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NO KILLER ROBOTS!

LA is not a war zone. Military robots have no place here and this Boston Dynamics “Quadruped Unmanned Ground Vehicle” use is not in compliance with AB 481.

I am against giving the LAPD lethal robots and other military weaponry. These weapons threaten the privacy and safety of city residents and visitors. 1,054 people¹ have been killed by police in the past year, averaging more than 3 per day. This is happening despite having the strongest law in the country governing police use of deadly force.²

Killer robot SPOT - with the ability to carry payloads like explosives - can easily become another extension of escalating use of deadly force. Furthermore, AB 481³ requires law enforcement agencies across the state to publish inventories and create use policies for militarized equipment, including tear gas, assault rifles, armored vehicles, drones, and robots - regardless of source of equipment. Gifting SPOT does not mean LAPD gets to circumvent the law or public transparency.

LAPD is required to propose use policies for existing military equipment - including SPOT. These use policies must be considered, approved, or rejected by civilian elected officials - LA City Council - in public hearings and with public input.

Where is the LAPD use policy for SPOT?

- What policies will constrain officer discretion as to when robots will be deployed?
- What de-escalation tactics should be used in the context of police robotics?
- What rules govern the use of non-deadly force?
- What are the mechanisms for accountability?
- How will LAPD mitigate operational risks?
- What procedures will govern the decision to deploy robotic force?
- How will the program’s effectiveness be assessed?
- Is it OK to use SPOT around children? On the playground?

I urge you to halt on the authorization of SPOT and not let the killer robot dog out until these and

