

2023-2024 Community Comments on Military Equipment Use

Timestamp	Open public comment
6/25/2024 22:22	I agree with the use of this equipment as needed to aid the public and law enforcement. Short and
6/26/2024 17:51	Agree with the use of this equipment to keep communities and cops safe.
6/26/2024 18:23	Increased crime requires increased equipment
6/26/2024 19:01	Procuring any resources creatively outside your allocated budget is like frosting on a cake. Especially if it is cost free and expands your capabilities towards your mission of public safety.
6/26/2024 19:10	It only makes sense to reuse government equipment that we already paid for with my taxes. I wish other government agencies would do the same so we can use our tax dollars more efficiently!
6/26/2024 19:18	I am a 20 year veteran of the military. I can personally attest that the military has a lot of equipment
6/26/2024 19:23	Finally the city of Sacramento is using common sense in obtaining needed resources. Good job!!!
6/27/2024 6:15	Violent crime is on the rise and appears never ending. You need proper equipment to fight against it
6/28/2024 10:26	Let PD do their job, approve use of this equipment.
6/30/2024 9:06	No issues with cops having the equipment they need
6/30/2024 18:46	Quit trying to control the people that know how to keep us safe, approve all of the equipment. This
7/3/2024 7:19	Military type equipment is not appropriate for civilian use.
7/3/2024 9:57	If the US military actually used this stuff, we'd be screwed. You can buy this stuff off Amazon, let the
7/3/2024 11:33	<p>Police clear a reported 15% of California crimes, on average. They are a terrible solution to crime, yet while US population increased 42% (1982-2017) spending on policing and incarceration increased 187%. It's easy to claim crime is on the rise, but it's not true. (see https://www.davisvanguard.org/2024/07/violent-crime-down-california-department-of-justice-announces-2023-crime-statistics/ for just one example).</p> <p>In related news, Sacramento County proposes to spend nearly a billion dollars to expand its jail. In fairness, the jail is full, but 60%-80% of the inmates are convicted of nothing besides being unable to afford bail. That's right, in Sacramento you're not "innocent until proven guilty," you're "guilty until proven wealthy."</p> <p>Militarizing police is just the cherry on this particular cake. With 5% of the world's population, the US has 25% of its prisoners--five times the average per-capita incarceration rate. That's seven times the per-capita rates in Canada and France. So...are Canadian and French crime worse than US crime rates? No, actually a little better.</p> <p>One difference is that the US has more than a half million medical bankruptcies annually, while France and Canada don't have those. Could making a half million people more desperate every year lead to crime? Is that really even a reasonable question.</p> <p>Treating people better is a much better solution. Denver gave people experiencing homelessness \$1,000 a month. A year later, nearly half of participants had housing.</p>

7/3/2024 12:48	While law and order remain the highest priority within the United States, use of military grade weapons, vehicles, and armor protection will result in larger distrust that the public at large already have against the police department. How often are these armored vehicles and military grade weapons used against someone posing a "significant threat" towards the public? I ask, because police are reactionary, not preventative when deploying said munitions and vehicles against someone who is considered a suspect; weather that means it is deployed for a warrant arrest, a barricaded suspect, or otherwise. Infact, the use of force does not align with "protect & serve" which all police are thought to be held accountable to, does it not? During the BLM protests barricades of barbed wire, police CATS, and high caliber weapons were on full display. However, subsequent counter-protests involving hate groups such as the Proud Boys, Neo-Nazi groups, or
7/3/2024 14:00	I do not think the police should use military equipment at all
7/3/2024 14:01	Use military equipment sparingly. we are your neighbors, family, and friends.
7/3/2024 14:03	Crime is out of control. In addition we have individuals disrupting traffic, businesses, and schools in the name of whatever cause they decide is more important than everyone else's lives. If the
7/3/2024 14:03	I do not support the use of military grade weapons and vehicles by the Sac PD. Police officers
7/3/2024 14:03	agreed
7/3/2024 14:05	I am in favor of using military equipment. Law breakers are much more dangerous today and the
7/3/2024 14:05	I think SacPD should accept and use any military equipment offered to them, especially armored vehicles and specialty equipment. It will help keep both the officers and citizens safe. We don't want to have to wait for an allied agency to have to show up with equipment that we don't have. In
7/3/2024 14:05	I am opposed to the use of military equipment because it the police department has it, they will find ways to use it. I think military equipment is antithetical to civil policing and to public safety. The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is "to work in partnership with the community to
7/3/2024 14:07	Law enforcement should use whatever resources and tactics that are legally available to them to protect the safety of it's citizens. Considering criminals don't play by the rule, LE should have the opportunity to use the most effective tools, including "military" type tools. People whining about their use of this should put in an application, put on a badge and try to protect
7/3/2024 14:09	Our law enforcement officers need to have the proper equipment to protect the public.
7/3/2024 14:09	We should not be using public monies for military equipment to be used against civilians. Our Sacramento community deserves more support for rental assistance, food insecurity, and public
7/3/2024 14:10	While I appreciate our officers who put their lives on the line daily to protect us, I do not believe we should have military-grade equipment in our departments. Our budget dollars should be spent on training and pay increases to the officers at the lowest levels to entice recruitment: we get the best
7/3/2024 14:10	I do not believe that the Sacramento Police Department should purchase or use military equipment in its operations as it incentivizes them to act as an occupying force and treat Sacramento residents
7/3/2024 14:10	Z
7/3/2024 14:11	Stop buying and using military equipment. Spend that money on de-escalation training and partner
7/3/2024 14:11	I fervently request that the City does NOT invest in any military equipment for the PD. The track record of PD harm to unarmed citizens. especially of color, and its entrenched bias against poor, homeless, or people of color is well researched. Military equipment conveys the continuing
7/3/2024 14:12	Police don't need more military equipment, they need descalation training. In fact get people who
7/3/2024 14:13	Public safety is important
7/3/2024 14:13	We should accept equipment that would be useful to the police department.

7/3/2024 14:13	I believe law enforcement needs all the tools available to keep people safe from the criminals who
7/3/2024 14:14	Was subjected to gross violation of rights and intimidation by use of military equipment. Unnecessary and unjustified gun violence restraining order.
7/3/2024 14:14	Yes.
7/3/2024 14:14	NA
7/3/2024 14:15	If the police department needs military equipment to stop the criminals/calm down a situation/save citizens from terror, then they should have all the equipment they need. We don't have enough police now for a decent coverage of our city, so give them the tools they need. It seems that lately
7/3/2024 14:15	As an addition to my previous response opposing military equoment, the "Louisiana State University conducted a study that suggests the militarization of local law enforcement has not lead to reduced crime levels. Particularly, the study cites evidence that the purchase of surplus military equipment does not increase the effect of policing locally." Also, the push for police departments to use
7/3/2024 14:16	SPD should have the freedom to use any means necessary to complete their job as safe and efficiently as necessary. Sacramento's crime has risen in my 15 years living in the area and our
7/3/2024 14:16	NA
7/3/2024 14:18	I approve of use of military equipment. Increase their ability to suppress criminals during this time
7/3/2024 14:18	I support SPD
7/3/2024 14:18	no comment yet
7/3/2024 14:20	Support PD!
7/3/2024 14:20	There's absolutely no reason for the police to use military grade equipment. The money should be used for community services that actually benefit the people who are paying tax dollars.
7/3/2024 14:21	I'd like to know what percentage of the equipment they have was used in the last year. The amount of military equipment is alarming. In order for the police to protect and serve, I think there should be an equal part of the budget dedicated to outreach and education -- and if it means cutting back on
7/3/2024 14:23	Military equipment is ridiculous overkill for city police forces. Stop wasting money on that.
7/3/2024 14:23	I am against the use of military equipment by our police department.
7/3/2024 14:25	I am for use of military equipment by the police and other law enforcement.
7/3/2024 14:26	Use all available equipment to keep people safe
7/3/2024 14:27	Anything that will help enforce the law and protect the community and the law enforcement officers.
7/3/2024 14:31	Whether to acquire military equipment, as defined in California statutes, should be based on a balancing of the expected frequency of use of the equipment, the expected effectiveness of the
7/3/2024 14:31	As a citizen of Sacramento it makes me feel LESS comfortable and LESS safe knowing the police department has military grade equipment. This equipment is created for violent battle and should
7/3/2024 14:33	I do not support Military Equipment for Police. It sends the wrong message.
7/3/2024 14:34	I will provide answers
7/3/2024 14:35	Yes
7/3/2024 14:36	What comments?
7/3/2024 14:37	I am strongly against the use and purchase of military style equipment by Sacramento police.
7/3/2024 14:38	Given our increasingly dangerous world, I am in support of whatever technology and equipment SAC
7/3/2024 14:39	Y
7/3/2024 14:39	I am fine with use of the equipment. It assists in letting the police department do its job.
7/3/2024 14:40	Drones for viewing are fine. There should be no need to militarize a police department. That is what the military is for, unless of course our goal is to go after our citizens.

7/3/2024 14:41	NA
7/3/2024 14:44	If you want to play with military toys, enlist and go fight in a war. If you treat your streets like warzones and civilians as threats to your safety, then don't be surprised if the community doesn't
7/3/2024 14:50	Yes. SPD desperately needs military equipment to safely and efficiently perform their services to enhance public safety. Don't be like the city of Davis when they returned the equipment and
7/3/2024 14:52	My family and I FULLY support our police officers and what ever equipment is needed to maintain the safety of citizens and officers. With the lawlessness that is running rampant across the city and
7/3/2024 14:55	is about how restrictions on certain crowd control tools might impact law enforcement's ability to manage large gatherings.
7/3/2024 14:56	Anything that works efficiently and works to keep officers and the public safe should be pursued.
7/3/2024 14:57	I urge the Mayor and City Council to not approve further military equipment purchases by the City of Sacramento Police Department. There is no evidence that it makes the community safer, but rather
7/3/2024 14:57	We do not need military equipment and we need a less aggressive SPD.
7/3/2024 14:57	I don't see a question here. Who designed this survey?
7/3/2024 14:58	-\:D/-
7/3/2024 14:59	W
7/3/2024 15:00	ok
7/3/2024 15:02	I am generally in favor of social investment over social control, and reading the 2023 to 2024 report on police usage of military equipment seems to indicate the police are much more invested in social control, such as using military equipment- particularly on Black people- to arrest and search
7/3/2024 15:03	In my opinion, any "military" show of force used by a police or sheriff agency simply widens the gulf between the agency and the people that agency is paid to protect and serve.
7/3/2024 15:07	Please get/use as much equipment as you need
7/3/2024 15:11	No comment
7/3/2024 15:21	The safety of police personnel requires the use of equipment best suited to their needs
7/3/2024 15:24	I am opposed to the use of military equipment in civilian policing. I believe it lowers community trust and increases the risk of violence. I also do not see it as a good use of city money.
7/3/2024 15:33	I suppose it is a sign of the times that those we expect to serve and protect feel the necessity to use
7/3/2024 15:37	We support law enforcement and trust them with how to do their job.
7/3/2024 15:40	The SPD has been doing a great job with their selection and use of military equipment. We should
7/3/2024 16:01	The city Police should have any military equipment they deem necessary to do their job safely and effectively. It is a dangerous job and not appreciated by most of the public and especially our
7/3/2024 16:08	I feel military equipment is an asset to the police. It helps save lives. People may not like the looks,
7/3/2024 16:11	We are completely opposed to the continued militarization of police departments. More should be spent on de-escalating dangerous situations, rather than simply killing people. Talking usually solves problems, while violently killing creates many more problems, plus a complete lack of trust in our police departments! NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT!
7/3/2024 16:15	I think extra money is better spent on conflict management activities, de-escalation practice, anger
7/3/2024 16:16	Ok
7/3/2024 16:16	AB 481 is PC nonsense. Where has "military equipment" endangered the general public?
7/3/2024 16:20	Agree, this is needed to ensure public safety, and safety of sac city employees and officers.
7/3/2024 16:36	Thank you for draft report transparency

7/3/2024 16:46	What happened to protect and serve?
7/3/2024 16:47	I oppose militarization and use of militarized equipment by police forces. This is not the relationship
7/3/2024 16:58	Sac PD does not need any military grade equipment. Is Sac PD a branch of the military? Nope. Sell off what you have now, stop procuring more, and give the money to other departments where it will
7/3/2024 17:01	This money is better spent elsewhere.
7/3/2024 17:01	Military equipment definitely should be used by Police in certain situations. It goes a long way in protecting the officers and bringing a solution to an hazardous problem.
7/3/2024 17:02	I am very concerned with the use of any military style equipment by the Sacramento Police
7/3/2024 17:07	Yes military equipment should be used with the trouble this city has and it would not be brought out
7/3/2024 17:13	None
7/3/2024 17:17	Okay
7/3/2024 17:25	I do not believe that any city law enforcement agencies should be able to use military grade weapons and vehicles against their local citizens. These weapons are made for war, not for local agencies. The indiscriminate use of such items often leads to the use of unnecessary force against
7/3/2024 17:27	Want to answer surveys
7/3/2024 17:30	The disrespect of authority has become rampant! The use of military vehicles may become too common for big cities because our peace officers deserve to be safe.
7/3/2024 17:33	Definitely agree that MEA should be used, only when absolutely necessary.
7/3/2024 17:43	I am glad to see you are not really overly stocked with military equipment.
7/3/2024 17:54	Am satisfied with Sac PD's compliance conc. this matter.
7/3/2024 18:08	what is the purpose of acquiring military equipment. In what typed of situation would these types of
7/3/2024 18:21	As long as citizens are allowed to use military grade weapons, the police should be allowed to use
7/3/2024 18:26	I believe that the Sacramento Police Dept. does not require military equipment to fulfill its duties.
7/3/2024 18:33	I support the use of this equipment for the cops.
7/3/2024 18:46	I'm in favor of keeping military equipment to an absolute bare minimum. Looking at the 324 recorded incidents, few if any reasons would seem to require military equipment. The police have handled those types of incidents for decades without needing military equipment. Seeing military equipment being used on our streets raises tension and fears among residents. Rather than
7/3/2024 18:51	N/A
7/3/2024 18:59	I do not believe a community oriented police force should be acquiring and using military hardware.
7/3/2024 19:03	The police are not the military and should not be using military equipment. We have a paid, professional military should that need ever arise. The purpose of the police is to serve the community, and to do so the police need to be part of the community. Responding to local crime or
7/3/2024 19:12	In today's environment it is better to be overly cautious than under cautious
7/3/2024 19:14	Be prepared! It is too late once violence is in force!
7/3/2024 19:16	Just having this equipment will deter some problems.
7/3/2024 19:26	I don't believe the police department should be armed with deadly weapons.
7/3/2024 19:32	Arden arcade
7/3/2024 19:39	Whatever it takes to keep us safe. We all need to feel safe driving on the freeway w/o being shot! Going to a concert; a movie; to school; shopping or stolling on mall; going to worship; going to the
7/3/2024 19:57	No coments.
7/3/2024 20:12	Ok
7/3/2024 20:18	N/A
7/3/2024 21:33	n/a

7/3/2024 21:49	Well-organized and thorough report. Would like more detail on what entails personnel and training
7/3/2024 21:58	There should be minimal to no military equipment in the hands of police - there should be more
7/3/2024 22:08	Military surplus does not belong in our city!
7/3/2024 22:30	Believe military equipment available to the City should be acquired. Protects the public, law
7/3/2024 23:01	Just listening
7/4/2024 0:55	No military equipment should be used by those who are meant to serve and protect us. It's too
7/4/2024 0:58	I support law enforcement to use any and all military equipment that will make their job safer and
7/4/2024 3:45	I feel that if the SPD needs a piece of equipment for their safety, let's get it for them. They work for us. Making us their employer, in a way. A "good" employer should provide all the tools and equipment that will let them do their job as safe and efficiently as they can. We need to do what we can to protect our officers! Our officers are valuable and hard to replace.
7/4/2024 6:56	I was in the military and I regard it as helpful if the military tries out equipment first.
7/4/2024 7:13	Thank you for providing this information
7/4/2024 7:52	Crime is out of control law enforcement needs this equipment.
7/4/2024 9:21	SPD don't need military vehicles, especially when they break down frequently and cost tens of thousands of dollars to repair. It's never easy to lose a co-worker but armored assault vehicles
7/4/2024 10:05	The Police Dept. has been judicious in the use of this equipment, and there are no indications they
7/4/2024 10:17	The use of Military equipment on the public should not be allowed.
7/4/2024 10:43	No militarization please. More community partnership.
7/4/2024 10:51	I support the acquisition and use of military equipment.
7/4/2024 10:59	billions of dollars in surplus military equipment, including armored vehicles and high-powered rifles, that have been transferred by the federal government to thousands of U.S. police
7/4/2024 11:13	Police are too powerful and predisposed to using more force than necessary. Military weapons
7/4/2024 11:15	I do not support use of military equipment by local police.
7/4/2024 12:43	I DO NOT approve the use of military equipment by domestic law enforcement agencies.
7/4/2024 14:44	I looked to read the commission's recommendations and they had been removed or unavailable!
7/4/2024 14:49	I am concerned as to who is going to pay to train local law enforcement on the ethical use of LRAD and >50caliber weaponry as well what standards have been developed to ensure these devices are
7/4/2024 15:53	As a resident of District 7, I vehemently oppose the purchase of military style equipment by the Sacramento Police Department. This equipment leads communities to feel less safe, not more, and does not inspire trust in public officials. Instead, more City dollars should be invested in violence
7/4/2024 16:29	Please demilitarize the police. They should not be fighting a war against the people they are
7/4/2024 16:44	I am a 66-year-old white woman who is sick and tired of power-hungry police abusing their authority and executing unarmed black men in the back. This doesn't just happen in the deep South. It doesn't just happen in "red" states. This has happened right here in Sacramento. We should be investing in our COMMUNITIES (so we don't need to live in fascist police state), NOT militarizing those whom WE THE PEOPLE pay to PROTECT & SERVE us, not EXECUTE us! ENOUGH!!! When

7/4/2024 17:20	The Sacramento Police Dept. does not need military gear simply because they are a civilian organization and they serve civilians. They also do not need it because in the event of an emergency the equipment will most likely be used against civilians. The police don't need more weapons to harm people, they need physical martial arts training and courage, That way they will not be so fast to shoot. Giving military weapons to a private municipal corporation that masquerades as government, as history has proven, over and over, is a bad idea on top of other bad ideas. The streets of a city are no where for supposed grown ups to be playing army. Besides, if the land was
7/4/2024 17:44	I support SPD using MEU.
7/4/2024 18:40	This is crazy that the police need to have permission to purchase equipment they need to keep the
7/5/2024 6:11	I'm ok with SPD purchasing & using military equipment.
7/5/2024 6:23	The oversight of "policing" agencies use of military grade weapons is essential for protecting civil liberties and the safety of citizens and visitors to our great state. I fully support this proposed bill amendment to require "policing" agencies to consider thoroughly their role as protectors of residents and guests of this state and not as heavy handed enforcers with weapons that far exceed their role. That being said, law enforcement individuals should be given the ability to protect themselves and citizens from individuals and criminal paramilitary organizations with proper approved justification and training. To that end, I suggest the legislation include a timeline for
7/5/2024 6:34	Each and every officer is doing a fine job. Our communities need more law enforcement officers and more funding as well. Law enforcement keep our communities policed and our homes safe. Without police law enforcement we would be in utter chaos. Thank you for what our law enforcement does
7/5/2024 7:51	Use of military equipment in a civilian setting is a bad look.
7/5/2024 9:12	Consider cost to benefits and community perception when deciding on militarized equipment
7/5/2024 9:35	I think drones are most useful to observe criminal activity and abet pursuit. Military guns and tanks seem inappropriate for most law enforcement situations. I think having such weapons gives subtle encouragement to use them as it may require less training than communication or crises intervention skills. It reminds me how some gardeners love the power equipment for blowing
7/5/2024 11:00	I've lived in this area less than 8 years and I have seen things change greatly. Not all the changes I've seen have been good and I totally agree with the Sacramento Police Dept and the Sacramento Sheriff Dept DO INDEED need all the equipment they can acquire to fight against some of the shocking things people are doing. Yes, progress is fine, but the progression of blatant aggression, open drug deals, retail crime, and people trafficking with seemingly very little prosecution makes
7/5/2024 11:02	I do not support the use of military equipment by our local police department. I believe it is money wasted on extremely harmful devices that only serve to escalate situations where tensions and fear
7/5/2024 11:52	The disproportionate use of military force on black Sacramentans continues to be highly concerning. Aside from simply reporting the data, SPD needs to investigate and address the root causes of this disparity. I would also appreciate further, narrative justification for the acquisition of additional military equipment. The report does not make it clear WHY a piece of military equipment is being requested. Is it to replenish inventory of previously used items? Does it satisfy a use case
7/5/2024 12:22	Military equipment should never be used by police against civilians. The stated needs for them are
7/5/2024 12:43	"Military equipment" is not the same as "military grade." I think the language is a problem. I want law enforcement to have the tools to help protect and save victims from violent people. Tools like the Rook can keep officers safe while negotiating with a dangerous person who is holding hostages.

7/5/2024 12:52	We are lacking in Sworn Personnel and Applications for employment here in Sacto. for Law Enforcement jobs/careers. Our leaders have legalized: Crime, Drugs, Homeless, etc. and as such, the public is not safe. Any and all Military Equipment Use, to balance out what we are lacking in PD Personnel and Equipment should be welcomed. Excuses by the Public that include the claims that Minorities are targets or there is racial motivation, seems to be a lack of adhering to the laws and principles by some who think they are special. Legalizing J-Walking and Low-Riding, which now adds further danger to motorists, is crazy. Stop treating some like they are
7/5/2024 12:55	Military equipment is essential in high risk situations that officers are exposed too. Of course they should be subject to scrutiny but just because you don't like it should not be a reason to deny it
7/5/2024 12:58	I do not believe a municipal police department should have access to military type equipment. Nor do I believe that a municipal police department should have access to kinetic energy projectiles. The use of chemical agents should be tightly controlled and authorization of use should be only
7/5/2024 14:59	I do not believe military offensive equipment is appropriate for use on a civilian population. The potential for misuse with deadly consequences is scary and I do not believe has a place in a free
7/5/2024 15:02	This equipment is a scourge on our budget and morality. It is unnecessary and only will be used for further pushing the divide between police and the community. This money should be used for the
7/5/2024 16:10	July 4th was more proof the police must have military equipment! There were WAY TOO MANY exploding "fireworks" in use!! And till 2 AM!! Had excessive speeding also. Way too many criminals and troublemakers were out of control July 4th, plus add in alcohol and cannabis!! ALSO need more help for the police due to legalizing cannabis because that has IN FACT increased violence. Any long term police officer will tell you it was ABSOLUTELY WRONG to legalize cannabis!! An officer recently told me he was shot due to pot!!!
7/5/2024 17:07	Will data from this survey be compiled and made public?
7/5/2024 17:30	Survey
7/5/2024 17:31	Use whatever military equipment needed for a resolution.
7/5/2024 17:54	As a Sacramento resident, I would like to express my opposition to the use of any military equipment by the police force. Military equipment should not be used domestically on our own civilians. Considering the City budget issues that are causing cuts in critical programs and services
7/5/2024 22:15	I feel our police dept deserves to have whatever military equipment is available to them to help combat crime. The bad guys have more powerful gun power than the police do.
7/6/2024 5:49	yes on this bill
7/6/2024 6:41	Seems that the unmanned arial drones are most used and least lethal. I am concerned at the high
7/6/2024 7:46	None
7/6/2024 8:21	I 100% support SacPD's use of military equipment.
7/6/2024 8:50	Keep MEU training and resources

7/6/2024 11:07	Yes
7/6/2024 11:08	what is the question
7/6/2024 11:08	I dislike the use of military grade equipment use by Sac PD
7/6/2024 11:17	I generally support the use of whatever equipment that is appropriate for the task at hand. "military equipment" is just surplusage acquired from the military at reduce or no cost - why shouldn't our
7/6/2024 11:42	Given the city deficit the city cannot afford to acquire new equipment that will require maintenance
7/6/2024 11:57	I just want officers safe and able to be able to use any equipment they deem necessary to perform
7/6/2024 12:00	I approve of use for serious incidents
7/6/2024 12:03	SPD should not have any military grade equipment, including weapons or "anti-XYZ" resources.
7/6/2024 12:04	I do not think Sacramento police should be using military level equipment.
7/6/2024 12:07	The police do not need any more military equipment. Police clashes with protestors left many people seriously harmed and maimed, the police using military equipment only intensified the situation. The police should use their budget to provide community resources or trainings. Given
7/6/2024 12:12	Safe neighborhoods have abundant resources, not tanks
7/6/2024 12:14	I am deeply opposed to police using military equipment. Police spending is already out of control
7/6/2024 12:28	Quite simply, we are talking about the police, not the military. The police exists to protect and serve, not to be a branch of the army. Are you fighting FOR the people, or AGAINST them? Because police officers brandishing military equipment sends the latter message. The police are not being sent to
7/6/2024 12:29	Education of officers in de-escalation techniques would be a better service to the community.
7/6/2024 12:30	Very little if any of this equipment is military and its purpose is the protection of lives.
7/6/2024 12:42	Our city should have more specialized military equipment to keep everyone safe.
7/6/2024 12:53	I fully support the use of military equipment for SPD.
7/6/2024 13:02	City Hall Needs to let SPD do their job and stop holding them back. City Hall is the reason
7/6/2024 13:07	This is an absolutely obscene amount of money for equipment that does not actually make our communities or police force safer. The best way to protect our communities and the police force is to invest in crime prevention initiatives. This includes community support, social services, and positive youth development opportunities. It is unbelievable to me that the police force is investing this much on military grade equipment under the guise of improving safety, while our other city services are facing massive cuts in funding. And we wonder why we are seeing more and more
7/6/2024 13:07	SPD is not a military branch, stop using military equipment. If you can't handle the job with the
7/6/2024 13:26	Main concern is that there be a standard for when the equipment is used ie like actual terrorism not just ohh there's a protest let's bring out a tank; also the amount of the equipment. Considering there are multiple local departments, they don't all need the same equipment, it
7/6/2024 15:15	I don't understand why Sacramento needs military equipment at all.
7/6/2024 15:17	Decommissioned military equipment such as armored personnel carriers, drones, riot equipment, etc. should absolutely be used by SPD to ensure the safety of its officers in the course of their work.
7/6/2024 15:19	I want to live in a city where there is a well funded and well equipped police department. I trust the Chief of Police to make decision on what equipment is needed. But I certainly don't want to hear
7/6/2024 15:48	I want to live in a city that has a well funded police department that is also well equipped with enough officers, K9s and equipment including military style equipment. The city of sacramento needs more officers and more ability for the police department to carry out arrests and implementing laws. Things are out of hand and we let everyone do whatever they want where the
7/6/2024 15:58	This is not military equipment, approve this now.
7/6/2024 16:09	Do what you need to do to fight crime and hold people accountable

7/6/2024 16:38	Yes
7/6/2024 16:49	This should be a no-brainer. Crime has been changing and guns are still getting into the hands of
7/6/2024 16:52	I want our police force to have everything they need to do their jobs to protect us!
7/6/2024 16:53	Officers need these items to protect themselves and the public.
7/6/2024 17:48	SAC PD does not need extensive military equipment to protect the city beyond existing patrol cars and weapons. Funds should be reallocated for harm reduction, mental health services, and
7/6/2024 18:56	I absolutely do not support the use of military grade equipment by my police force. Not only does it terrorize my unhoused neighbors, but the cost to acquire and maintain this equipment is taking away resources that could help prevent crime. Already when I hear police helicopters, it makes me anxious and afraid. I know from research and existing examples of cities that are putting resources
7/6/2024 19:26	SacPD ABSOLUTELY DOES NOT need to invest more money in military equipment. Sacramento needs money for housing equity, public transportation and community programs, NOT militarized
7/6/2024 19:43	Police departments all over the country are over militarized, including the police department of Sacramento. The city Council continues to approve military equipment, which is useless in the city of Sacramento. Stop the police state. We don't want it. The millions of dollars we spend on
7/6/2024 20:11	Keep our streets safe, we need military equipment
7/6/2024 20:38	I fully support the use of military equipment. I would love to see a more lenient deployment policy because it really gives the good guys the tools they need to deal with the rising threats of domestic terrorists. It has been proven time and time again that these machines and tools keep Officers and citizens safe. This city council should actually do their homework for once before making decisions on what is qualified as military equipment. Furthermore, the civilian police review commission is a joke. The members on the commission have obvious bias towards law enforcement and some have
7/6/2024 20:41	Obtain all equipment needed to keep officers and community safe.
7/6/2024 23:35	I support our SPD to have military equipment available for as deemed appropriate for use.
7/7/2024 4:00	Not sure what this is to be used for?
7/7/2024 5:15	None
7/7/2024 7:26	ACAB
7/7/2024 7:27	I have reviewed the police draft annual report and am astounded by the spending of unnecessary and wildly expensive military equipment. Please invest in our communities in a positive way. I can not imagine a scenario in Sacramento that would require such military equipment that normal
7/7/2024 11:28	I support providing Law Enforcement all the tools they need to react to situations dangerous to our community and law enforcement personnel. Expecting them to deal with active crime and/or
7/7/2024 12:25	Nice to have I guess for the few cases where MEU is truly necessary. ALWAYS a last resort, after evidence-based attempts to de-escalate the situation have failed. Obvious concerns of truly unnecessary and disproportionate military equipment use on black, other minority, and other disadvantaged populations... A lot of which could probably be avoided by ALWAYS seeking to de-escalate first, probably by having mental health and social support services respond first to almost every threat-to-life situation that MEU would be considered rather than police - who's presence with guns and increasing numbers tends to escalate things rather than de-escalate. This service/de-escalation approach in general is a great evidence-based way to reduce the number
7/7/2024 12:50	We support the Sac PD

7/7/2024 12:51	Sac PD needs more tools
7/7/2024 16:39	Definitely
7/7/2024 17:19	Let the cops be cops, as a non-LE person we should not be trying to tell them what they need.
7/7/2024 17:59	After reading AB 481, I think it should be passed
7/7/2024 21:29	I support equipment that makes law enforcement actions safer.
7/8/2024 7:51	They should be able to use what is needed to battle the streets
7/8/2024 8:14	I have seen absolutely no justification for the purchase of this equipment short of terrorizing our
7/8/2024 8:16	I generally do not support law enforcement, but after I've seen SacPD handle a person with mental illness after having been allowed to sleep on the streets by the city council's mindless
7/8/2024 9:07	Police should not be the military.
7/8/2024 9:48	This is a joke right? How can a bunch of idiot politicians determine what the police need and use? Terrible. Shame on the city council. Accept the things on this list.
7/8/2024 9:57	SPD should gradually phase out the use of its helicopter and replace it with more drones and UAVs, which are more cost effective to operate and less disruptive to resident quality of life. These drones should be equipped with thermal imaging to identify and cite users of illegal fireworks. These are effectively bombs that the City lacks traditional resources to mitigate. Citation revenue from users of illegal fireworks should be used to fund procurement of additional and more advanced drone
7/8/2024 10:23	Will the Sacramento Police Department get advice on protecting the city from crime?
7/8/2024 10:24	no need for military equipment for people shitting on our streets
7/8/2024 10:29	I am firmly opposed to the use of military equipment by the police.
7/8/2024 12:55	I fully support the funding, acquisition and use of military equipment by the Sacramento Police Department. The individuals who have taken an oath to protect individual lives and the community
7/8/2024 18:13	Too much military equipment. More equipment doesn't keep our streets safer.
7/8/2024 19:18	Sacramento police department's existing military equipment is excessive. The costs of training and maintenance are significant and distract staff from building healthy relationships with community members. I am repulsed by the continued spending on military equipment in the midst of a budget
7/8/2024 20:35	N/A
7/9/2024 9:45	I think Cheif Katherine Lester seeks the greatest interest of safety measures for the public. She should have what ever she wants for the sacramento department. I have only seen improvements in the spd. They seem to amaze me, so what ever crime might be coming this way I hope that they're
7/9/2024 10:45	Please stop spending tax payer dollars on military equipment. In addition, any military equipment acquisitions should support de-escalation practices as opposed to increasing escalation, which
7/9/2024 16:26	Authorize this equipment. It's barely a drop in the bucket compared to the councils pet projects
7/9/2024 20:40	I appreciate the opportunity to provide input via this survey.
7/9/2024 23:07	Give them all the weapons they need to destroy these criminals that Democrat politicians coddle
7/9/2024 23:30	N/A
7/10/2024 4:43	Please obtain all the military equipment you need to make our city safer.
7/10/2024 8:26	Do not militarize our police force. Do not buy or accept any military equipment and do not spend money to maintain it or train in its use. Police are and should remain a civilian service and no
7/10/2024 11:01	I want a well-funded, completely equipped, and fully staffed police department.
7/10/2024 14:37	If the city's budget is being drastically reduced, why spend any money on military equipment for the police? The inventory shows there is enough equipment for the very small number of events that require military equipment. The proposed purchases are redundant, and the police general fund should not be used to purchase additional equipment. The police department should also sell off or

7/10/2024 15:32	Ok
7/10/2024 15:39	Any equipment you need to keep Officers and the public safe, you should have. If you don't have it already the city needs to buy it for you. Thank you for doing what you do to keep us safe!!
7/11/2024 7:41	lol. A DJI drone is "MILITARY EQUIPMENT"?!!? You have got to be kidding me. My kid has "MILITARY EQUIPMENT"?!!? lol.
7/11/2024 16:06	I was hoping to do survey first.
7/12/2024 11:51	The city council and their puppet commissions and "community activists" need to grow up. These are not "military-grade" weapons. The legislature programmed the name, just like Newscum did with Proposition 47.
7/12/2024 13:16	Get the equipment in order to keep our police force and firefighters safe while on duty.
7/12/2024 13:42	Yes I support the use of military equipment by police
7/12/2024 14:13	I disagree with the use of any military weapons or armory at the local police level. the police should work with the public in protests and demonstrations, and on the rare occasions of barricaded individuals, I dont think military weapons are the answer in most cases. The police should work
7/12/2024 15:54	I was the State Point of Contact (SPO) for this program for many years. The program was called the 1033 and 1122 Federal programs. I have read many comments regarding this program and I believe there are many people who do not understand the purpose of the program. The 1033 program was a Federal program that made EXCESS Federal property available to Law Enforcement Agencies in the United States via individual states. The excess property was everything used by the US military from office supplies to aircraft. I always considered the program as a reutilization program because the program made federally purchased equipment and goods available to local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. Federal taxpayer dollars paid for it, but when it went into the 1033 program it was provided at NO COST to the States and ultimately local law enforcement agencies. It provided significant cost saving to local governments and their taxpayers.
7/12/2024 18:52	Approve
7/13/2024 9:33	Ok used in moderation and for extreme situations.
7/13/2024 14:28	Reduction of military equipment
7/13/2024 16:57	This is not military equipment, approve immediately.
7/13/2024 20:07	If the Sacramento Police Department officers and management have determined that military equipment is required for them to safely perform their duties, then by all means it should be
7/14/2024 19:30	Trump's assassin was taken out with "military equipment." More proof that the SacPD needs this
7/15/2024 13:27	The people against this equipment need to grow up. It's a violent world and we expect our police to keep us safe. How can they do that without the right equipment? All of this stuff should be

7/15/2024 14:01	<p>The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) has not shown any justification that it would need to further increase its stockpile of military equipment. It is proposing to add:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 drones to an existing inventory of 74, - 60 blasting caps to a stockpile of 36, - 110 breaching rounds including 55 flash bangs and 55 rebar cutters, - 400 .308 rounds to a stockpile of 17,665 rounds, - 24 flash bang grenades to an inventory of 90 existing, - 7 smoke grenades and 8 pepper spray grenades to stocks of 55 and 584 respectively, - 50 40mm barrier penetrating rounds to an inventory of 1,482, - 4,000 bean bag rounds to a stockpile of 1,502, and - 6 new semi-automatic pepper round rifles to an inventory of 71. <p>SPD used equipment--primarily camera drones--324 times, and used force items only 17 times in the last year.</p> <p>What about these incidents justifies the increase of such equipment from already-huge stockpiles?</p>
7/15/2024 14:51	I support sac pd and trust them.
7/15/2024 22:41	Please let them use defensive equipment as much as they want to protect themselves and the
7/15/2024 23:12	I am ok with SacPD using military equipment provided itâ€™s critically needed for the incident they are responding to as an example for standoffs. I do not support the use of military equipment to be
7/16/2024 11:03	Surplus military equipment should be allowed to be purchased or obtained if there is a useful need
7/16/2024 15:32	I do not believe militarizing the police is acceptable. Crime comes from wealth inequities and the insecurities that come with that. I would rather the money be spent to hold the wealthy accountable
7/18/2024 6:24	Approve
7/19/2024 12:29	What a waste of time and taxpayer money. They know what they need. Let them have it.
7/22/2024 6:12	For the general protection of our community I am supportive of the usage of military equipment
7/22/2024 10:54	<p>â€œNow we need everything to keep our police, first responders, all of them safe,â€ he said.</p> <p>â€œWe want them to come home, they have families, they have children.â€</p>
7/22/2024 16:58	Dear counsel, approve this equipment now!
7/23/2024 12:08	I oppose any and all increases in funding or purchasing of additional military equipment for the Sacramento Police Department. Additional funding should instead be spent on de-escalation training, outreach to communities of color who are disproportionately targeted by intensive
7/24/2024 8:21	Sacramento police officers are NOT properly trained to use military equipment. You are NOT a military force and we-the public-are not a population to be OCCUPIED. Your force is still heavily made up of sexist and racist power drugged jerks. You make me feel less safe in my neighborhood.
7/24/2024 17:08	I am not in support of purchasing military equipment. The public is strongly against militarization of police. I also do not support Sac PDs efforts to target former soldiers to police Americans.
7/24/2024 22:59	Make sure cops have the tools they need to keep the public safe, approve this policy.
7/25/2024 11:45	Seems OK. No proposed acquisitions on the real extravagant items listed. I don't like that the police can buy weapons that the rest of us can't but it's not like the local government can change that
7/26/2024 17:31	<p>â€œWe have had our armored vehicles with our officers in them shot at, if we did not have that either our officers would be dead or weâ€™d have to shoot someone to protect ourselves,â€</p> <p>Buchanan said. â€œTo say â€˜ it is not proven to have officer safety or public safety</p>
7/27/2024 11:45	Comments are regarding Military Equipment Use Report Meeting

7/27/2024 14:37	There are too many guns in the streets based on the weak southern border, give the cops this
7/27/2024 16:08	I do not believe that Sacramento PD needs military equipment.
7/30/2024 9:33	Our police officers are facing worse and worse criminals in our communities. Criminals gain access to all types of weapons that both the police force, and law abiding citizens are not allowed to own or use in this state. I completely support the purchase, use, and advanced training of military
7/30/2024 23:08	Flat out, cops need this equipment. Approved.
7/31/2024 11:41	WE HAVE MILITARY/NATIONAL GUARD AVAILABLE. THE POLICE DO NOT NEED TO BE MILITARIZED
7/31/2024 11:43	I WAS IN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THEY CAN BE CALLED UPON FOR ANY NECESSARY MILITARY
7/31/2024 11:44	DO NOT MILITARIZE THE POLICE!!!
7/31/2024 11:45	ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! DO NOT MILITARIZE THE POLICE!!!
7/22/2024 0:11	Unas personas le pegaron a mi amigo y a mi