

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Lappin

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kevin and i work for LA County. I have a masters degree from CSULB in Criminology and there are thousands of other things that would keep the community safer than dumb robot dogs. They would only torment the very people who need these resources divested into housing, food, and health infrastructure. Everybody who has allowed these machines to invade their communities have needed to roll back their usage. I vote we get in front of that inevitability by not employing them at all.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/07/2023 09:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote no. Keep this and all artificial intelligence-powered robotics out of our neighborhoods. This proposal ignores the evidence of harm, increased surveillance of under-served communities, and its incorporation will increase the likelihood that other tools of war will be used on the streets.

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Name: M. Ahmanise Sanati

Date Submitted: 03/07/2023 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ahmanise Sanati, and I am a social worker, mother, and community organizer in CD11. I urge you to vote no to Quadruped Unmanned Ground Vehicle / Metropolitan Division SWAT Team / Los Angeles Police Foundation / Donation. Communities need services to help them get basic needs met. I see it firsthand as a school counselor; most of my students are struggling to make it to school because of the trauma they deal with in their homes and communities. It is traumatizing to not have secure housing, to not know if there will be food to eat that evening, and to fear another member being ripped from the household and put into the carceral system. In my “off-time” I volunteer with organizations struggling to meet the needs of those affected by food and housing insecurity. The waitlist never ends because we are seeing people suffering like never before. What we have been doing isn’t working and we need innovative solutions to address the needs of our people. The focus of our systems should be to provide genuine care- that should be the focus. We should be looking to create sustainable systems that ensure people are housed, nourished, make a living wage, and have access to healthcare. This is not a radical idea- it is humane and what we should all want in our society. We do not need more mechanisms and funding to enforce an e-carceral system causing further harm to our most vulnerable communities. Safe communities require actual support, not targeted surveillance operations. I’ll also add, those providing care need support as well; if we truly care about our people, then our funding to reflect this. Thank you.