site simulators, and comparable surveillance technologies run counter to those interests. I pledge to:

1. **Uphold the Constitution.**
   Require a duly issued judicial warrant before any surveillance of a private individual, absent a narrow, well-defined emergency exception.
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2. **Put surveillance decisions in front of the public.**
   No new surveillance technology or vendor contract without public notice, a 60-day comment period, and a recorded vote of the governing body I serve, plus public audits of tools in use.
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3. **Oppose warrantless, for-profit surveillance.**
   Oppose any privately owned surveillance system — ALPRs, real-time crime centers, cell-site simulators, facial recognition — that gives government warrantless access to residents' data.
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4. **End existing contracts and delete the data.**
   Terminate current vendor contracts **within one year of taking office**, or sooner if their terms permit, remove all hardware and software, and delete data not collected under a warrant.
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5. **Sign no new surveillance contracts.**
   No new or extended contracts with Flock Safety, Axon (Fusus), or comparable vendors, and no accepting a vendor's claims about its own product as justification for public spending or risk.
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6. **Let the community decide.**
   Consult directly with the residents most exposed to misuse — immigrants, political activists, survivors of violence, and patients seeking reproductive or gender-affirming care.
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7. **Tell residents their rights.**
   Inform constituents of their legal rights should they be subject to government surveillance, and of the pro bono legal support available to them.
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8. **Close the door to outside agencies.**
   No sharing of surveillance data or database access by agencies under my authority or oversight with any outside agency, including ICE and CBP, without a judicial warrant.
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CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

By signing below, I affirm each of the eight commitments above, as set out in full in the companion briefing that forms part of this pledge, and I consent to this signed pledge being made public so that voters may hold me to it.

Keith Young	Asheville City Council	Keith Young for Asheville
CANDIDATE NAME (PRINT)	OFFICE SOUGHT & JURISDICTION	CAMPAIGN OR COMMITTEE
Keith Young		
SIGNATURE	EMAIL & PHONE	DATE