

Communication from Public

Name: E McGee

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 03:40 PM

Council File No: 22-0766

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposing the approval of AB481. Here are my reasons and why they are important: The proposed policy must be revised to fully specify what uses are authorized for each weapon The arsenal of military gear must be reduced The proposed policy doesn't follow the law The proposed policy is morally/ethically wrong We are a city, not a military. LAPD should not have so many weapons of war. These weapons are misused These weapons, and the personnel costs involved in training on them and deploying them, are a poor fiscal choice for Los Angeles This policy does not safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, or civil liberties (and AB 481 requires governing bodies to ONLY approve the use policy if it "will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.") I have been personally traumatized by the excessive use of force when simply passing through a planned peaceful chalk protest incited by your officers. Civilians do not wield weapons strong enough to ever justify a military response from city police. We are not a battleground and are not paying for gross malfeasance and brutalization, solely protecting your donors and stakeholders. Neither in Nury's council chambers where you all cowered behind LAPD during the public comments nor displaying these 1st amendment rights in the streets we all share.

Communication from Public

Name: Jess

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 10:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking for you to vote no one agenda item 12 on Friday. The amount of military gear must be reduced. I live in an area of Los Angeles where there are a lot of police helicopters every night. It is disruptive and disturbing. It reminds me that LAPD should not have access to weapons of war. We live in a city, not a war zone. These weapons do not protect our communities. Please consider the most vulnerable in our communities—those who cannot advocate for themselves.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 04:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to ask you to vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council. This agenda item should not be approved today. Council has until Oct 26 (180 days after LAPD proposed its policy on April 29) to fully consider the matter. This policy does not safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, or civil liberties (and AB 481 requires governing bodies to ONLY approve the use policy if it "will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties") and LAPD's proposed policy fails to define authorized uses for its militarized equipment, as required by the new law AB481. AB481 requires that every piece of military equipment must describe both the purpose and the authorized use. That's authorized use, not authorized user. The policy must describe under what circumstances a weapon is authorized for use. The proposed policy clearly must be revised to fully specify what uses are authorized for each weapon. The arsenal of military gear MUST be reduced. Vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council.

Communication from Public

Name: Math Erao

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 01:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, name is Math and I live in Los Angeles in District 14. I write to ask you to vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council. This agenda item should not be approved today. Council has until Oct. 26 (180 days after LAPD proposed its policy on April 29) to fully consider the matter. The proposed policy doesn't follow the law and is morally wrong. We are a city, not a military. LAPD should not have so many weapons of war. LAPD killed over 150 people in 2013-2021, averaging killing 1.3 people each month. Almost a fifth of those killed showed signs of mental illness. Four were actively suicidal when killed by police. These kinds of weapons will only make this crisis worse.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 02:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The arsenal of military gear must be reduced. These weapons can often be misused. The personnel costs involved in training on them and deploying them, are a poor fiscal choice for Los Angeles.