

# Promoting Sound Governance of Public Safety Technology

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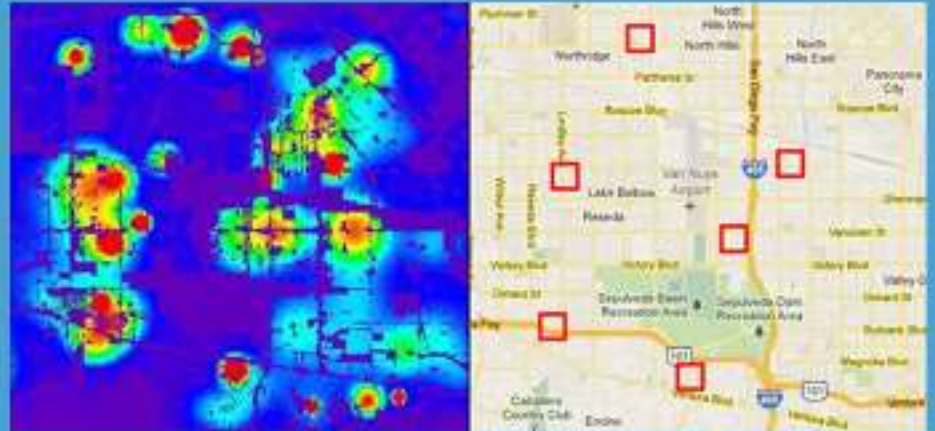
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- Policymaking to maximize the benefits and minimize the harms

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Our view: Regulation is good for everybody!

- Helps maximize benefits and minimize harms
- Clear guidance to agencies
- Encourages responsible innovation

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# Reach out to us!

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