

2022-2023 Community Comments on Military Equipment Use

Timestamp	Open public comment
7/25/23 13:38	SPD should have any and all available resources at their disposal
7/25/23 14:06	I think using military equipment and the militarization of the police is a horrible idea and a big waste of money. That money could be used to hire more officers, respond to more calls, and for community outreach – so officers can become familiar with the communities they serve. You don't need tanks and military equipment for that.
7/25/23 14:09	Fuck SacPD
7/25/23 14:31	Military use policy
7/25/23 14:35	!
7/25/23 17:29	I think that money could be better spent on training officers how to de escalate a situation rather than giving them new toys to do harm with.
7/25/23 19:03	I support necessary equipment for public safety
7/25/23 20:08	I haven't seen the appropriate justification for needing military equipment to perform the duties of law enforcement. This equipment is designed for fighting wars against enemies, not to protect and serve our community. This equipment in improperly trained hands is more dangerous than anything we face in our communities. I strongly disagree with the department's request for this equipment.
7/25/23 20:21	Stop the militarization of our police. We are all in this together, let's rise above our sapien nature and become homo cooperans, or rather, The cooperative species.
7/25/23 20:31	I believe the term "military equipment" is dramatically misleading to the public. My understanding is that the vast majority of the "military equipment" is primarily less lethal equipment or equipment that protect officers, while not being harmful to the public. I also believe that while I all government should have oversight and transparency the City Counsel members who vote again the use of "military equipment" fail to understand how it is used and how it actually protects the citizens of the city. So those city counsel members should be transparent and admit they have no idea what the equipment does and would just vote against anything that says "military."
7/25/23 20:54	Studies, science and data show that equipping police officers with military equipment does nothing to reduce crime, nor does it protect law enforcement officers from violence. In fact, police forces that use military equipment are more likely to kill and harm civilians than police forces that have not been militarized. There is no justification for any further militarization of the Sacramento Police Department. It only serves to tell all of those in disadvantaged areas that they are NOT a part of the community, but are the same as foreign enemies. It is a horrible idea and will not reduce crime, but will only cause law enforcement to see non police citizens as "less than" and not worthy of dignity. And everyone knows this.
7/25/23 20:56	I support the Sacramento Police Department.
7/25/23 21:03	.
7/25/23 21:20	Why is military equipment needed ?
7/25/23 22:31	Good work, Would like to see SPD get an MRAP for tactical use.
7/25/23 22:37	Use all equipment to keep the people and law-abiding citizens safe.

7/25/23 23:32	I am categorically opposed to the use of military equipment by police. The police are intended to serve the community they are in, and everything that insulates and separates them, and encourages them to see the people they serve as threats and enemies, invites bad policing and needless violence.
7/26/23 2:46	The use of military equipment in the city makes me feel like I'm in a militarized zone. I rarely leave the house for fear of encountering the police, even though I have no criminal history. Locally, I have attended meetings with local police and they all have been amicable. But I fear harm at the hands of police while driving and more recently even while living in my own home. There have been so many instances, especially of Black men being killed for minor traffic infractions is extremely disturbing. Now with these tanks and other military equipment, my home could be leveled through "swatting" or by mistake. I sincerely hope that other avenues could be employed without police feeling a need to use military equipment, especially armored vehicles.
7/26/23 3:48	I'm in support of police having access to life saving "militarized" equipment especially when I consider that some pro-crime activist groups consider a shield and helmet to be "militarized".
7/26/23 4:43	Does this request to purchase involve, benefit or otherwise include Elk Grove Police Department or is this specifically for Sacramento Police Department? Where I can SOMEWHAT see some concerns justifying more public-burdening expenditures being incurred for this purpose in the city of Sacramento, (based on a regular review and comparison of recent crime data I e. the types of crimes being combated on any given day, violence/public health threat/strongarm thefts kidnapping/hostage situations, etc) and have seen mostly (not 100%) responsible, constitutionally sound, and overall ethical use of these technologies and equipment...conversely I absolutely reject and disapprove of any further purchases, investments or any other sort of taxpayer liability of this sort from law enforcement in general, and for a blatant and rather shifty DISREGARD for the specific use case reporting, ethically sound operations, constitutional(Oath Of Office!)and inconsistencies between the available written policy documents made available and the actual usage practices currently happening in and for Elk Grove. I have much more I could comment on but I'll save it for Elk Grove city council, just would like my initial question as the the relevancy to EGPD thank you so much for your service and sacrifices! With Joy, Without Prejudice
7/26/23 6:23	Further Militarization of the police is not an answer to reduce crime nor protect the public. I believe it is in the interest for our city to invest in: 1. Competitive for our officers, so that we may retain and recruit more personnel. 2. Hire more support staff to deal with non-emergency calls so that officers are readily available for emergencies. 3. Our roads have become increasingly dangerous to pedestrians and drivers due to reckless drivers ignoring traffic laws. Perhaps it is time to have more traffic cameras and have officers routinely enforce traffic laws.
7/26/23 6:40	X
7/26/23 6:40	I support the use of this life saving and law enforcement safety equipment.
7/26/23 6:40	If necessary to assist with public safety I support
7/26/23 6:40	If these devices will protect or save one life, I am in 100% support of their use.
7/26/23 6:40	Our business is in this neighborhood and we've been broken into and frightened by local crime elements.

7/26/23 6:41	I support Military Equipment Use to be used by the Sacramento Police Department.
7/26/23 6:41	Support
7/26/23 6:41	Police should use military tactics and equipment. Safely for our officers.
7/26/23 6:41	I support use
7/26/23 6:42	This equipment will help keep police safe when dealing with potential criminals. I agree with obtaining this equipments and using it. We need to be a law abiding nation.
7/26/23 6:42	I support the use of military equipment. Police need all the protection they can get.
7/26/23 6:42	I think that the use of military stuff is a smart idea, it will keep the officers safer while they are on a stand-off or other problems.
7/26/23 6:42	I support the Sacramento Police Department having the tools necessary to do their job as safely as possible.
7/26/23 6:42	Yes they should be able to use military equipment if trained properly. Crime is ridiculous right now
7/26/23 6:43	Strongly object to police getting more and more militarized. It's almost seems like police have a fetish for armaments and high grade military weapons. And when you have it, there's a strong incentive to use it instead of trying alternatives,
7/26/23 6:43	Hell yes. Use it when needed. With the way the lawlessness has gotten you need to be safe. I'd say buy 2
7/26/23 6:44	We are all for it!!
7/26/23 6:58	This equipment was purchased because there was a need to save police lives. If it is removed it will cost police lives because of a "few" think it's inhumane for the criminals who chose to break the law. Then it will need to be purchased again when criminals chose to be violent.
7/26/23 6:59	I support providing law enforcement with the tools necessary to keep out streets and children safe! We must protect our community and children.
7/26/23 6:59	No way should sac pd have more equipment to get rid of people
7/26/23 7:01	We already live in a semi police state where the government sides (most of the time) with lawbreakers in law enforcement. Military equipment should never be used against civilians...PERIOD. A MRAP...A TANK...really? Definitely not needed. They are retiring A10s, is that next on the request? How about trying to do more about side shows and implementing road features that will prevent them from happening. I think that would be a better use of funds. Be creative in your thinking in how policing should work and not always think about arming up to the MAX. Shouldn't always be a US against THEM mentality.
7/26/23 7:32	Folsom
7/26/23 7:37	Use it
7/26/23 7:38	No
7/26/23 7:38	I approve of all the equipment purchase.
7/26/23 7:39	I am happy the police will have equipment that will quicker help the public in an active shooter situation or a situation with a dangerous criminal. It not only protects the officers but helps the public be safer sooner.
7/26/23 7:40	We should not be using equipment for an occupation force. I support the police when being part of the community. I don't support military style training or equipment.
7/26/23 7:40	I support the use of military type equipment by Sacramento Police Department.

7/26/23 7:41	I fully support the Sacramento Police use of this equipment and trust it will be used in an appropriate manner. The use of the label of 'military' equipment is being used by the media to instill unnecessary fear in the citizens of Sacramento. Thank you for keeping us safe.
7/26/23 7:42	I think Law Enforcement should use everything they can to stop the carnage in the Sacramento Area. One is already being used productively.
7/26/23 7:52	I fully support Sacramento Police Department's purchase and use of military equipment in any manner and form deemed appropriate and necessary, by the Police Department. We put them there to do a job, "To protect and serve". The public should be grateful to the police and allow them to do their job. The police are not only enforcers of the law, they are a front line deterrent to those intent on breaking the law. Across the nation, we have seen the behavior of those who believe there are no consequences for bad behavior.
7/26/23 7:53	Thank you for this review.
7/26/23 8:00	I think the use of this equipment is essential for law enforcement and our community as a whole. The protection of our officers as they respond to incidents of violence should be the first priority of law makers and city administration. If we can't provide protection to our protectors, how can we expect them to willingly protect us?
7/26/23 8:07	We don't need military equipment on city streets.
7/26/23 8:22	It is completely appropriate to purchase, train, then utilize equipment that enhances the safety field of operation for responding officers in not just suspect apprehension but victim rescue.
7/26/23 8:28	The Sacramento police department does not need military equipment. The public opinion of the police is already shaky at best. With all the killings of unarmed minorities, if the police get more military equipment, it will seriously damage any remaining trust between the public and the police. Military weapons and equipment used against a civilian populace is called war. The police already have quite a number of equipment used by the military. Why do they need more? Perhaps, it's because they are getting worried, that maybe the public is getting tired of being bullied and victimized by the police and may fight back. Because when it comes to any force used against a civilian, or even a small dog, the police are never at fault. All they have to say is, "I was in fear for my life." That statement, gives them full authority to empty an entire magazine of rounds into whoever they're "afraid" of. No more military equipment.
7/26/23 8:40	If needed, procure and use the equipment. Public safety is the highest priority.
7/26/23 8:40	I think the use of any and all equipment to keep our law enforcement officers safe and able to effectively police the community should be available. I fully endorse the Sacramento police department using not only the "tractor" described on the news, but any other higher quality equipment that is available to the department, in conjunction with any and all training opportunities available to the officers.
7/26/23 8:48	RFI
7/26/23 8:50	It is obvious that what is being done now, is not working to reduce crime or to promote public safety. I would like to see military equipment used to clean out drug making labs and reduce curbside pick up of drug sales in residential areas. We have gone too far to the left, and its a mess. Repeal Prop. 147 and don't close prisons - use them

7/26/23 9:22	Doesn't bother me
7/26/23 9:23	Ok
7/26/23 9:24	I support the use of military equipment for our police department
7/26/23 9:32	There is no need for military grade equipment. The police are supposed to protect and serve. Will this equipment allow the police to say oh I no longer fear for my life? You decided to become a police officer it's a job. You will only use the military grade equipment against minorities so no you don't need this.equipment. Please use that money for something else.
7/26/23 10:15	Love this
7/26/23 10:15	I do not approve of the purchase and use of military vehicles for the police or sheriffs department. They seem to be rolled out to low income, primarily minority neighborhoods. They are intimidating to law abiding citizens. They send a bad message, that our city is in need of militarization. In addition they are expensive, require repair, maintenance, training cost for those that use them.
7/26/23 11:05	I support
7/26/23 11:08	I am for the purchasing of military equipment by Sacpd. Anything to keep police and the public safer.
7/26/23 11:11	I approve the use of the military equipment
7/26/23 11:12	I believe our police deserve the best possible and most modern equipment. This includes any military grade equipment which can be used to protect them and the community.
7/26/23 11:19	If this was the 70s I'd be appalled. If this protects police officers I'm all in.
7/26/23 11:19	I support the sac pd purchasing the equipment they need to keep themselves safe in high risk situations such as domestic violence response, hostage situations, mass shootings, etc... I do not understand people demanding better police response but not wanting the police to have what they need to keep themselves safe, particularly with rising crime rates. If california had tougher crime laws, perhaps the PD wouldn't need the equipment in the first place. I also hope that the city and pd will use other funds as they become available to invest in crime prevention trainings, programs, and collaborations with community partners.
7/26/23 11:28	N/A
7/26/23 11:30	I SUPPORT use of military items
7/26/23 11:32	The police need more military equipment to enforce the law and to keep society and themselves safe while doing so.
7/26/23 11:34	With the proliferation by criminals of military grade armament such as assault rifles and high capacity magazines, bump stocks etc throughout society and being used to assault civilians and law enforcement officers it's necessary to have equipment which can be used to overcome those real life threats and actions. Barricaded subjects with weapons of military grade requires the necessary equipment to protect the protectors and innocent citizens in harms way.
7/26/23 11:35	Military equipment has no place in a community police force. While officer safety is very important, it is not appropriate to apply military gear to a civilian police force. The founding fathers were adamantly opposed to a standing military force. Militarizing the police is a step towards totalitarianism.
7/26/23 11:38	Use any and all means to deal with criminal behavior within the laws limits.

7/26/23 11:45	As an East Sac resident I fully support Sac PD's purchase of this new military equipment. I support increased spending on equipment and officers here in Sacramento in general.
7/26/23 11:54	I am grateful the Sacramento Police Department has taken the initiative to utilizes the best equipment which will inable them to keep the public and their officers safe.
7/26/23 11:55	I believe the use of military equipment in this day of automatic weapons is fully and completely warranted to protect those that are protecting us.
7/26/23 11:56	No military equipment for civil peace/plicd officers. This is dangerous and un-American no matter what the police chief says the equipment will be used for.
7/26/23 11:58	Yes I approve
7/26/23 12:00	No comments yet
7/26/23 12:01	In full support of its use.
7/26/23 12:03	SPD should use funds to investigate and develop methods for de-escalation, implementation of statistically proven crime reduction programs, or for community outreach programs. Utilizing funds to further militarize SPD is counterproductive. The militarization of police departments only furthers the perception that police are essentially guardians of the wealthy and corporate interests while oppressing those with less means. Additionally, police are not as highly trained as military personnel. Providing SPD with military equipment is like giving a kid who just got their drivers license and F1 race car. They will use it improperly and are guaranteed to have accidents. Please decide to use taxpayer dollars in a more appropriate and beneficial manner.
7/26/23 12:06	I do not believe SPD should have access to any military-grade hardware of any kind,a especially given the Department's gross and ongoing mistreatment of Sacramento citizens.
7/26/23 12:06	With Democrat control of the City and DA's office and handcuffs placed on law enforcement, force multipliers MUST be used to protect We The People.
7/26/23 12:08	There is NO universe where the police need MILITARY equipment. In fact, you need to work with less and remember who you serve and why.
7/26/23 12:09	Police funding could be better utilized by addressing homelessness. Can we get more unarmed community liaisons? Additionally they should be required to carry malpractice insurance to prevent them from bankrupting the city every time they fail to use the equipment they already have in a responsible manner. We the citizens suffer when we have to pay out 2.4 million of our tax dollars to families like the Clarke's due to police aggression.
7/26/23 12:15	Is this really the best use of our law enforcement dollars? If you compare crime statistics between our city and Tokyo, where there are far more officers and they are out, on foot or in little storefronts called Koban, highly visible, and not driving around in vehicles insulated from the public it becomes obvious that there is a better way. I truly believe visible prevention is far more effective.
7/26/23 12:16	Buy more, use often.
7/26/23 12:36	They ARE NOT the military
7/26/23 12:38	Yes use military equipment
7/26/23 12:39	The more tools available to our public safety members, the better. Keep them safe so we can be safe as well.

7/26/23 12:40	I do not live in Sacramento, but I do work here, and I am against arming any police force with military grade weapons, vehicles, etc. If military grade resources are required, police forces should have to request support from those intended and fully trained to use such resources. I believe trying to "level the playing field" to deal with military grade weaponry available to citizens just increases the potential for death and destruction, and focusing on training with military grade resources shifts time and focus away from deescalation training. I would rather police forces throw their resources and political weight into reasonable gun control and the removal of military grade weaponry from civilian hands.
7/26/23 12:40	Please detail why this equipment is required? What steps are being done regarding basic human interactive skills versus auto police violence? What is Excited Delirium Syndrome?
7/26/23 12:41	The police officers need to have an advantage over the criminals. The officers lives are at stake.
7/26/23 12:41	I think the police should have the available equipment they think they might need. I'll leave the decision on what's necessary to the people who are putting their lives on the line.
7/26/23 12:41	We would not expect a surgeon to operate without his tools, or for a chef to cook without his kitchenware. Therefore we must NOT expect the police to operate without their much needed equipment. I am 100% in favor of purchasing Military equipment to be used by the Sacramento City Police Department.
7/26/23 12:42	<p>I hope the council adopts the proposed equipment and policies to allow the police to safely use various tools to resolve the dangerous situations they are put in every day.</p> <p>I am not comfortable sharing my support in public forum due to the hate and protests that are occurring. I also raise a family of four and cannot carve out time of my day to attend.</p> <p>Please know there are many more like me that simply don't have time for this nonsense. We need to trust our public safety to make the right decisions that allow them to do their job safely and efficiently. Thank you</p>
7/26/23 12:42	*Volunteer opportunities* to teach police how 🤝 to interact with people, using basic skills and Non book based educational programing.?

7/26/23 12:43	The police departments of America including Sacramento only exist to serve and protect the public. We're not living in the dark ages and we're not living in modern times were common sense are non-existent. The police know well what equipment they need to fight crime and especially to address the true pandemic of America and that is the mental health, drug addicted and criminal element that hide underneath the umbrella called homelessness. 2/3 of the prisoners in Sacramento County jail have mental health issues in over half of the people that the police department deal with have mental health issues. You cannot deal with them rationally and you cannot deal with them with logic. The police have to protect themselves and they need the tools to do so so we may feel safe. If you really want to get on a campaign be advocates for something quit being apathetic and address the problems in America. Those are the problems we need to address starting with the mentally ill the severely addicted individuals and the criminals who just keep going in and out of the system. Get wise America and allow the police to do their job the tools they need.
7/26/23 12:45	We have seen the police officers defending themselves with pistols, and the criminals have AK-47s. Please give the officers equipment they need to protect themselves and the public !
7/26/23 12:45	Please allocate this money towards mental illness instead.
7/26/23 12:46	Why? Do we live in a war zone?
7/26/23 12:46	Support it to keep officers and the community safe.
7/26/23 12:47	Please consider allocating this money towards a program that helps the community.
7/26/23 12:51	I would prefer that money goes to help the homeless and fund schools instead of purchasing more expensive military stuff. :(
7/26/23 12:56	I support Law Enforcement using whatever equipment they feel is necessary to keep their officers safe and keep law abiding citizens safe.
7/26/23 12:56	I'm against any use of Military Equipment by police. I feel having that equipment even available escalates encounters and takes a peaceful protest by citizens to something where we're mentally in defense mode before any issues start to arise. As someone who lives in a more diverse area of Sacramento (Natomas) I see this military equipment as something that will be directly pointed at my neighbors during any confrontation. In my mind there hasn't been a situation when something to that magnitude would ever be necessary to use against Sacramento's citizens. There are so many better ways to deescalate situations and much better ways to spend our money to better the city.
7/26/23 12:59	I approve of the use of military equipment when necessary
7/26/23 13:10	I fully agree with the police on their wanting to purchase & use any military hardware that will protect them from the violent criminals roaming CA streets. Since many of our protests have also turned into violent riots I would also approve of the same use to help protect our much needed law enforcement across this state.
7/26/23 13:11	Good idea I support the Department's decision
7/26/23 13:20	Yes please equip our Sac PD with equipment they deem necessary.
7/26/23 13:21	I am in complete support of any new resources to keep our community and officers safe
7/26/23 13:25	Use of equipment should not be not be in the scope of the police department. There is already enough distrust between the police and their neighbors.

7/26/23 13:27	I am in favor of the armored vehicle, to be used for officer and public safety when there is a high risk of serious bodily injury or death to officers or civilians
7/26/23 13:36	Out gunned and out manned please get them everything they need.
7/26/23 13:37	<p>The duty of the police is to protect and serve the community. The goal of the department should be to emphasize building positive relationships with communities north members and the use of de-escalation strategies when engaging community members that are making decisions not within the confines of the law.</p> <p>To buy military equipment can only indicate the intent of our police force to become a militarized police force. The goal of a militarized police force is to intimidate and aggressively apply force to citizens in order to maintain a more anti-democratic authoritarian based rule of law. This is quite the opposite of “serving and protecting” the community.</p> <p>So I don’t believe the police department should purchase any military grade equipment or weapons. If the public is in such peril and disarray that this is needed the California national guard is better suited and trained for that than the police are. Put the money to better use in the community via outreach and positive interactions with members.</p>
7/26/23 13:37	I support SPD getting military equipment to keep their officers safe.
7/26/23 13:42	Military equipment provides another resource in dealing with criminals. Intimidation is an asset and not a hindrance when dealing with potentially violent individuals. Most criminals want to do bad things to law enforcement. Let’s level the playing field, or better yet, give law enforcement an upper hand.
7/26/23 13:44	Sounds good to me!
7/26/23 13:50	YOU ARE NOT IN THE MILITARY SO MY VOTE IS NO!!!!
7/26/23 13:54	I support the police but am concerned about military grade equipment being used. Under what circumstances would it be used? Who would it target? Would it be overused? Would people be killed? To me it seems excessive, and I generally am not in favor of its use. Coujdtge money have been spent on more officers? I really think more officers are what is needed. I want to see homeless encampment problems be addressed and crime reduced, but I don’t want to see people killed by military equipment. It’s bad enough when an innocent person is mistakenly shot ir killed.
7/26/23 13:56	Give our LEO's every available tool to combat criminal activity, keep our community safe, and insure that the officers go home safely to their families after every shift.
7/26/23 13:56	Get what you need to get to keep the officers safe
7/26/23 13:57	I support the purchases!
7/26/23 13:59	I support SPD with obtainly military weapons.
7/26/23 14:06	Stop apologizing, get tough on crime Lester!

7/26/23 14:08	<p>Will this military equipment decrease the killing and injury of Sacramento residents or increase it?</p> <p>I lost a 15-year-old acquaintance to Sacramento area law enforcement a few decades ago. He was unarmed, unrelated to any crimes or investigations, shot in the back by plainclothes officers. Ray was the "wrong" color, at the "wrong" time, in the "wrong" place. Of course the officers were not even fired much less did time themselves.</p> <p>In this era of "shoot first ask questions later", one wonders.</p>
7/26/23 14:10	The Chief needs to stand up for the citizens. This equipment is a MUST!
7/26/23 14:13	Time to take our streets back with SAFE tools for our police.
7/26/23 14:19	You 1000% have my support. Upgrading equipment for law enforcement is an essential component for officer safety.
7/26/23 14:27	I fully support the use of military equipment for our police force to ensure the safety of our officers.
7/26/23 14:27	After such a controversial report about your inability as a law enforcement entity to distribute law enforcement properly, why would this be a good idea? Money that could be spent training your officers to be better at their jobs is now wasted on equipment you don't need. Is this what my enormous city sales tax contributes to? Disgusting if that's the case.
7/26/23 14:30	Our family supports the blue 100% and recognizes danger they face when out manned and out gunned !
7/26/23 14:40	I completely support the police department using any vital tool to keep the community and themselves safe
7/26/23 14:41	The purchasing of military equipment to the police will only further endanger the community to more violent crimes and violent acts from the police. The police shouldn't be armed with military arms, they should be armed with the skills to deescalate high stress and dangerous situations. This acquisition will only lead to worse outcomes than solve them. Instead, we should raise the education requirements for law enforcement. Every police officer should have a bachelor's degree in law and interpersonal training to help them connect with the communities they serve so they understand that the law they are enforcing also applies to them.
7/26/23 14:48	It is disgusting that the city is declaring war on it's own people. What the fuck are we doing on K street? What are we doing with all of the homeless? What are we doing to address the housing issue/prices? What is "law enforcement" going to do with this equipment that is so important to the wellbeing of community that we need to spend our limited funds on military equipment, rather than housing, health, the local economy etc.
7/26/23 14:48	I support the use of the equipment necessary to provide the highest level of safety to officers responding the the most dangerous and high risk situations.
7/26/23 14:55	I fully support Sacramento City and County in purchasing whatever tactical equipment is needed to keep the citizens and officers safe.
7/26/23 15:22	Good idea.
7/26/23 15:24	What ever they need
7/26/23 15:28	I am for Sac PD being able to use Military equipment.
7/26/23 15:32	I am a resident of the City of Sacramento and I strongly oppose the militarization of our police force.

7/26/23 15:44	It is unacceptable that the police have this type of equipment. Events that dictate this type of equipment is needed should also dictate that a higher, more well funded level of law enforcement is called in. Furthermore, it is a DISGRACE that city funds are directed towards equipment like this instead of towards actual crises in this community such as providing solutions for unhoused individuals. I can say with absolute certainty that the dollars directed towards this equipment will effectively aid little to none of the members of the community of Sacramento.
7/26/23 15:50	I approve of this equipment that will improve officer safety.
7/26/23 16:13	If it's going to protect our officers in dangerous situations then I'm voting for it
7/26/23 16:13	I say, go for it! Anything that allows the police to get the upper hand against criminals is a good thing.
7/26/23 16:15	I support first responders. Continuing the arms race between cops & criminals only serves to make our streets more dangerous for everyone, police included.
7/26/23 16:16	Using police funds to purchase military armored vehicles is not an appropriate use of funds. The purchase undermines the communities relationship with the local police by creating an adversarial and military tone to law enforcement.
7/26/23 16:18	The police deserve all the help they can get. Would you want to do their job without it?
7/26/23 16:20	I oppose any and all efforts to use any equipment of military provenance against the people of Sacramento, or any civilians. Their usage poses a great risk to the health and safety of our communities, as well as the civil liberties of individual Sacramentans.
7/26/23 16:29	Yes
7/26/23 16:42	I am a homeowner and Sacramento resident in Council District 6 (zip 95824). I do not support military grade weapons in our community, even by police. I am for de-escalation, and non-violence. No more military equipment! No more turning our streets into war zones!
7/26/23 16:50	Yes, I approve
7/26/23 16:50	It's ok to use military equipment for safety to cops and community
7/26/23 16:50	We are not the enemy and should not have military equipment used against us.
7/26/23 16:51	We should be using military equipment in communities against our citizenry.
7/26/23 16:51	I am in favor of using the military like vehicles. Their use in California has shown that they protect suspects, civilians and the police.
7/26/23 16:52	I have no problem with the police using what ever means they have to keep people safe.
7/26/23 16:52	Support the purchase and use of the defensive equipment for officer and civilian protection in high-risk situations
7/26/23 16:55	100 percent for safety equipment and it shouldn't be called military equipment. Safety equipment.
7/26/23 17:02	Good idea
7/26/23 17:12	I say let the officers use any means to combat crime
7/26/23 17:12	I wholeheartedly support the appropriate procurement and use of "military equipment" by law enforcement for the express purpose of ensuring the safety and security of all persons in Sacramento, including law enforcement lawfully exercising their responsibilities to protect and serve the community. A civil society should not handcuff law enforcement by restricting the use of readily available tools and equipment which add a measure of safety to a very dangerous profession.

7/26/23 17:19	The new skidsteers should be used.
7/26/23 17:22	I think the police should have military style equipment with “oversight” and an “assurance” that the situation calls for its use. I don’t see how the community expects them to protect them as well as themselves when they’re up against the illegal equipment that’s currently on the street. It’s a simple apples to apples concept.
7/26/23 17:26	I'm pro use of military equipment by police.
7/26/23 17:27	The use of military style equipment by the Sacramento police department and the Sacramento county sheriff’s department is completely unacceptable. It is a violation of the civil rights of the community that the police department is supposed to protect and serve (not terrorize). It is an utter waste of taxpayer money. The Sacramento police department already has major issues with excessive use of force, and the purchase and use of military style equipment is entirely egregious and unacceptable. The answer is not military style equipment, it is proper training for officers and safe staffing levels.
7/26/23 17:41	Police should not have military equipment
7/26/23 17:43	Use it and more! Criminals need to see the power of police! Squash criminals, don’t give them a chance! We the people are weak, we need the power of the police. Criminals will take over if we don’t show them who is strong! Otherwise it’s CCW without training.
7/26/23 17:47	I don't believe that police militarization is a good idea. In addition to being a waste of money, it will only make the community more distrustful of the police at a time when we should be working to make things better between law enforcement and the community
7/26/23 18:00	see my survey
7/26/23 18:28	We support providing law enforcement with the necessary tools that provide public and officer safety
7/26/23 18:28	No. Try investing into prevention instead.
7/26/23 18:58	Please stay on top of crime using the most modern available crime fighting tools!
7/26/23 19:16	I support the purchase of equipment to protect officers
7/26/23 19:18	Use it!
7/26/23 19:18	Yes
7/26/23 19:19	Defensive military equipment is a positive development. Offensive military equipment has NO place on city/local streets
7/26/23 19:20	After the weak response at the Black Lives Matter demonstration downtown, I believe four should’ve been taken. Then all the shops in small businesses wouldn’t have been destroyed. Whatever it takes to stop whatever it is.
7/26/23 19:22	I know shit about this but I want to
7/26/23 19:23	I am in FULL SUPPORT of this purchase and of the police.
7/26/23 19:24	I fully support our police and this purchase. Let’s get back to keeping our community safe and not allowing the criminals and losers to run the show, so to speak.
7/26/23 19:25	Any equipment that can be used to safely execute a particular function should be approved without any restrictions so that members of the public or law enforcement are not harmed.

7/26/23 19:30	Law Enforcement should have no disadvantages when it comes to enforcing laws and protecting the public from violent criminals. With the amount of gangs, drugs, weapons available on the streets, reducing Law Enforcement modern resources and technology would put more people in danger. Do not take away effective resources from people who put their lives on the line everyday to enforce laws, protect others, and provide service with concern.... Recruiting new officers is challenging enough, and more challenging if you do not provide them with the proper tools to do the job.
7/26/23 19:50	Military grade equipment is necessary to keep officers safe and to do their job more effectively.
7/26/23 19:51	I am concerned
7/26/23 20:11	I think it's a good plan and it long overdue
7/26/23 20:18	Absolutely. Any equipment whether it be "military" style or not should be used for deployment purposes by the police department.
7/26/23 20:39	Cops should have access to military style equipment
7/26/23 20:40	The budget would be better spent on salaries and training, rather than equipment that will only further fracture the public trust in the police.
7/26/23 20:57	Police need every advantage over the violent criminal conduct that endangers citizens or businesses!
7/26/23 21:12	I would like the police to purchase this equipment!
7/26/23 21:25	It is not in the community's best interest to have a militarized police force. I do not support the purchase of this equipment and object.
7/26/23 21:32	All lives matter
7/26/23 22:06	Equipment deemed military in nature but determined useful, even in rare but intense circumstances, is fully warranted for purchase and use by our local Sacramento Police Department. Their mission is public safety, which includes the preservation of life and property. Regardless of any labels applied to the equipment used by the department in fulfilling its mission, if such provides for public and officer safety within the confines of current law I wholeheartedly support the department's acquisition of such tools-"military" or not. Please, allow them to keep us and themselves safe by providing useful tools to be used by well-trained hands.
7/26/23 22:07	Do not allow Sacramento Police to purchase military equipment. Money should go towards solving homeless crisis.
7/26/23 22:36	The police department deserves to have the resources it needs to protect its officers and the public. We (the public) should always be mindful of the dangerous situations we ask police officers to put themselves in to protect the innocent and maintain peace in society. US citizens hold an average of 120.5 firearms per 100 people, the highest rate in the world. Gun violence and mass shootings have been on the rise in America. To believe that violent crimes wont happen and that police don't need a way to protect themselves is to bury one's head in the sand.
7/26/23 22:42	I do not support the Sacramento Police Department to use military equipment.
7/26/23 22:42	Use it!

7/26/23 23:45	<p>With the type of sophisticated equipment used in crimes by criminals that law enforcement deals with today--including lethal weapons (unheard of years ago) that can and do kill/injure multiple people in minutes (as well as peace officers)--it's obvious that unless we want gang, mafia, or mob rule, that every jurisdiction should be providing THE vert best and most protection possible in any form of equipment and at any cost, that they can obtain. If it means military equipment not only "so be it," but also "Thank goodness!" it's available. Please listen to officers' needs and help them do their jobs with the best chances of going home-alive and not injured--after their shifts.</p>
7/27/23 0:51	<p>Our police department has not had the resources to show the community enough to truly feel their protection. It's not their fault, it's the fault of how our communities fault to see them as protectors and there for our safety when needed. Instead the drug crisis grows because after many years of not changing up how drugs and crimes are responded to, the bad guys feel confident in the PDs response and how long that response comes given the district. I back any plan to show the cartels that they should rethink their confidence in how theyove around this city. Military weapons and resources for our braveen and women will not be seen just as a hit back to increased crime, its a tactic to show shock and awe to anyone who says the police have no presence. We know the departments are spread thin, but enticing new recruits are important as well. Showing a strong move like this will show these potential heros that the tools to keep them safe while serving and protecting are there for them and will hopefully ease their doubts in being a part of a great departments where they are desperately needed.</p> <p>One last thing, I personally see from my store front windows that fentanyl is so real and growing at such a rate that we not ready for. We must have our department teams be physical and visual presence of resitance to any gangs and cartels to make notice and and actually give them pause in the operations that have been on auto pilot for a long time now. The only kill I would love to see is to kill the confidence within these criminals who thought their lives of crime would be easy in Sacramento. Please let's not make our communities open and easy for them anymore and give our police what they need. Thank you to all of you and anyone who chooses a life of service to others. I can only hope that you all feel the same level of pride within yourselves that we have for you in the work that you do for all our precious communties.</p>

7/27/23 1:55	<p>I understand that some may be in support of this based on the belief that this would save officer lives in these crazy times where whole sections of firearms can be 3D printed inside civilian homes, or something to that effect.</p> <p>My counterpoint will not be the cliché, (albeit true) "They knew what they were signing up for" simply because in a perfect society, nobody's job should ever be to *possibly DIE*.</p> <p>My suggestion, in lieu of matching or escalating the fire power on the streets: Spend the budget for military grade weaponry on outreach instead. More "Getting to know your public" programs. I would be so much less likely to pull a gun on a neighbor I know than a perfect stranger I don't know. I'm much less likely to spit at someone who made friends with my mom/cousin/pastor.</p> <p>Deescalation training.</p> <p>Not everything that ended up violent would have been violent had they not been escalated, had responding officers known through training, that this individual is in a mental breakdown and not intending to be maliciously non-compliant.</p> <p>Let me clearly state my aversion to utilizing military grade tools in Sacramento. It's a waste of money in the long run, a bandaid.</p>
7/27/23 2:20	<p>It's not the tool it is the application of tool. Yes military surplus looks military. However purpose is protection of policy center and ultimately public. Yes you could soften appearance by custom build, but at what cost and purpose is protection of responding officers and thus community.</p>
7/27/23 4:51	<p>I support the Sacramento Police Department's purchase and use of military equipment. In this day, where's violence seems to be the norm, our police need to have access to equipment that protects them while they protect the public.</p>
7/27/23 5:37	<p>I feel that the equipment to be purchased is vital for officer safety.</p>
7/27/23 6:28	<p>Sac PD doesn't need any more military equipment, it doesn't even need the military equipment it has current for one extremely obvious reason, they aren't the military and sacramento isn't Iraq. I am 100% against Sac PD receiving any new equipment</p>
7/27/23 6:44	<p>To limit the Police in the equipment they use to protect and serve the community is of itself criminal. If you don't want to have their service and protection then by all means handcuff them so they can't do their job properly. That's what your doing when you restrict the equipment they use in the performance of their duty.</p>
7/27/23 7:06	<p>Non-lethal ammunition is appropriate. Drones, enhanced listening equipment and military vehicles are NOT appropriate for civilian law enforcement.</p>
7/27/23 7:13	<p>Against Sacramento using military equipment</p>
7/27/23 8:36	<p>There is no justification for the purchase or use of military equipment by the Sacramento police department. It is unconscionable to use taxpayer money in this way.</p>
7/27/23 8:43	<p>I am in favor of the Sac PD obtaining whatever equipment they feel necessary to keep the peace in a responsible manner.</p>
7/27/23 9:29	<p>It seems like everyday we're hearing about more and more Sacramento police employees abusing power, and the results are injured/dead civilians. We need less force on our streets. The money being used to increase the deadliness of police should be put towards affordable housing, expanding food programs, childcare, and education. These are the things that truly prevent crime and eradicate the fabricated need for more weapons.</p>

7/27/23 9:43	I am all for any equipment that will help protect our police officers and law-abiding citizens.
7/27/23 9:59	The use of what is described as "military equipment" is vital for public safety. Criminals do not play fair and the police need to have more capabilities than the criminals that our State seems to want to protect. Riots? Bring out the water cannons and impact munitions. Armed, barricaded suspect? Bring out the Rook, 40MM gas and automatic weapons. All of these are perfectly acceptable tools. Don't want these tools used against you? Don't be a criminal.
7/27/23 10:01	I do not agree to this use of military equipment in policing the community
7/27/23 10:18	ike
7/27/23 10:20	I'm all for aany and all equiment
7/27/23 10:20	We are not a police state. We have a military and a National Guard. Police do not need military equipment.
7/27/23 10:31	No comment
7/27/23 12:25	Law enforcement needs the tools and equipment necessary to protect the public and property. This so-called military type equipment is in fact necessary in certain volatile situations and should be available if needed. I agree that rules should be adopted outlining the appropriate circumstances for it to be deployed. But it definitely should be available.
7/27/23 12:44	Military equipment should not be used by civilians police departmets . The public is not the enemy and shouldn't be treated as such.

7/27/23 15:57	<p>While the policy and report itself comply with the most generous and loose interpretation of AB-481, I am deeply concerned about the harmful outcomes that will result from a policy that does not require tighter restrictions and more detailed research into safer, more effective alternatives to military equipment.</p> <p>SacPD still has not shown that military equipment is necessary and that they have considered or tried alternative methods as required by AB-481. You have also not provided any evidence that you have given a good faith effort to research, let alone implement, alternatives to this equipment. This is insufficient and should be a concern for future lawsuits as well as potential harm to the community and people this equipment will be deployed against.</p> <p>SacPD has also not shown the military equipment will safeguard the public's welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties as AB-481 requires. Sacramento residents and victims of police violence have repeatedly declared they feel less safe with the presence of heavily armed law enforcement. Studies also confirm police officer's possession of military weapons have actually escalated situations rather than mitigated harm, often resulting in serious preventable injuries. Neither the annual report nor the policy itself offer any reassurance that public welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties have been a consideration for the SacPD. You could offer this reassurance by incorporating community feedback from all constituents, not just those who approve of unfettered use of military equipment and by incorporating the recommendations by the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission.</p> <p>Though SacPD publicly stated your policy only included the equipment it already had and would not cost the city additional money, you continue to request more money for additional equipment including the ROOK that cost over \$400,000 and that carries an additional \$8,000 per year for maintenance, and \$600,000 in new body armor. As written, the policy and update report do not include accurate estimations of the maintenance, replacement, and training for military equipment over multiple years. The department has not shown that the military equipment is cost effective as AB 481 requires.</p> <p>The police department has not shown that it has complied with your own military weapons</p>
7/27/23 16:42	I believe that Sacramento PD should have access to any equipment required to support their efforts in providing both community and law enforcement safety.
7/27/23 17:31	PD need tool to protect themselves and victims in very dangerous situations. Active shooter, hostage situations and severe domestic violence situations require extra protection and support. If this equipment helps save one victim, it is worth it. You cannot put a price on an innocent life.
7/27/23 19:00	We are NOT at "WAR" with the citizens of Sac - why would the PD feel the need for this level of weaponry? Old fashioned policing has been the policy for decades and worked for the majority of police interventions, we do have SWAT and K9 for extreme conditions. War weapons will only serve to kill, not always perps only - the innocent will lose their lives, and result in untold numbers of lawsuits.
7/27/23 19:18	Police should be provided with any and all equipment they need to avoid injury and death while doing their jobs to enforce the law.
7/27/23 23:17	Definitely yes.

7/28/23 7:44	I support this measure of giving our law enforcement officers the protection and proper tools and training for their jobs. With the amount of criminal activity and illegal firearms in District 5 we cannot afford to say that being “equitable “ means any price can be put on their lives . Their families deserve to know that their husbands and wives and children will be safe. This whole abolishment from organizers makes you wonder if they are actually the ones pushing for the criminals?
7/28/23 8:41	money spent on more military equipment for the police department is money that is not available for actual crime prevention. police cannot stop crimes, they can legally only respond after the fact. we need balance, and more money for drug treatment, affordable housing, job training, violence prevention programs, mental health treatment, etc., that are ways to actually prevent the reasons for crime. of course, stupid laws like drug prohibitions and draconian anti-camping ordinances are also causes of crime.
7/28/23 10:48	I think that the police should have any equipment the think will help the to keep are community safe
7/28/23 14:49	The Sacrament Police Department is in need of every resource and equipment available that can be used and deployed when the situation arises. With increasing crime, shootings, “mostly peaceful demonstrations” (which are really riots) the department MUST be prepared and trained for all events.
7/28/23 17:51	I appreciate the Sac. Police Dept.'s careful use of military equipment for the protection of officers and members of the public alike . . . including suspects
7/28/23 19:36	As a Sacramento resident, I do not want our police department using military equipment. I prefer our funds be used for non violent resources. Military equipment is for war, our community is not and should not be made a war zone. Also the tools we have are the ones most likely to be used. Our community needs housing, mental health, food, and green space tools, not violence.
7/29/23 8:27	There is zero reason a police force needs military grade weapons unless it is going to war - the reason these weapons exist in the first place. Is there a war brewing in Sacramento? In the spirit of transparency, perhaps the city and police department could let the public know who the enemy is. In the absence of this information, one can only assume the enemy are the residents of the city? Many of us have not buried our heads in the sand and we are fully aware of the widespread efforts to dismiss real crime (such as theft, assault, etc.) and focus on compliance management. Is this what you are planning? Previously someone commented that anyone opposed to this is 'not educated', and therefore comments from the public are not useful. What an ignorant statement. My experience has been that members of the public are actually MORE educated than those who create policy (or get their information from media that drives the creation of said policy), because our information is not dictated by (thousand) dollar bills. In summary, please send the weapons to our ACTUAL military. Seems like they would need it more after all their stuff keeps getting sent overseas to other countries.

7/29/23 9:03	<p>We need de-militarization of the police and insitutue Community Policing standards. The police need to be approachable. They are the only first responders that have a public relations/image problem. This will make it worse. You are training them to view the public as the enemy. Stop it. Jeezus - the money you want to spend on military equipment to use against the public could house 15 homeless people for a year. I know that doesn't seem like a lot, but that's 15 less people on the streets for cops to harrass simply because they can't afford rent. This text of the AB-481: (a) The acquisition of military equipment and its deployment in our communities adversely impacts the public’s safety and welfare, including increased risk of civilian deaths, significant risks to civil rights, civil liberties, and physical and psychological well-being, and incurment of significant financial costs. Military equipment is more frequently deployed in low-income Black and Brown communities, meaning the risks and impacts of police militarization are experienced most acutely in marginalized communities. ----- THIS is the bottomline truth. STOP MILITARIZING THE POLICE</p>
7/29/23 10:43	<p>SacPD should never use any military equipment, ever. The use of military equipment serves only to terrorize the public and instill fear sowing even more anger and hatred of the police</p>
7/29/23 11:17	<p>While the policy and report itself comply with the most generous and loose interpretation of AB-481, I am deeply concerned about the harmful outcomes that will result from a policy that does not require tighter restrictions and more detailed research into safer, more effective alternatives to military equipment.</p> <p>SacPD still has not shown that military equipment is necessary and that they have considered or tried alternative methods as required by AB-481. You have also not provided any evidence that you have given a good faith effort to research, let alone implement, alternatives to this equipment. This is insufficient and should be a concern for future lawsuits as well as potential harm to the community and people this equipment will be deployed against.</p> <p>SacPD has also not shown the military equipment will safeguard the public’s welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties as AB-481 requires. Sacramento residents and victims of police violence have repeatedly declared they feel less safe with the presence of heavily armed law enforcement. Studies also confirm police officer’s possession of military weapons have actually escalated situations rather than mitigated harm, often resulting in serious preventable injuries. Neither the annual report nor the policy itself offer any reassurance that public welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties have been a consideration for the SacPD. You could offer this reassurance by incorporating community feedback from all constituents, not just those who approve of unfettered use of military equipment and by incorporating the recommendations by the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission.</p> <p>Though SacPD publicly stated your policy only included the equipment it already had and would not cost the city additional money, you continue to request more money for additional equipment including the ROOK that cost over \$400,000 and that carries an additional \$8,000 per year for maintenance, and \$600,000 in new body armor. As written, the policy and update report do not include accurate estimations of the maintenance, replacement, and training for</p>

7/29/23 11:54	Please use any and all law enforcement and military equipment necessary to do your job!!
7/29/23 12:27	We don't want the increased militarization of police. Plain and simple.
7/29/23 12:47	My family is all for the use of military equipment and vehicles especially if they are surplus or no longer viable in military combat but can be used here. We should use all available supplies, materials, equipment to make our streets safer. The ugly reality is that lawlessness and rioting has been made "cool" or seen as a right to express oneself, or used as an excuse for not working and earning an honest wage. Proper use scenarios need to be identified and put in training and practice. If people didn't create the scenarios that required such materials and equipment, then there would not be a need for community input.
7/29/23 13:30	I like it !
7/29/23 14:15	Concern that SPD is investing in wrong areas
7/29/23 14:19	Do a cost benefit analysis. How often is it necessary to respond with such equipment. What preventative actions might reap more benefit. This isn't war. It's intervention to promote civil society for those who aren't invested in it largely because our society hasn't invested in them.
7/29/23 14:38	Not in favor of city acquiring additional military equipment; this type of equipment such as the Rook, while well-intentioned, is intimidating to and takes an antagonistic approach to the community; City should reconsider and phase out this equipment for use
7/29/23 14:48	Please use your military weapons against the violent radical leftist thugs known as BLM, Antifa, SJWs, and the "LGBTQ+" maniacs.
7/29/23 14:50	Too much military equipment
7/29/23 14:50	I think that some military equipment makes the police feel safer and less reactive. The criminals are at the point where they are more armed than the police and it may take some Molina equipment to keep the police safe.
7/29/23 14:59	If you are using the equipment against foreign enemies then ok. If you are using the equipment against citizens of the US, then a big no!
7/29/23 15:34	Support the use of this equipment.
7/29/23 16:14	The LEA should acquire use the used military equipment to save lives and save taxpayers dollars.
7/29/23 16:33	There is no reason for police officers to have military equipment to use on American civilians. SPD has demonstrated time and time again that they are not responsible with the tools they currently have. Putting these military grade weapons into the hands of SPD can be very dangerous for the people living in this community. Instances where they have murdered a kid for holding a cell phone, punched kids in the face, handcuffed a crying 10 year old. They have shown little to no regard for the safety of the citizens that they are supposed to protect. Giving SPD military grade weapons poses a very real and serious danger to the community. Please don't allow this
7/29/23 17:21	I support buying military equipment
7/29/23 18:06	I support the use of military equipment in extreme situations. I work for the CDCR and know that less lethal means saves lives.

7/29/23 18:14	Weak laws, underfunded police, relaxed immigration laws, backed up courts, high school drop outs everywhere, poor parenting, guns everywhere. We need a much stronger system and give law enforcement the tools they need to capture, transport and even kill the criminals that have ruined our quality of life in the valley. The public is OUT OF CONTROL.
7/29/23 19:01	I believe the Police deserve any tool they believe necessary to protect themselves and our community since our laws are completely biased in favor of those who commit crimes and hurt our residents.
7/29/23 19:27	Thank you for the work you are doing Sac PD. Purchase what you need in order to do your job effectively.
7/29/23 21:10	I support the current plan to buy vehicles to better protect officers and public safety. Stop protecting criminals.
7/29/23 21:34	As a midtown resident, I do not approve of my taxpayer funds going towards military equipment for sac pd. Why is it necessary for the department to have additional drones and \$200,000 worth of rifles in addition to the ones in use? You're supposed to protect and serve—this only serves to harm and hurt our community. In the last year you only had 18 uses of military grade equipment used— why is it necessary to buy more? This is a waste of money that could go towards education or housing. Additionally, change the executive summary font and color of your reports so it's easier to read.
7/29/23 23:13	There is no reason this military equipment is needed or necessary. Reject this proposal.
7/30/23 0:36	I do not believe it is a good idea for the police department to buy military equipment. A need for the equipment has not been shown. It is expensive and further damages the relationship between the police and people of color.
7/30/23 1:16	No on police officers using military equipment.
7/30/23 6:31	I support the Sacramento Police Department and the use of any equipment necessary to protect officers as they work to keep the community safe. If equipment previously used by the military will assist our officers in fighting crime, arresting those responsible, and protecting our community, then so be it.
7/30/23 7:23	I am in support of any and all equipment that will assist the police force in keeping the community safe.
7/30/23 7:32	No military equipment should be used by police.
7/30/23 8:54	Sacramento should not own military vehicles but the money should be used for outreach.
7/30/23 10:05	Absolutely no to putting the state and police budget towards military equipment. Use that money to address root cause of poverty, crime, and violence. Address our needs as citizens without criminalizing communities and waging war. If there is something so extreme happening in the State Capital that indicates this need, do your jobs to address human need,
7/30/23 10:20	Based on my review of the draft report, it appears the police department has been using their resources responsibly and they should be allowed to purchase/replenish the military equipment noted in the proposal.
7/30/23 10:51	Police should not be allowed military weapons. Instead teach the sac police department how to actually help the mentally ill homeless ppl with their big budget

7/30/23 12:10	Please provide the equipment needed by SPD to keep our community and officers safe, including what is being called military equipment. We live in dangerous times and deserve the protection.
7/30/23 14:49	If this can assist the PD with major incidents, we support. Training and policy must be part of acquiring the equipment.
7/30/23 15:40	I completely approve of the use of military grade equipment by SPD in highly dangerous situations. Every effort should be used to protect the brave officers in these situations.
7/30/23 17:30	Our law enforcement should NEVER feel that they are at war - against drugs, crimes, etc., without giving priority to the human element. We count on them to protect and serve us, to use their imagination and as many peaceful and preventive techniques as possible when they interact with the community. Use of military equipment only makes barriers to good participatory citizenship by all citizens, sworn or not. The more forceful the equipment, the greater likelihood of collateral damage.
7/30/23 17:34	Sacramento Police Department's (SPD) Military Equipment Use I believe its necessary for today and going forward.
7/30/23 17:48	Who are you at war with? If the answer to that question is "nobody", then you don't need military equipment. If the answer is not "nobody", then you have just declared civil war on the people of your city.
7/30/23 22:49	I am not against the Sac PD possessing more equipment in the case of some excessive situation that would call for it.
7/31/23 17:00	I am appalled that the City Council voted to allow the Sacramento Police Department to purchase any military equipment and very grateful to my council member for voting 'no'. I do not believe that military equipment has any legitimate place in the policing of neighborhoods in Sacramento or any place else. Our neighborhoods are not occupied territory in a war and should not be treated as such, Having military equipment flies in the face of building needed trust with neighborhood residents. It sends a message that we are seen as 'the enemy' and, I believe, has the potential to escalate rather than diffuse tense situations. I live in a neighborhood that is culturally and racially diverse which adds to my sense of distrust of the police having military equipment and leaves me hesitant to call if a situation were to occur where police might be needed.
8/1/23 9:36	Give them what they need to protect the citizens of Sacramento. We don't get much for our taxes but we need to know we are protected. Criminals are laughing at the city for their lack of pushing forward to protect the citizens. Crime is on the rise, criminals have no fear of doing what they want. I want to know that the police have every tool they need to protect me and my family and friends and neighbors. We have crappy streets, high homelessness and more, let's not make our police department struggle to do their job.

8/1/23 9:41	I pay taxes for police. I want to be protected. I want criminals to know that their activity will not be tolerated. I don't want my neighborhood to be overrun with criminal activity...but more and more is happening in my neighborhood by criminals and I want to know that the police will have every tool they need to protect themselves and me. Not allowing the police to be able to do their job with all the equipment they need is insane. The population is becoming more and more at risk because criminals laugh at being caught, and facing consequences for their actions. This has to stop. Police presence needs to be more. Police need the equipment to bring down the criminals and stop their reign. Give them what they need and that includes military style equipment. Just do it.
8/1/23 12:23	So long as Sacramento citizens are paying millions in court settlements for police misconduct every year we may do well to consider not providing even more powerful means to violate the rights of it's community.
8/1/23 14:00	I oppose the purchase of military grade weapons and vehicles for use against Sacramento area citizens.
8/1/23 18:00	The "Military Equipment" PS wishes to use is, for the most part, defensive. It will protect LE for danger in the performance of their jobs.
8/2/23 9:35	I oppose militarizing our police department.
8/2/23 19:45	If certain community s don't like the equipment then tell them don't call for help take care of it yourself
8/3/23 17:09	There is no place for military equipment use on our already over-militarized police force. It sends a negative message to the public which the police are committed to protect. The strained relationship between the police and marginalized and people of color will grow. I worked for a local police agency as professional staff for 28 years and was part of the leadership team for the last 10 years. The military equipment was used as public relations and training; however their were long term consequences of paying for storage and the negative optics of potentially using weapons of war on citizens. I urge you not to pursue these acquisitions. Respectfully, Gloria Diaz
8/3/23 17:37	I trust the Sacramento Police Chief and the Sacramento Police Department to make decisions on how best to use and purchase any military style equipment. I trust them to make decisions on how best to use the equipment to keep the public safe, but also the police officer's safe.
8/6/23 21:18	We do not need military equipment, as it does not improve public safety. Let's take time together to re-imagine public safety and fund prevention services like youth programming, mental health services, affordable housing, and safety net supports for our community.
8/7/23 21:57	I saw a "military grade" vehicle on the street last week and just the look of it was apocalyptic. This has no place in our community. I strongly oppose
8/7/23 23:12	Military Equipment does not increase safety, but rather causes harm, especially to Black and Brown community members.
8/8/23 3:30	I support the Sacramento Police Department's use of military equipment.

8/8/23 10:22	I disagree with the continued increase in military grade equipment being purchased and used by SacPD. I feel that the types of crimes and the rates at which they occur do no warrant the use of military grade equipment. With the proximity of military bases to sacramento it is reasonable to assume that in the event of such an emergency the equipment and its operators can be requisitioned from the military. It is not safe nor reassuring to know that if I call the police to report an incident that a militarized force will respond equipped with weapons and gear designed to be used against military targets. I don't see my neighbors as combatants regardless of any crime they are committing. And the police should not view its citizens as combatants just because they are in violation of the law.
8/8/23 12:00	I believe that military equipment doesn't really help, safety wise, because it could make people fear the military soldiers and the equipment they use.
8/8/23 12:18	I strongly oppose the use of military equipment by our local police officers. We should be focusing on improving relationships between the police and the citizens of Sacramento, especially those marginalized populations that do not view the police as an ally. Further militarizing our police department will only perpetuate the problem of the police being seen as an entity to be feared by it's citizens. We should also be focused on demilitarizing our society (better gun control) to help protect our police officers rather than militarizing everyone.
8/8/23 14:09	The City of Sacramento should NOT accept or buy military equipment for use by our police department.
8/8/23 21:14	Hello, again and again it seems that community outcry and concern are not taken seriously. There has been so much community opposition to the increased funding for the police force in the area and for military equipment. The focus in this community needs to be on community programs, including childcare, mental health care, substance use support, and financial supports, NOT MORE POLICE PRESENCE, which has been shown in research to actually increase rates of crime in communities! Hear us!!
8/9/23 9:49	Armored vehicles have saved the lives of many. That alone is a good reason to have them. Name one negative thing!
8/9/23 9:53	I support our police having access to any and all resources to protect our city. We are the Capital and need to be prepared in the event of serious incidents.
8/9/23 9:59	Which equipment on the list is actually military grade? AB481 is very misleading. It seems to be a political stunt to frighten the public and give politicians on city councils the power to make decisions that affect how the police do their job.
8/9/23 10:09	As a lifelong resident of Sacramento, I support the purchase and deployment of equipment that protects law enforcement officers during violent situations; such as an armed barricaded person and the attempted apprehension of a wanted violent person. The fact some equipment is used by members of the US military should not prohibit its use by local law enforcement.
8/9/23 10:19	I'm a caregiver in district#5 Maple
8/9/23 10:23	Buy what keeps officers safe.
8/9/23 10:28	The police need to be equipped with the best. Period.
8/9/23 10:28	It's fine. Use it.
8/9/23 10:36	Military equipment should not be utilized by local police forces in any circumstances, and should be banned in Sacramento.

8/9/23 11:10	I want our police to have the best equipment possible. I want them to be as lethal as possible when necessary and as safe as possible when doing there important work. I have zero issue with the police using military equipment to protect our communities.
8/9/23 11:22	I approve of the decision to use military vehicles
8/9/23 11:29	I think law enforcement in some circumstances would benefit from military grade equipment. Your job is hard enough but without the proper equipment it gets even harder.
8/9/23 11:41	Ok
8/9/23 11:43	Use all the equipment needed to get the job done.
8/9/23 11:48	Yes
8/9/23 12:04	LEOS risk their lives EVERYDAY to protect us they should have ALL equipment available for their safety criminal behavior is outrageous
8/9/23 12:14	I think this is great what you are doing
8/9/23 12:14	Use whatever equipment that will make your job more efficient and keep everyone safe. Semper fi
8/9/23 12:23	Do anything you need to do.
8/9/23 12:39	As recent history proved protesters have no respect for other humans property. By destroying establish business's homes and vehicles. Society is out of control when large groups decide to take revenge on the city. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound cure!!!
8/9/23 12:45	I am okay with it if it helps against criminals and protects the innocent
8/9/23 13:01	I absolutely disagree with the police using military equipment. The police need to relearn how to more effectively make positive impacts in their communities.
8/9/23 13:30	Police department needs it!
8/9/23 13:31	They need better training, not armor to make them feel invincible. They are already larger than life
8/9/23 13:53	Officer Safety is key!
8/9/23 14:19	Absolutely, unequivocally no.
8/9/23 14:37	The Sacramento Police department needs to adopt a community policing policy and stop frivolous spending on military equipment intended for use in warzones. Sacramento is not a war one and it's people are not terrorists. This equipment has no place in our city.
8/9/23 14:41	Waiting
8/9/23 14:41	Strong opposition of SPD using any military equipment use.
8/9/23 15:12	OK with me
8/9/23 15:33	Use whatever equipment needed to carry out the mission of SPD in keeping peace and order in our community. This includes the Military Equipment in question, particularly as gangs become more heavily armed and organized.
8/9/23 15:40	The examples of how you used military equipment on protesters in the past few years leads me to believe SPD isn't responsible enough to handle that kind of equipment quite yet and should have training and regulations for how to handle that equipment. To handle hostile situations and encounters it is understandable to use military equipment to keep the community safe, not to be used as a control tactic to scare the communities that do choose to peacefully protest.

8/9/23 15:53	Knowing the police kill many people makes me extremely scared to even go outside and now they get to use military equipment im frightened for my life this only worsen things. What they should be using the money for is retraining all law enforcement agencies they need to actually be somewhat lawyers in the street NOT military.
8/9/23 16:05	I generally oppose the deployment of military equipment on our streets in anything but the most extreme circumstances. I think community trust should be an overarching concern when drafting and evaluating police policy.
8/9/23 16:11	Police should have access to tools they need, with the understanding that all equipment will be used appropriately.
8/9/23 16:34	Please learn how to use the power of the badge before using heavy equipment
8/9/23 16:34	K
8/9/23 17:13	You're not the military. Don't use it.
8/9/23 17:46	Cops don't need military firepower, you use it to kill kids and oppress minorities.
8/9/23 18:54	Police have a difficult job. If there is equipment that will make their job safer and help the community we should grant them the equipment. Groups that dislike the Police will be submitting negative comments about the Police and the needed equipment. These hate groups are a very small portion of our City. They will send mass emails to make it look like lots of people disagree with the life saving equipment. Take that into consideration.
8/9/23 19:22	Use the equipment necessary to do your jobs. Including dogs, big equipment, drones, whatever it takes.
8/9/23 19:58	I support any items or training that will protect our officers and community from danger
8/9/23 20:04	I do not feel that Sac Pd is abiding by AB481 due to the lack of an independent reporting body to ensure compliance with policies. The Sac City council is not independent, nor do they have the proper qualifications for this type of oversight. OpSA and the s.comm. police review commision should be directly involved.A riot being defined as less than 3 people is also not in line with community values. There is also not clear enforcement of accountability measures, as well as protection for the community when military equipment is used. (Ie in poor neighborhoods when property is damaged or health concerns are raised, nothing is done to rectify situations)
8/9/23 20:28	I think, more times than not, it's excessive and unnecessary.
8/9/23 20:48	"There's a reason you separate military and the police. One fights the enemies of the state, the other serves and protects the people. When the military becomes both, then the enemies of the state tend to become the people."
8/9/23 21:00	Ok
8/9/23 21:00	Use
8/9/23 21:00	I don't think battering rams on police cars really say "I'm here to protect and serve." Less militarization, and more community involvement.

8/9/23 21:00	We need more security. Keep it.
8/9/23 21:15	Please purchase which ever piece of equipment that is available to help serve your department.
8/9/23 21:16	I support any equipment that can be used by the police department categorized as "military equipment " .
8/9/23 21:17	I support this
8/9/23 21:35	Yes
8/9/23 21:39	Please allow Sac PD to purchase and use any equipment that may help protect community and officer safety. Limiting equipment because it is "military" in nature is arbitrary and without justification. Military surplus is an inexpensive source of commonly used equipment, and there is no reason to restrict Sac PD's use of this procurement source.
8/9/23 22:01	As the State Capital we may need necessary means at the State Capitol. Use of equipment must immediately be followed by a review to assure necessary use to keep officers and the public safe.
8/9/23 23:17	I don't feel use of military equipment is necessary in civilian residential neighborhoods. We are not at war. Beside the unnecessary use, they will also ruin our city streets. The sewer system in Sacramento is very old. I feel they are going to do a lot of damage that we the residents are going to have to pay to get fixed by taxes and/or the raising of City and County bills. Our roads in Sacramento are already in atrocious conditions. Even the new areas you can't drive down a street without pot holes. I'm a third generation Sacramentan. I don't want my city and the city of my ancestors to become a war zone. I don't want to see military equipment in my neighborhood, or anywhere I drive in Sacramento. Sacramento is still a small town for the most part. We do not need military equipment.
8/9/23 23:18	Why is this a need? When did this desire start? Where will military items be used? Who will decide to use these items? Will these items include military dress?
8/9/23 23:53	Whatever equipment law enforcement needs they should have
8/10/23 1:01	I am completely opposed to any spending and procurement of military equipment by the police department. This type of equipment in the hands of the police DOES NOT make me feel safe, and it is a terrible waste of money.
8/10/23 5:08	I think you should acquire any and all equipment and technology from whatever resources to assist you in protecting the public, and yourselves!
8/10/23 5:54	Generally speaking and as with any type of weapon used by the police, not just military grade, their use must be predicated on thorough dept-wide training of when it is appropriate to use the weapons and by whom, followed by a top-down review to determine effectiveness of training, communications, and appropriateness of weapons usage. I am generally supportive of the police upgrading its equipment and arsenal to handle a wider variety of potentially dangerous situations to protect its officers and the general public. I am also generally opposed to indiscriminate use of weapons as the first means of handling potentially volatile situations.

8/10/23 6:37	I am in full support of the law enforcement and any equipment or technology they deem necessary to facilitate successfully and safely (safety of the officers) protect and serve the citizens of Sacramento within the legal limits of the constitution. Police lives matter. Crime in Sacramento is off the chart. Fund the police, defund woke politicians.
8/10/23 6:47	I am in favor of the Police be able to use military grade tools.
8/10/23 7:27	YES PLEASE USE WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO TO KEEP US SAFE!!!
8/10/23 7:47	Yes, I support the police to use military equipments.
8/10/23 8:11	I am against the police using military equipment. I say no. I pay thousands of dollars in taxes each month and I don't want to pay for a police force that is going to use equipment that was designed to be used against foreign enemies. Just no.
8/10/23 8:15	No use of military equipment
8/10/23 8:43	I see no use for military equipment. This is Sacramento. No gang banging thugs are gonna have military-grade equipment. If you really need extra support, I'm sure you have a SWAT unit that is more than capable.
8/10/23 9:54	I do not believe military grade equipment has a place in American communities.
8/10/23 11:21	I think that police - in general, not only in Sacramento - are becoming overly militarized. Like most people (I believe) seeing a police car behind me makes me paranoid instead of safe. I'm seeing too many images online, from around the world, where police look more like some of Darth Vader's storm troopers. I would prefer to disarm police completely, like in England, and create a public militia group (properly trained, of course!) based on our 2nd Amendment right to bear arms, that would accompany police officers to back them up when needed. I also feel (again, like many others, I think) that police feel that they are above the law. Or, protected by many state laws, and their police unions, and in collusion with parts of the legal establishment, a law unto themselves. They should keep foremost in mind that they are public servants, whose duty is to "serve and protect," not intimidate, harass, and even kill (often unarmed) people.
8/10/23 11:41	The American people have already paid for this military equipment once thru their taxes. Maybe a better idea would be for the military to offer this equipment back to the contractors at a discount and have them donate the equipment to the police.
8/10/23 12:19	Law Enforcement runs to situations when the rest of us run away.. they need as much equipment, supplies, training and support as possible so they can go home safe at the end of thier shift.
8/10/23 12:55	Support equipment use
8/10/23 14:43	My feeling on this is that the law enforcement should have anything that will keep us safe
8/11/23 5:25	Yes on military equipment
8/11/23 13:44	We need a significant reduction of the use of military and militarized equipment by law enforcement
8/11/23 13:44	Strongly do not approve of use of military equipment for Sacramento police
8/11/23 13:44	I strongly disapprove of sac PD's purchase and use of any militarized equipment.
8/11/23 13:45	I really don't think think the police should be using military equipment.
8/11/23 13:45	I'm all in for the police and whatever they need to use.
8/11/23 13:45	It's fine with me for Sacramento Police to get any available equipment they want. I do not fear it will be misused in any way. I trust and support my local police, who are underfunded and face difficulty recruiting needed staff.

8/11/23 13:45	I think its ok to use whatever equipment is necessary as long as the user has the appropriate level of training and expertise.a one day seminar is not sufficient for weapons
8/11/23 13:45	I oppose any use of military equipment for the Sacramento Police Department. Monies should be spent on teaching police how to handle situations wihtout heavy arms.
8/11/23 13:46	There is no justification for use of military equipment by police.
8/11/23 13:46	I am very concerned about the Police buying Military Style equipment. I would rather a light touch and more community involvement.
8/11/23 13:46	Criminals need to be caught and brought into justice if not immediate corrective action or spanking. Please advance use of military equipment to help with local policing and law enforcement. We cannot be less prepared than the crimes we are seeing currently.
8/11/23 13:46	I support the Sacramento police use of military equipment to maintain law and order.
8/11/23 13:46	none
8/11/23 13:47	Purchase and use whatever equipment, including military equipment, that helps you do your job to protect the public.
8/11/23 13:47	This is a horrible idea. Use social workers to train the officers in how to work. Stop buying them weapons of war.
8/11/23 13:47	I would have a problem if military equipment were used for crowd control unless there were out of control violence and only in nonlethal ways to protect all involve and de-escalate things.
8/11/23 13:47	The militarization of the local police department is dangerous, expensive, and unnecessary. Stop buying military equipment and focus on developing officer skills that will protect rather than harm citizens
8/11/23 13:47	Military equipment should have no place in the policing of a civilian community. It looks wrong, feels wrong and is adversarial. Please do not procure military equipment when we have so many other needs for this city
8/11/23 13:47	Support use of military equipment
8/11/23 13:48	We support the use of military equipment by SPD.
8/11/23 13:49	I oppose the militarization of any police department. I've lived in Sacramento most of my life, and I've never seen a situation that called for the use of military-grade equipment.
8/11/23 13:49	Police having military style equipment makes me feel less safe, not more. I would rather funds be spent on non-confrontational support services such as trained mental health crisis responders. If the funds MUST be used on equipment I would rather see them unspent than spent on military style equipment
8/11/23 13:50	Reviewing
8/11/23 13:50	Support use of this equipment
8/11/23 13:50	I do not agree with Military Equipment being used to Police. It is a violation of Privacy and Intrusive.
8/11/23 13:50	No concerns. Sac PD should be able to avail itself of whatever tools--up to and including military equipment--are available to help it fulfill its remit of protecting life and property.
8/11/23 13:51	There are no justification for the police department to be buying equipment designed for the military. We are the citizenry, not the enemy.

8/11/23 13:51	I don't support the use of military equipment for policing. If I was on the other end of the police (public demonstration, police action or simply a misunderstanding) I would feel extremely worried and unsafe. I don't believe that funds should be used to procure military equipment, and instead be put towards community resources and support.
8/11/23 13:51	I think it's a cost saving measure that benefits both the officers and saves the taxpayers.
8/11/23 13:51	Please do not continue to use military style equipment in the community. This escalates divisions and tension with an "us" v "them" mentality and causes your community harm.
8/11/23 13:52	I have no issues with SPD using military equipment when deemed necessary, and those operating have sufficient initial and ongoing training.
8/11/23 13:52	I support AB481
8/11/23 13:52	Those who do not support the use of such equipment have never worked as a police officer. Law enforcement is extremely dangerous and the criminals have the upper hand. Police officers are reactionary. They have to wait for the criminal to act before they can react. Tools such as these can only begin to even the playing field. To not allow officers to use protective equipment puts them in more danger than they have already agreed to. Safety of the public is number one. In order to achieve this, the police need the proper protective equipment, and that includes military equipment.
8/11/23 13:52	why do we need a military like presents?
8/11/23 13:52	Would like to understand utilization of military equipment, cost of storage and maintenance of non-use/deployment, and cost of training for equipment that is never deployed.
8/11/23 13:53	Military style equipment is inappropriate for community policing.
8/11/23 13:53	I believe SPD should be equipped with the proper tools/equipment to handle situations where same is necessary both for the public's safety and that of LEOs.
8/11/23 13:54	I do NOT want Sacramento PD to use military style equipment in their policing. This is a step away from the community, and away from solving problems with the community. The police will just be seen as less trust worthy than they already are. This is a horrible step in the wrong direction for Sac PD.
8/11/23 13:54	Bad Idea all around! Serve & protect should not include military style tactics or supplies
8/11/23 13:54	The Chief of Police should be able to acquire military equipment as he/she feels the need without consent of the Mayor or City Council.
8/11/23 13:55	I have no problem with the use of military equipment
8/11/23 13:55	I do not believe our officers should have military equipment. I want my officers to be approachable. This gives the wrong message.
8/11/23 13:55	It is my opinion that if these units are used to protect officers during dangerous circumstances, they are essential!
8/11/23 13:56	Please, no military equipment in the city.
8/11/23 13:56	If used properly, this seems like a useful tool to protect law enforcement, and to de-escalate dangerous situations.
8/11/23 13:56	More equipment for the police, the better
8/11/23 13:56	Sacramento does not require military grade equipment. Invest our money in low income and transitional housing.

8/11/23 13:57	Shouldn't comments be at the end of the survey?
8/11/23 13:57	Please provide law enforcement with with whatever means they can justify in order to protect us
8/11/23 13:57	Military equipment is necessary to protect our officers and the public. Until criminals fear reprisals from their criminal actions nothing will change.
8/11/23 13:57	Military Equipment has no place in our public streets. Military equipment was developed to fight the enemy not Americans.
8/11/23 13:58	We are not a military state
8/11/23 13:58	Bad idea, this is what I know, almost all criminals can not counter military grade weapons, I know law abiding people that look at that and their first thought is working on developing a plan to counter your equipment, what I'm saying is your equipment doesn't make you safe, it causes the opposite, like it or not people feel CA is an authoritarian state, you don't want to radicalize people that can't afford to leave it yet, building trust with your public would do better for public support than tanks
8/11/23 13:58	I support the use of specialized equipment for our police department.
8/11/23 13:58	De-militarize the police!
8/11/23 13:58	I feel when an angry MOB is destroying property then Military use is warranted. Peaceful protests are part of who we are but when a Mob get out of control & hurts people & destroys property that is not theirs then they open that door.
8/11/23 13:59	I think we should give the police department anything they need to combat the reckless un-rule of law being pushed by our legislatures.
8/11/23 13:59	I have read the policy & support it.
8/11/23 13:59	I have no comments.
8/11/23 14:00	Please do NOT use military equipment. This does not make it safer.
8/11/23 14:01	I really am hesitant to back the amount of money that would be used to put war weapons in the hands of any police department especially given recent individuals in police departments behaviors against citizens ie . George Floyd etc. Instead of making our cities war zones the \$ should be spent on vetting and training police officers.
8/11/23 14:01	Absolutely no need for our PD to have military equipment. How is this defined? Why not instead invest this \$ in community interventions / crisis response teams to deescalate?
8/11/23 14:02	Military equipment has no place in our community. We are not the enemy of the police. They have shown during protests that they take sides and the potential for abuse it too high.
8/11/23 14:02	MEU - in favor

8/11/23 14:02	Police need access to equipment that protects them and saves their lives. It is not the case that military equipment implies more civilian deaths. However, this does not mean that the community should not be aware, engaged, and informed on the problems associated with militarized police. Police need to be better integrated with their communities and we need to provide underprivileged areas with economic and educational resources much better than we do now, and we need to confront the homelessness problem. More resources directed at these issues will help keep law enforcement officers safer as well as their communities.
8/11/23 14:02	n/a
8/11/23 14:03	In my opinion it is in the public's interest to allow SPD the use of MEU with the current oversight in place.
8/11/23 14:03	No comment
8/11/23 14:03	Please do not militarize our police force. Invest into community outreach instead
8/11/23 14:05	Military equipment seems like a misdirected use of funds and resources given the types of issues extant in Sacramento.
8/11/23 14:05	None right now
8/11/23 14:06	I DO NOT approve of Sacramento Police Department's use of military equipment. Please end this practice now! This policy is not making Sacramento safer. As a resident, I do not feel safe while the police have access to military equipment. There is no place for military equipment in our community. End it now.
8/11/23 14:06	I'm not for it
8/11/23 14:08	Ever since the infamous shootout between violent felons and the FBI in Miami in 1986 (that left 2 agents dead) it is obvious that law enforcement needs to be adequately armed to protect the public. As criminals have increasing access to military grade weapons, municipal law enforcement personnel need to be able to adequately defend themselves. The only caveat is that it is assumed they will be adequately trained.
8/11/23 14:08	what are the criteria for validating the purchases are providing improved public safety and who is the impartial reviewer and publisher of the findings?
8/11/23 14:09	I think using this special equipment is a great idea — use whatever tools you have in the toolbox!
8/11/23 14:09	Full support of military equipment use.
8/11/23 14:09	For safety reasons, police (and the public they protect) need all the help/equipment they can get, regardless of potential negative appearances
8/11/23 14:10	I have confidence in the department and the City in making the appropriate decisions.
8/11/23 14:10	use them only when appropriate
8/11/23 14:10	Police are not military and are not trained like military. They should not be using military gear against civilians. Simple as that.
8/11/23 14:10	Comment
8/11/23 14:10	Yes, Please use as appropriate!!
8/11/23 14:10	why not use FREE useful policing equipment ? budget money can be used for other projects?

8/11/23 14:10	I think it is a good idea to allow the police to be able to utilize MEU in order to protect both law enforcement personal and the general public.
8/11/23 14:10	Definateky need to have utilize properly
8/11/23 14:11	Ok by Me...is a cost effective means to provide more Safety for Police Personnel and the Public in the apprehension of violent criminals/violent deadly behavior.
8/11/23 14:12	As a Vietnam Veteran I know the collateral damage military weapons can cause even with advanced training. I could see a small use by well vetted personnel and major oversight by Sacramento PD and civilian personnel. Intense pysch testing of those authorized to use the equipment and those that authorized their use. In too many cases collateral damage involves children.
8/11/23 14:14	While i am a strong believer in a well funded and trained police force, i am against the purchase and funding of any military grade hardware in the Sacramento Police Force. It is not the purpose and intention of a police force to conduct military operations. It is not the true consideration of the taxpayer to fund expensive military equipment. The use, and expense of military hardware should fall under the responsibility of the National Guard, Reserves, and Active Duty Military. I feel the Sacramento Police Dept is currently over stepping its responsibility and authority, and wasting valuable tax dollars with the purchase and maintenance of military equipment.
8/11/23 14:14	It is completely inappropriate for a city police department to obtain, use, or even consider using military equipment. Residents are citizens, not an enemy army. I do not want my tax dollars paying for city police to have military equipment.
8/11/23 14:14	I'm against the police pursuing this path. You already consider ordinary citizens "other" and yourselves righteous. A paramilitary course is too dangerous for us all.
8/11/23 14:15	I believe that the city should allow this. It is necessary to combat the weapons criminals have.
8/11/23 14:15	I read the whole laundry list of equipment requested. I'm all for expanding the use of non-lethal weapons, but I'm not sure requesting multiple military grade level drones is the answer to anything. Hiring qualified, well paid and properly trained police officers trumped everything else on that list. We should invest in people and not just equipment.
8/11/23 14:15	Police should under no circumstances use military equipment.
8/11/23 14:15	We do not need military equipment in sacramento
8/11/23 14:16	I think it's a wonderful idea.
8/11/23 14:16	Use of military type of equipment is becoming necessary due to the increased violence in our neighborhoods. There are too many ilegal guns on our streets.
8/11/23 14:16	I have no problem with the Police dept having MEU as long as its not being abusive to the public
8/11/23 14:17	?
8/11/23 14:17	My observation shows me that use of military equipment brings like force from demonstrating/rioting groups of people. I don't encourage its use.
8/11/23 14:18	I do not agree with military equipment, including vehicles, tools or tactics for any city police department, including here in Sacramento where I have lived my whole life

8/11/23 14:18	All equipment that is beneficial to law enforcement should be used to its fullest abilities. If the general population (gangs, etc) are going to be using military grade weapons, than law enforcement should have the equipment necessary to protect themselves.
8/11/23 14:18	I am a professional and homeowner living in the city of Sacramento and I vehemently oppose the Sac PD using military equipment in our communities.
8/11/23 14:18	The police should not have access to military equipment nor should the budget be used for that. Stop making things worse.
8/11/23 14:19	I think the police use of military equipment is a grotesque escalation of use of force against the communities the police are pledged to serve. I think their presence and use is exceedingly intimidating and risks further escalation of violent outcomes. Like the old adage says, when your only tool in your toolbox is a hammer, every problem starts to look like a nail.
8/11/23 14:19	The use of military equipment by the police department should be stopped. No additional funds should be spent acquiring or maintaining this equipment. These funds would be better spent addressing other critical needs such as housing and homelessness. To be clear I am completely against the use of military equipment by our local police.
8/11/23 14:19	I don't believe local police departments have any real need for military equipment. From my perspective, police only use this equipment to stoke fear or "look cool". Neither are reasons that those who protect and serve the public should be concerned with.
8/11/23 14:19	Use of military equipment should be encouraged for the safety and wellbeing of the officers, citizens and community as a whole. They are used in a protective manner, not for aggression. Our officers are already hamstrung by irresponsible laws and ignorant politicians that have never had to deal with the reckless evil that exists in society. Providing the police with enhanced tools to protect them in their duties is a must.
8/11/23 14:20	Better to have it in case we need it rather wish we had it when we need it.
8/11/23 14:21	Military equipment should only be used by the military. Police should not be at war with their community.
8/11/23 14:22	I think the Sac PD should definitely have access to these tools at their disposal. Although they may not have to use this technology, it is best that is available should the time arrive than to be caught off-guard which would put innocent lives in jeopardy.
8/11/23 14:22	I fear having military level equipment will mean using it more and more.
8/11/23 14:23	I oppose the purchase and use of military equipment by city police. The name alone explains the issue. Military equipment was not designed or intended for uses in a city. Just because something can be purchased doesn't mean it should be. Those funds would be better served providing for those most vulnerable. The case made for this equipment was not convincing or justified. We need more creative solutions to solve social issues. Increased use of force has been shown not to work but can cause more harm.

8/11/23 14:23	<p>Having witnessed, (whether in person, in the media, etc) the use of military equipment in the Sacramento area whether in a hostage situations, office involved shootings, suspects barricading themselves, and other critical situations, it is my opinion that with trained officers using the equipment it is vital to the safety of both the suspect, public, and law enforcement. Many times law enforcement is dealing with a mentally ill person who is unable to think and act as a sane person would. When a situation is volatile safety is the number one concern, such as using this type of military equipment to safely extract a fallen officer, hostages, or victims who have no other way of safely removing themselves from harm.</p>
8/11/23 14:23	<p>Not in favor of militarized police</p>
8/11/23 14:23	<p>I have seen no statistical evidence that Sac PD (or any other metropolitan police force) is well served by the use of military grade equipment.</p> <p>In fact, the evidence I have seen points decidedly in the other direction. In addition to the physical damage these weapons inflict, the psychological toll a militarized police force has on a population is immense. An US vs. THEM mentality between cops and the citizens they're meant to serve and protect is destructive to both the police AND the population.</p> <p>But, the physical damage is not to be ignored. I'm not anti-gun. I have never lived in a home that wasn't protected by a weapon. I shot for the first time when I was probably about six. Out on my family's ranch. Pretty much everyone I know has AT LEAST a couple guns.</p> <p>But, that ALSO means I know people who have been shot and who have shot themselves. And I have known doctors who have worked on gunshot victims. And the damage a weapon like an AR-15 does is just NOT the same as a hunting rifle. And the Founding Fathers had about as much conception of it as they did the power of a nuclear weapon vs. a front loaded cannon. While physical conflict between law enforcement and citizens is sadly apparently inevitable in our society, we should AT LEAST be trying to minimize the casualties.</p> <p>Guns are IMMENSELY powerful tools and should be treated as such. And, it's simply not the case that the tools the military needs to accomplish its objectives and local law enforcement need to accomplish theirs are similar. Their missions are not the same. And, as much gun ownership as we have in this country, their "opponents" are not as well armed.</p> <p>In addition to NOT being especially effective at protecting the public, this mentality/level of armature does NOT protect police. Which is not actually that dangerous a job to start out with. More Caltrans workers die on the job each year than CHP, but we all know whose ceremony the</p>
8/11/23 14:24	<p>I believe it is utterly ridiculous to even consider it worth doing, there is no person that needs to use military weapons to combat crime in neighborhoods. We are not in a military arena. Civilians do not deserve to be treated as a threat of this kind. If that's the case, why don't you make officers military officers and run the city like the military. I don't want military weapons being used on people who are not at war. I a, strongly against this happening.</p>
8/11/23 14:25	<p>I believe the SacPD has the right to use any means necessary to fight crime</p>
8/11/23 14:25	<p>I fully agree that the police need all the help they can get, even with the addition of military equipment.</p>

8/11/23 14:26	Military equipment should be used by the military, not our city's police department. Trade the tanks for talent: de-fund the death weapons and fund more prevention measures including mental health counselors, social workers, etc. to clean up our streets and prevent homelessness and other crimes from taking place to begin with. Ounce of prevention = pound of cure.
8/11/23 14:27	I am very uncomfortable with increasing militarization of the police
8/11/23 14:27	I support Sacramento law enforcement agencies in obtaining and maintaining the necessary tools and resources to keep our community safe. Extensive training for law enforcement to best utilize the tools and resources should be prioritized.
8/11/23 14:27	I approve the use of MEU
8/11/23 14:27	Please end the use of all military and military-like equipment in the Sacramento police force. These types of weapons and protective gear make the public feel less safe, not more. As a fellow public servant, I know the appearance of abuse of power — in this case violence and unnecessary force against law abiding civilians the police department is charged with protecting — can be just as bad as the actual abuse. Make it clear to citizens you are here to protect them, not a force to be protected against, by demilitarizing the Sacramento PD.
8/11/23 14:28	Every dollar spent on an organization rooted in racism that only serves to protect the property rights of the rich is a waste of money that could be used go give people the resources they need. The main source of crime is poverty. So until the police start solving poverty instead of showing up after a crime has happened or destroying the lives of homeless people then they are actively making our city a worse place
8/11/23 14:28	I was in the Army and the Air Force and I think the equipment can be excellent. Really it is just too easy to go overboard criticizing the Police Department for using equipment that has been used by the military. The Police Department needs to be able to use equipment from a variety of sources, including the military to keep themselves safe and the community safe.
8/11/23 14:28	I'm opposed to any militarization of our local police, since it essentially creates a hostile environment for both police and the public, us against them. Optics count.
8/11/23 14:29	No
8/11/23 14:30	I approve the use of military equipment
8/11/23 14:30	While specialized equipment has its uses, our local leaders need to make sure we don't have an overpowering police/military presence in our community
8/11/23 14:30	I agree with SPD putting to use MEU.
8/11/23 14:33	I would like SPD to acquire and use all possible equipment, so-called "military", possible to fight the ridiculous crime rate in Sacramento.
8/11/23 14:33	Not sure
8/11/23 14:33	I'm not comfortable with SacPD using military equipment.
8/11/23 14:33	It's better to have and not need than to need it and not have.
8/11/23 14:33	In error I entered my comments in the email section. Read it there.
8/11/23 14:34	I believe that some military equipment is vital for protecting officers and civilians
8/11/23 14:35	I am opposed to the increased militarization of police as it unnecessarily escalates situations.
8/11/23 14:37	Since the FBI and federal government has military equipment, then our police dept. should have military equipment. Especially since the criminals have high power guns ie the shooting at the downtown nightclub.

8/11/23 14:38	Military equipment has no place in police departments. They make a bad situation worse. Spend money on developing mental health response teams and no armed traffic stops so the police can do something about their abysmal clearance rate for serious crimes.
8/11/23 14:40	<p>The use of military equipment is synonymous with the use of technology. Equipment development for the military often uses cutting edge technology. I've worked on developing military technology my entire career, so this is an area I'm very familiar with.</p> <p>In this conversation I think we need to make a distinction between kinetic and non-kinetic equipment. Kinetic equipment causes physical harm (rifles, guns, tasers, etc). Non-kinetic is used for information gathering, jamming communicating (often cell phones), and other non physically intrusive actions.</p> <p>As non-kinetic equipment does not physically harm individuals, I fully agree with our police force using military technology that can help keep the peace. There is very little downside in my opinion to this stance. The biggest issue I can see is an invasion of privacy, however those types of abuse generally should/could require a judge to approve to insure privacy of the public is maintained unless they need to devise from this is proven.</p> <p>Kinetic equipment can and will result in the loss of life. Overuse and abuse of these types of tools is a warranted concern. If we decide to use this type of equipment, I suggest a similar type of checks and balances. Have the City manger /mayor /council / or judge have to give agreement for its limited use. Depending on the lethality, the permission granted may be a limited time interval (if a riot, timebox it to a few days; if it is a school shooting/hostage limit it to a day AND insure their there are multiple entities that do quick (in a minute) approval). Blanket approval for equipment that directly leads to loss of life should be avoided.</p> <p>Finally, if the equipment is transportation in nature (tanks, copters, ships, etc) - this should fall outside the control and nature of a community peace keeping team. Those are tools for National Guard. If our community is in need of that, an emergency with the state should be declared and state tools and assets can then be used with the supervision that comes with it.</p>
8/11/23 14:41	Djdkdodb
8/11/23 14:41	Police officers are civilians and should be subject to the same laws. Any equipment the police use should be available to the general public as well.
8/11/23 14:41	I do not support the use of military equipment by our police force. Spending money on military equipment is not only wasteful but counterproductive. This money would be better spent changing the conditions that underpin crime or make it easy for those who have nothing to lose to engage in extreme behaviors. Better fund social services with this money instead. Furthermore, the use of military equipment escalates otherwise peaceful situations unnecessarily. Thus it creates more harm than good.
8/11/23 14:41	NONE

8/11/23 14:41	" The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City." As a reminder, this is your mission statement. How can you, with good faith in your heart, look at say you are upholding this mission statement while simultaneously considering increasing the militarization of your department. You have clearly forgotten why you got into this work. Remember why you came to this work.
8/11/23 14:42	We don't need to spend more money on military equipment. Spend it on training officers in de-escalation techniques. Spend it on mental health situation responders.
8/11/23 14:42	I support the proposed legislation, as a US Army Veteran; however I also hope ample (or extended) training is involved, and MANDATORY for law enforcement officers. Which should also include annual trainings and/or a certification process for accountability issues, or assurance.
8/11/23 14:42	Yes, I'm for the use of military equipment to promote public safety and protect law enforcement.
8/11/23 14:43	I feel if the police department needs the equipment they should get it. for people who do not think the police department should get it the answer is simple. Do not commit crimes.
8/11/23 14:43	The response, military equipment, is outsized to whatever the perceived problem is. Military equipment is not needed by local police.
8/11/23 14:43	With the unbridled proliferation of military grade assault firearms within the general public, it has become necessary, unfortunately, to meet this ongoing threat with heavy duty military equipment. The safety of our law enforcement and first responder teams is first priority. Certainly wish it hadn't gotten to this point though!
8/11/23 14:44	I'm trusting that the police can decide what equipment they need to perform their duties. If military-style equipment makes them and the public safer, then I'm all for it.
8/11/23 14:44	I feel that our local police department should avail itself of any military equipment that they deem to be valuable. I presume that there is no cost associated with acquiring this equipment. If the choice is between having and not having this equipment then I think that it reasonably obvious that the equipment should be requested. Sacramento is a big city with the attendant big city crime problems. They have an actual need for this equipment. It is not generally understood that suburban cities, often very small cities, occasionally must request help and equipment from Sacramento P.D. and S.O. It is right that the smaller cities in the area will generally have access to the equipment that Sacramento Police Department maintains. Let us not forget that the general public is now saturated with assault rifles and body armor. These threats rise to the level of battlefield conditions - war. This level of threat to police officers and citizens is a reality - one that all of us must acknowledge and plan for. Thank you.

8/11/23 14:44	<p>I believe whatever tools and equipment the Police Department needs or can use to avoid using lethal force, should be authorized. Taking away, limiting the use, or attempting to bootstrap the specific times and places any of the equipment can or should be used, limits the safety to the subject involved, the officers and potentially the community. Additionally, taking away options forces officers to often times resort to lethal force - which is in no way a "better" option. The restrictions of this poorly written and enacted law have provided an opportunity for our Council, Police Commission, Inspector General and Office of Public Safety Accountability to presume to know what officers deal with every day, when they have not made a real effort to research, watch or educate themselves on just how much training and practical experience our officers are receiving and how dedicated they really are to serving and protecting the citizens of this City.</p> <p>No officer wants to take a life. No officer wants to have to make that decision and no officer wants to live with that consequence if there are other, multiple, less lethal options available. Please help them to not have to limit their options.</p>
8/11/23 14:44	<p>this is my second response because I thought there would be further questions t answer. I have no issues with SPD using MEU especially if it allows them to enter dangerous situations while protecting officers and the public.</p>
8/11/23 14:45	I am in favor of any equipment that helps fight crime and increase public safety
8/11/23 14:47	Military Equipment Use is not necessary in Sacramento.
8/11/23 14:47	I DO NOT THINK MILITARY USE IS NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IF IT WAS NEEDED I WANT IT TO BE REVIEWED BEFORE ANY SUCH USE IS DETERMINED FOR THE MENTAL SAFETY OF OUR YOUTH AND ADULTS.
8/11/23 14:47	I do not support the ownership or use of any military equipment. I believe our police force is already over-militarized, and should sell off any and all equipment of this type. I would prefer that funding and costs affiliated with purchasing, maintaining, and training police to use this equipment be spent on public services, such as case workers or trash collection and sanitation services for unhoused populations.
8/11/23 14:47	I support any and all efforts to safely use military equipment whenever needed. I understand that it means force will be used when necessary to address verified criminal activities prior to the use of force.
8/11/23 14:47	I am opposed to the police buying military equipment such as the fence tanks
8/11/23 14:48	I am opposed to the use of military grade equipment in everyday policing.
8/11/23 14:49	The Sacramento Police Department should not be using military equipment in any form, as they are not the military. The citizens of Sacramento are not an enemy combatant. Sacramento is not a war zone. Using military equipment only communicates hostile intentions.
8/11/23 14:51	I do not think the police should be using military equipment. People in the military are highly trained to use it. The police are not.
8/11/23 14:51	Military Equipment use is sometimes necessary
8/11/23 14:53	Please utilize and maintain all physical equipment available (military surplus or otherwise) for protection of the community and patrol officers.

8/11/23 14:54	Paint the equipment construction yellow. Why does it have to be black?
8/11/23 14:54	I see no problem with keeping our community safer.
8/11/23 14:55	NA
8/11/23 14:56	We are completely opposed to the militarization of police departments everywhere, like Atlanta's Cop City farce, as well as Sacramento's desire fir military grade equipment. You should spend your efforts and funding on training, not weapons. Our government should also greatly restrict the sales and ownership of guns, since our country has become a world center of violence, not freedom and justice.
8/11/23 14:56	The police department doesn't need some legislatures, who doesn't know the first thing about policing, telling them whether or not they can use surplus military equipment to keep our cities safe. So long as the police do not violate our constitutional rights (which our governing bodies are constantly encouraging them to do) they must use whatever means necessary to keep law and order in our cities.
8/11/23 14:57	Support the police use of tactical equipment
8/11/23 14:58	More funding, more officers, better equipment, including "military" equipment.
8/11/23 14:58	I am fine with the use of military equipment if it is used to keep police officers and citizens safe. And, that there are common sense guidelines involved in the use of this force
8/11/23 14:59	I have no problem with SacPD using military equipment appropriately.
8/11/23 14:59	ABSOLUTELY NOT. This is a terrible, horrible idea.
8/11/23 15:02	I am opposed to the police having military/war equipment
8/11/23 15:02	Military equipment use by the police does nothing but escalate already tense situations. Research has shown that the use of military equipment neither reduces crime or protects officers any better than the equipment already available to them. Additionally, the cost to maintain, train and properly use military equipment cost significantly more and with police funding being so high Sacramento citizens shouldn't have to take on that extra funding burden.
8/11/23 15:03	I fully support the Sacramento Police Departments use of military equipment as may be neccasary to ensure the safety of the public.
8/11/23 15:04	E
8/11/23 15:05	Buy many, use often.
8/11/23 15:05	The use of military equipment on civilians is unwarranted.
8/11/23 15:05	Please use the military equipment or any other kind of equipment necessary to keep our streets safe from those who want to do harm and destruction.
8/11/23 15:06	The military equipment described seems to be essential and effective for public safety. So long as it's used by unbiased officers i completely support its use for the city of Sacramento and residents.
8/11/23 15:06	I support SPDs use of military equipment in performance of their assigned tasks and duties.

8/11/23 15:09	<p>I am against the militarization of the police in general but especially when we continue to see unequal and excessive force used against people of color and those suffering from mental illness. This level of equipment seems unnecessary and excessive and not how our money should be spent when more training and other types of non-police services are needed. And while the cost of acquiring this equipment is discounted, their ongoing costs are not. I would like to see very stringent rules for when this existing equipment is used as well as NO ADDITIONAL acquisitions.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
8/11/23 15:09	I have no problem with this
8/11/23 15:09	I'm open for the police to use military equipment when those using the weapons are as well versed in WHEN to use it as they have been trained how to use these tools.
8/11/23 15:10	<p>I absolutely do not support the militarization of SPD.</p> <p>Regarding:</p> <p>b. Purpose. There are other potential uses not defined here, however those uses shall be in compliance with section (g) below.</p> <p>- This is ambiguous and opens up the use of military force for anything that SPD deems appropriate which can and will cause more violence and damage in the Sacramento community.</p> <p>Regarding:</p> <p>C. MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE CONSIDERATIONS</p> <p>1. The military equipment acquired and authorized by the Department is:</p> <p>a. Necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.</p> <p>b. Reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety</p> <p>This is a ridiculous use of funding. This money an effort to gain grant and private funds to house people among other things. Why are we supporting the militarization of SPD?</p> <p>I understand the argument, but from what has been documented surveys, the militarization of the police is no where near the top of the list of citizen concerns.</p> <p>Once the city addressed actual concerns--many of which contribute to the narrative of the need for expansion of police force--let's discuss militarization.</p> <p>Please and thanks.</p>
8/11/23 15:11	The police department should be able to use military equipment.
8/11/23 15:12	Interest
8/11/23 15:13	I am not in favor of the police having military equipment

8/11/23 15:13	I'm concerned about the possible use by police in our community of military equipment designed to kill. Given that police officers often have relatively little training, have stressful and at times dangerous jobs, and have often been shown to be fallible, there is too great a likelihood of the use of excessive force.
8/11/23 15:14	I do not want my city's police force to use militarized equipment - I would like funding instead to be prioritized for upstream and more holistic community support.
8/11/23 15:14	I support the SPD's use of military equipment. The SPD should have access to whatever tools and equipment necessary to safely and lawfully protect the public.
8/11/23 15:16	A civil service, meant to protect citizens should not be a militarized "force." A sense of service and goodwill is not created by force or show of force, particularly among communities that are already over-policed. I am not put at ease by armored and armed vehicles or combat-armed and armored "peace officers." In fact, the opposite is the case. I feel like the police already see themselves as at odds with the population, like they're afraid of US when they are armed to the teeth, with training to match. When they show up like special expeditionary forces, it reinforces the us v. them feeling I don't believe is appropriate or practical. It CREATES TENSION rather than de-escalating it. I'd like to see more community policing that allows officers to get to know the people in the neighborhoods they patrol. Bicycle and walking patrols in neighborhoods with radio car backup makes more sense to me than a militarized force that only shows up when things go sideways.
8/11/23 15:16	I do not believe there is a reason for the Sacramento Policy Department to utilize or employ in any manner any military grade "anything," not even toilet paper. (So yes, I am intentionally suggesting no bullet proof vests, no safety gear, no gloves, no face shields, no oxygen tanks, no field-based first aid kits, definitely no armored vehicles or weaponry of any kind. Nothing at all.) Coming from Los Angeles, it is my experience that when police use tanks and other armored vehicles, or military weaponry, when law enforcement even DRESS like military, the public trust erodes, and discord escalates. Moreover, I have observed that the availability and use of military grade "anything" provides law enforcement officers with the false sense that they do not need to employ the very highest levels of service to community, techniques for de-escalation, community awareness, or any other efforts that we - as community - believe to be the work of a peace officer.
8/11/23 15:16	Not at all opposed to the use of military equipment to ensure the safety of our Sacramento community.
8/11/23 15:17	I support the use of military equipment by the Sacramento police force.
8/11/23 15:19	I love and support our officers and firefighters. I believe in their training and judgment. I want to ensure that our police are sufficiently supplied with the materials, vehicles, tactics, that they need to protect us from whatever situation may arise
8/11/23 15:20	Use as much military equipment as you can to protect the officers, public and bad guys.
8/11/23 15:21	I believe Sac PD should have access to any equipment they will use properly to protect citizens and the community. I'm not sure what "military equipment" means. If we're talking vests, helmets, shields, then I don't see the problem. If we're talking tanks and machine guns, then there's a problem. If a situation calls for tanks, AK assault rifles, etc., then it's a national guard situation not a policing matter.

8/11/23 15:21	The police should not be authorized to use military equipment against civilians, especially without substantial training.
8/11/23 15:21	N/a
8/11/23 15:23	Yes. Sac PD needs military to stay safe. PD needs the protection because there are to many illegal firearms out there.
8/11/23 15:24	I believe SacPd should continue to have access to Military Equipment to better protect our communities and themselves.
8/11/23 15:24	I don't like seeing military equipment used on the streets of Sacramento.
8/11/23 15:24	<p>Military equipment is nothing more than a tool that is engineered to protect the person wearing or using it. However, the tool does require some training to properly use it to protect themselves. Those people screaming and yelling about the use of military equipment have never used, trained, or even seen most of the equipment so they don't understand how to use it or what it is for.</p> <p>The proper use of military type equipment can and will protect the user of the equipment from the people on the streets trying to hurt the public and take it out on the police department.</p> <p>Unless a person has personally use military equipment they should sit down and let the professional make the decision that are risking their lives to protest us.</p>
8/11/23 15:25	I encourage the approval of the SPD MEU request.
8/11/23 15:29	Anything police and other first responders can use to protect themselves when responding to dangerous situations is a great idea. I do not feel that armored vehicles or any other protection is a bad idea. To enter a dangerous situation with less than optimal protection is a bad idea.
8/11/23 15:30	I am concerned about the use of aerial drones and privacy protection.
8/11/23 15:33	I do not support Sac PD's enormous budget for the use of military equipment. Sac PD uses up way too much of our taxpayer dollars, and that money does not go back to the communities that need it the most. This is the most ineffective way of building strong, safe, healthy and stable environments. Our money would be better spent solving and ending homelessness rather than super-funding the police. The police do not make my family, friends or colleagues feel safer.
8/11/23 15:35	Good people suffered under soft on crimes politics.
8/11/23 15:37	Federal surplus personal equipment at no cost to acquisition agency is a very attractive proposition under existing law. If the maintenance and storage of the adopted equipment makes sense from a cost-to-taxpayer perspective, why not? If image is a factor, paint the equipment with the Sac City PD's standard colors (black/white) or even the City's colors (blue and gold?) so it does not look militaristic, and you might have a winner.
8/11/23 15:39	I oppose the acquisition and use of military equipment by Sac PD
8/11/23 15:40	The militarization of the police force is a threat to public safety.
8/11/23 15:46	Our police force needs more compassion, patience and empathy, and fewer weapons, particularly military gear.
8/11/23 15:47	I agree with the police department's use of military equipment when deemed necessary.

8/11/23 15:48	Military equipment should be housed at military facilities; and used solely under order of the National Guard by a Governor or Executive in situations of riot, flood, fire disaster. The public does not wish the decisions and use of made by local City and County Police personnel.
8/11/23 15:49	If the situation warrants military equipment use, our police department having been trained in such deserves a chance to keep the public safe by means which is adequate to ensure their safety.
8/11/23 15:50	I support appropriate use of this equipment for use when it is needed
8/11/23 15:50	I think in honor of Tara O'Sullivan, the police need all the military equipment they can possible get. These folks are fighting for their lives every day in an environment which is extremely hostile toward them. The brazen criminal element in Sacramento and surrounding area is completely out of control. The clowns in at the Capitol and City Hall love it, they want rampant crime and poverty. The murder rate in Sacramento is worse than Detroit in the 80's or DC, it's a complete joke here.
8/11/23 15:50	<p>We want our police to have a Guardian Mentality, not a Warrior Mentality.</p> <p>Let's look at ALL our citizens as people who are part of our community, not seen first as a possible threat. Having this equipment creates a Warrior Mentality.</p> <p>We need to see more recognition that this Military Equipment Use Policy addresses devices designed to harm people.</p> <p>I expect our police to make every effort to avoid harming the people with whom they come in contact. Even lawbreakers should be brought in good health to face justice in a court of law. The proposed policy's allowed uses of military-style equipment falls short of that in many ways.</p> <p>We need policies and procedures that: recognize the danger implicit in use of weaponry; and provide guidance in minimizing risk.</p> <p>Crowds are composed of human beings, the very people police are supposed to protect and serve. Much if not all of the material identified in the Use Plan for riot/crowd control is inappropriate for people exercising their first amendment rights and should be limited to actual riots. I object to the inclusion of the phrase riot/crowd control for so many of the items, especially projectiles and chemicals that can be shot into a crowd. Please remove this phrase from all items or change it to simply "riot". This must be done before approval.</p> <p>Any use of military-style equipment that is likely to be interpreted as threatening can escalate a situation.</p> <p>Seeing a tank at a demonstration or in a neighborhood, observing officers wearing riot gear when no obvious crime or violence is in view, seeing guns held or pointed without knowing whether they will shoot bullets or less lethal ammunition can cause panic or encourage aggressive behavior from those in the area. We must be informed of any deployment of military-style weapons and the area where it was deployed, not just actual use.</p> <p>Policy deficiencies - impactful across all weapon use</p> <p>The SPD Military Equipment Use Policy & Report is NOT ready to be approved! It still has numerous flaws, inconsistencies, and areas that do not meet AB481's legal standards.</p> <p>The proposed policy doesn't identify who will exercise INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT over the</p>
8/11/23 15:50	I do not want Sacramento to purchase military equipment, other than typical police items like bullet proof vests. We do not need specialized military equipment.
8/11/23 15:52	I think the use of military equipment sends the wrong message to the people of Sacramento.

8/11/23 15:52	I believe there are incidents that require enhanced equipment, including military type equipment to keep the police officers and the public safer. This equipment can assist with resolving incidents quicker and safer for all parties involved. Incidents continue to be more violent and we see more riot type incidents with political unrest and these popup "Sideshow" vehicle exhibitions. Just because the equipment is military related, it should not be discounted from use by Police.
8/11/23 15:52	N/a
8/11/23 15:55	I am in favor of SPD using military equipment.
8/11/23 15:58	Although unfortunate, the general public has found various ways to obtain deadly weaponry. In order to protect law enforcement personnel we need to further increase their safety by providing ample protection when in pursuit of violent criminals. Out law enforcers have as much right to protection as our military personnel.
8/11/23 15:58	I am opposed to the use of MT-55 Freightliner Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), Vehicle:NIJ Level IV Armored Caterpillar (CAT) Multi-Terrain Loader (The ROOK):Armored Vehicles: Lenco Bearcat 2 and 3, 40 MM Launchers and Rounds, and all the additional military equipment on pages 10 to 24.
8/11/23 15:59	I think in dangerous situations and in some neighborhoods, the use of military equipment is necessary.
8/11/23 16:04	No new spending on military-style equipment. These "tools" are used to harm and mame the community members you are supposed to be protecting, and are an irresponsible use of our tax dollars.
8/11/23 16:06	I oppose the use of military equipment for policing our community streets
8/11/23 16:07	There should be little to no use of military equipment needed by the police. Order can be maintained through adequate public funding and access to resources to help those in need.
8/11/23 16:07	I say have had it. Whatever you need to be safe and keep us safe use do or go for. Enough second guessing you the people on the front lines of this war. People don't get it is a war on law and order, law enforcement and we citizens. Great job you all do. Thank you
8/11/23 16:08	No need!
8/11/23 16:09	If there is a situation that requires military equipment, i'd prefer the trained military service members to use it. The money used to acquire this equipment and train officers would be better spent on programs to help prevent problems, not to show up to the problem with military grade equipment.
8/11/23 16:13	The police department is not a military unit. As such, there is no reason a police department needs military equipment. Huge waste of money. Use the funds to train officers and give them higher pay.
8/11/23 16:13	I'm not in favor of the police using military equipment on civilian calls. It's another opportunity for American arms dealers to profit on their wares. People in the community feel that this equipment will be used against them, not just on the bad guys. Even if this is grant money not general budget money there's something wrong with all of that. Why aren't funds for community policing and mental health support?
8/11/23 16:14	Police need as many tools as possible to combat the criminals. Give them military equipment and don't hesitate to use it.
8/11/23 16:15	I oppose the use of military equip to resolve police issues in the City of Sacramento

8/11/23 16:16	<p>I recall reading a police incident on NextDoor where a man was holding his wife hostage inside their home, threatening to kill her and himself. The police were called to the scene and it was determined that the police would use a device (for lack of a better word) they had that could tell if people were inside the home. This device was used while Sac PD was in a helicopter, hovering over the residence. Through the use of this device, Sac PD was able to determine that both the man and his wife were laying on the ground with a bullet hole in each of their foreheads, presumed dead. This piece of equipment is a total invasion of privacy and is the only piece of equipment that I am totally against. I don't care what the situation might be. Who is to say that members of Sac PD are not exploiting this piece of equipment, flying around the city, unchecked, looking into people's home just for the hell of it?: If this piece of equipment can detect a bullet hole in a human forehead while hovering in a helicopter thousands of feet in the air, it can certainly capture everything else that is going on in the household (taking a shower or bath, having sex w/your partner, etc.). There is no way that the Sacramento Police Department can assure the city's residents that this piece of equipment is only used when it is absolutely necessary. After all, police officers are human too. There are helicopters flying over my home all the time. How the heck are we supposed to know why they are flying overhead? And even if Sac PD has a reason to be flying a helicopter over the city, how do we know that they are not using this device 'on the side' sort of speak. We don't.</p>
8/11/23 16:17	<p>For public safety and the safety of Police, the need for military equipment is important. The criminal element is becoming increasingly well armed and police should have equipment to protect themselves and the public</p>
8/11/23 16:18	<p>I do not support the use of military equipment in a civilian situation, such as Sacramento.</p>
8/11/23 16:19	<p>While I am concerned about the use of military equipment out in the public, I wonder if the actual total cost per year or per mile has been truly considered. I drove large trucks and heavy equipment in the Army and Air Force and drove various types of refuse collection equipment for the City of Sacramento for 26 years.</p> <p>These vehicles are very expensive to purchase and even worse to maintain. Just replacing tires cost 100's to thousands of dollars. Also, these vehicles use fuel at rates that some people can't believe.</p> <p>The sorry thing is I know whatever the city tells the people the money for these special vehicles will come from money that should have gone to schools ,transportation and other infrastructure needs besides all the expense of general operations.</p>
8/11/23 16:22	<p>I don't see a need for military equipment use in Sacramento.</p>

8/11/23 16:25	Police Departments in the United States are intended to: safeguard freedom, preserve life and property, and protect the constitutional rights of citizens. If the challenges faced by our police force have risen to the point where military hardware is required to protect the public, we've already lost the "war". I don't want to live in a City where the solution to a problem is to have more weapons (or similarly militarized / advance hardware.) I want my municipal governments to look for the root cause of issues and present solutions. Not just try to run problems over with tanks.
8/11/23 16:25	The Sacramento should not use military equipment of any sort
8/11/23 16:26	I do not support turning our neighborhoods into war zones. Military equipment is for military combat. We are a community. We have the National Guard if military equipment is needed.
8/11/23 16:27	I am ok with Sac PD acquiring military equipment and using it when necessary.
8/11/23 16:29	Must have proper equipment to do your job.
8/11/23 16:31	I think that if the equipment is deemed necessary to protect the public and the officers who provide this protection, then it should be purchased and deployed.
8/11/23 16:31	As a USAFI veteran do not agree with the use of military weapons in the public sector.
8/11/23 16:38	Military equipment belongs with the military.
8/11/23 16:38	No comment
8/11/23 16:39	The local police department do not need to use military equipment. They are not at war with the citizens of the city of Sacramento, and we the citizens in this city is not an enemy. Leave military equipment for the military.
8/11/23 16:40	Our Peace Officers need equipment to combat those who breaking the law.
8/11/23 16:40	The widespread use of military grade weapons like AR-15's would put law enforcement at a disadvantage. The public should be assured that the use of military grade weapons would not be abused by law enforcement. Law enforcement need to protect themselves without abusing the access and use of military grade weapons of all kinds.
8/11/23 16:42	I feel that the PD should have to be cleared by the governing body before purchase of or use of military grade equipment.
8/11/23 16:42	Love having quality police force here in Sacramento. Keep up the good work.
8/11/23 16:45	Why do police feel the need for military equipment? Are we expecting a Russian invasion?
8/11/23 16:45	Military equipment is not appropriate for civilian use.
8/11/23 16:51	I believe the Sacramento police force is over armed today and we should never take excess military equipment to add to their already overwhelming armaments.
8/11/23 16:52	There are much better uses for those funds
8/11/23 16:55	There is no question at this point to answer
8/11/23 16:55	Using funds on military equipment is treating the result of a problem rather than the problem itself. The insane amount of money being used on military equipment would have far greater impacts if used towards social services that make the communities safer. The last thing we need is more violence.
8/11/23 16:55	Happy to contribute...
8/11/23 16:58	Ok
8/11/23 16:59	Everything listed seems quite reasonable for use by Sac PD.

8/11/23 16:59	The SPD has absolutely no business purchasing military equipment!! Please use those funds to foster better community relations; to de-escalate domestic issues with social workers; to provide mental health professionals rather than police officers in homeless confrontations. If department personnel want to "play Army", they should join the reserves or the National Guard.
8/11/23 17:03	Interested in learning more about the policy and procedure of when the military equipment use will be active.
8/11/23 17:03	Weapons of war and other military equipment were never meant to be used against our own citizens. While this city has many problems, this kind of equipment is not the answer.
8/11/23 17:04	yes
8/11/23 17:04	Please stop using military equipment
8/11/23 17:06	<p>An ACLU report contends that transferring military equipment to police forces continues to fall disproportionately on people of color. As this equipment is designed primarily to protect police officers while suppressing acts of violence, it seems that the unintended consequence of purchasing armored vehicles to be used as command centers, battering rams, and weapons is to distance police officers from the jobs of policing. In other words, creates an "us vs them" mind frame. If you have a tank, you will use a tank.</p> <p>The other aspect I have yet to see addressed: Are there safeguards to protect the public from this equipment once the city or county is done with it when it is too costly to maintain (by a public entity)?</p>
8/11/23 17:08	If there is a China invasion of the United States (would the city of Sacramento need to protect its citizens or just rely on the citizens to protect themselves) how would the City of Sacramento California protect the people or with what fighting equipment? There is a need for the City of Sacramento to have military equipment!
8/11/23 17:12	Let's spend the money on community outreach, especially in mental health services
8/11/23 17:16	Sounds like a good idea
8/11/23 17:18	I think they will use it appropriately and in a manner that will make everyone more safe in the long run. Let Sac PD have what they need to keep everyone safe.
8/11/23 17:19	They do not need military equipment as it will only be used on people of color
8/11/23 17:20	Sac PD should not purchase or use military equipment, ever. It only serves to scare the population they are "trying" to protect. More importantly, tax pay money should NEVER be used to support military equipment, even if it's just maintaining whatever they already purchase. The police budge should NOT be increased because of military equipment, or training thereof. If anything, Sac PD should sell off anything they have already purchased because they have shown time and time again, THEY DO NOT CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE THEY ARE PURPOTEDLY HERE TO PROTECT.
8/11/23 17:21	Sac PD should have the former military equipment available for use. Crime is up and criminals are getting more violent and brazen.

8/11/23 17:25	I don't know how many pieces of "military equipment" Sac PD has. The Rook, the acquisition of which apparently started the present complaints by some, was clearly not military equipment. Unfortunately, no amount of explanation that a piece of equipment is not military is going to satisfy the few people who are complaining about this. To the extent that military equipment or "military style" equipment is considered for purchase by the City of Sacramento for use by Sac PD, the sole considerations should be a combination of the cost to purchase and maintain such equipment and the number of lives that will be saved and/or the number of injuries prevented. One life lost in a police action is too many, but it would make no sense to spend \$500 million to save one life, to use an exaggerated example.
8/11/23 17:26	Absolutely not. Why do you even need to ask? Isn't obvious that we don't need to become a Banana Republic? Enough force already. No more force.
8/11/23 17:26	I don't think we need the rook. I have reviewed your 90pg report from 21/22 and we have plenty of tactical equipment already. I did not see a compelling case for adding the rook to our inventory. Just because grant money is available and you can add it doesn't mean you should add it. Please do not acquire it.
8/11/23 17:29	I support Sac PD in use of military equipment. Criminals are heavily armed and I do not want police to be outgunned. The contentious public meetings DO NOT represent the general public!
8/11/23 17:29	No military equipment in police departments.
8/11/23 17:42	Yes. The city should take advantage of all resources available to keep our officers safe.
8/11/23 17:55	I support the use of military equipment.
8/11/23 17:58	I do not think this equipment is a good use of resources. Also, it is not inviting to community members. It sends an aggressive message. We are not in a military zone.
8/11/23 18:04	I generally support the use of military equipment than is less lethal than standard issue firearms so that the inevitable mistakes that occur in law enforcement can be reversed and corrected, rather than be just another tragic story. Thank you for all you do for our great city.
8/11/23 18:05	Our police officers need to return home safely everyday after their shifts. These dedicated people need any Safety device they can legally use to help protect themselves. They represent us, the general public and all citizens. We don't want our officers to face peral from someone who has more firepower or safety equipment than they do . Used military equipment no longer needed by the US Military are a cheap source to level the playing field with criminals. We don't want to be outgunned like the officers in LAPD 35 yrs ago by the two brothers who robbed the B OF A then out gunned officers. We citizens need to band together and support the officers who are protecting all of us.
8/11/23 18:11	My main objection is that the equipment requested by SPD is more appropriate to a declared war zone than a large city of nearly a million people. With police-citizen interactions needing DE-ESCALATION rather than escalation with war weapons, there is ample evidence for NOT purchasing the requested military "tools".
8/11/23 18:13	Ok
8/11/23 18:22	I do not see the need for military weaponry to be used on the civilian population . We are not in war, this is not an occupation, and the possession such equipment only escalates negative outcomes, rather than working towards peaceful solutions
8/11/23 18:22	It is inappropriate to use military weapons against the domestic civilian population.

8/11/23 18:26	Law Enforcement are not military and do not follow the same rules of engagement as the military, hence they do not need anything military grade. End of story
8/11/23 18:29	<p>After carefully reviewing the SPD's MEU Annual Report and Policy, an overarching question remains: what evidence is available to support the statement that such acquisitions are necessary for personnel and civilian safety?</p> <p>What scenarios have occurred in Sacramento (or in comparable communities) that can be cited and referred to as times and situations where the proposed acquisitions would have been necessary or demonstrably beneficial?</p> <p>What alternative budgeting options exist for the remarkably substantial sums included in this proposal? In a community struggling with significant issues, these type of expenditures without clear evidence of actual current or even historic need are shockingly short-sighted.</p>
8/11/23 18:29	NO MEU
8/11/23 18:34	The police department doesn't need military equipment to do their job, it is ridiculous to believe that the "rook" will de-escalate any situation that it is used in. The department needs to spend more money on getting cops out of cars and out on the streets - talking to people and getting closer together with the public.
8/11/23 18:46	Sacramento Should Not ANY Military Weapons!!! -- It is INHUMANE :(
8/11/23 18:49	I believe our police department should have the use of military equipment. I trust our police department to use in a responsible manner when needed. The criminal element has become very aggressive and the military equipment may become necessary.
8/11/23 18:49	My understanding is that the policy includes enough safeguards to assure that this equipment will be used for important public safety purposes and not to intimidate or oppress any communities or individuals. I support the City proceeding as proposed.
8/11/23 18:52	I trust police to select and used equipment as needed. I have no concerns about their use of equipment that may have also been used by the military. If the equipment keeps officers safe, I am all for it.
8/11/23 18:54	The police should use whatever equipment they need. I have no problem with the equipment in question.
8/11/23 18:56	Only use military equipment in response to military equipment and not any civilian response
8/11/23 18:56	If it is free, take it. You never know when the police will need it.
8/11/23 19:02	I see no reason not to use the resources that are or can be made available
8/11/23 19:11	I support the police using military equipment.
8/11/23 19:13	Give the weapons of war back to where it came from.
8/11/23 19:13	Thank you for obtaining the public's input.
8/11/23 19:14	Military equipment is not necessary in Sacramento.
8/11/23 19:14	Inventory depleted should be replaced. New items should be reviewed and approved by Community Police Review Commission.
8/11/23 19:15	Thanks
8/11/23 19:18	Would using military equipment mean the city would be under Marshall Law?
8/11/23 19:21	I am opposed to police using military type equipment.

8/11/23 19:30	I support use of Military Equipment Use (MEU) according to proposed policies and procedures.
8/11/23 19:33	Hello
8/11/23 19:42	I am frightened by the the thought of this and need more information
8/11/23 19:49	Using military equipment is overkill. Literally.
8/11/23 19:49	I do not like the use of military equipment in local law enforcement. Policing should not be treated like a military operation. As we see in the news repeatedly, a very common outcome of using military equipment in policing is that police begin to treat the citizenry (the very people the police are supposed to protect) as enemy combatants.
8/11/23 19:50	I was a witness to the riots in Sacramento after the unfortunate murder of George Floyd. I strongly believe that had Mayor Steinberg authorized a stronger police presence and had the Sac PD had a show of overwhelming force, the riots in downtown Sacramento could have been avoided. I think the military vehicle could have acted as strong deterrent.
8/11/23 19:55	Frankly, I object to the concept of supplying heavy duty, militaristic equipment to local police departments. Please increase training in humanely-focused policing. Meet, greet, make eye contact with your public and remember that most citizens are basically law-abiding, decent folks. Please don't arm yourselves with vehicles designed for the battle-field.
8/11/23 19:59	I support efforts to safely use military equipment whenever needed, after verification and approval has been given.
8/11/23 20:16	I support SPD purchasing / acquiring any equipment it deems necessary to protect us [citizens], to use in crowd control, to use in apprehending criminals or other persons posing a danger and to protect first responders from all departments.
8/11/23 20:18	????
8/11/23 20:20	Support the police department
8/11/23 20:23	A militarized police department does NOT make me feel safer as a citizen, and I believe misuses public funds. How does this help homeless people? Give police proper training on how to support people in mental health crises without shooting them. Train them in proper de-escalation techniques so they stop acting out of fear and impulsivity.
8/11/23 20:31	The police need to have equipment at least as effective as what a majority of the public have access to.
8/11/23 20:31	Buy what make the community and officers safe.
8/11/23 20:32	Get what you can.
8/11/23 20:39	I am against the use of military equipment by law enforcement, period. The police are not an occupying army, they are supposed to be a civilian police force. Violence happens when cops think they are soldiers and treat the public like the citizens of a country they just conquered.
8/11/23 20:51	I do not approve of local policed department using military grade weapons as a normal course of attempting to fight crime and keeping the peace
8/11/23 20:53	Military equipment for police should be allowed due to criminals have heavily fortified themselves.

8/11/23 20:53	<p>I do not have any major concerns regarding the use of this equipment. Our peace officers should have access to modern tools in order to protect innocent citizens and combat the criminal elements that have access to modern technology also. The use of these tools may keep our officers and citizens safer and not expose them to unknown/hidden dangers that the criminal element may deploy.</p> <p>The equipment is only used on a as-needed basis and the situations when they are deployed has been identified. It may not be 100% perfect but I feel crime is not predictable and the situations they occur in are also not predictable.</p>
8/11/23 21:02	Use of military style equipment should be used Judicially but when the police authorities deem necessary it is ok.
8/11/23 21:07	I support the use of military equipment by the Sacramento Police Department.
8/11/23 21:11	Waiting to be asked a survey question...?
8/11/23 21:15	No military weapons to intimidate and block exercise of free speech. We are not a fascist nation--not yet.
8/11/23 21:17	Hi
8/11/23 21:21	We are not a fascist nation--at least not now. The military is not responsible for eliminating free speech. The police are not responsible for intimidating & bullying citizens expressing themselves through protest.
8/11/23 21:25	I think police departments generally, and Sacramento's specifically, should neither have nor use military equipment. It's just that simple. That should be the policy.
8/11/23 21:51	The Sacramento Police department should use whatever equipment they deem necessary to keep our community safe.
8/11/23 21:52	I strongly oppose the use of military equipment by the police department. Citizens are not enemy soldiers, and should not be treated that way. The police department should look to partner with the public, not defeat the public.
8/11/23 21:57	Military equipment does not belong outside the military. No police department should possess or have the use of such equipment. It only escalates potentially violent situations. And is often used against its own citizens, including peaceful demonstrators. Please keep military equipment out of Sacramento!
8/11/23 22:13	The Sacramento Police Department should have access to and be able to use whatever equipment, including military equipment to do their jobs.
8/11/23 22:26	I trust the SPD to make appropriate judgments about what equipment they need and what, if any, surplus equipment from other agencies (including the military) may help them keep our communities safe.
8/11/23 22:26	I oppose the city's use of military equipment to police residents.
8/11/23 22:30	Military equipment is MORE than appropriate for law enforcement usage.
8/11/23 22:30	If you need it, use it!!!! Your lives are on the line to protect us all.
8/11/23 22:31	The use of military equipment embues a militaristic and cavalier attitude in the hands of deputized users. This attitude must be overcome before the city acquires any more military equipment. One consideration with respect to the use of the existing inventory is to paint this equipment with lighter colored finish. The lighter the color, the more the equipment is corollated in the public eye with the "serve" aspect of policing (such as is provided by fire departments) than the "protect" aspect (corellated with military use-of-force tactics).
8/11/23 22:59	Ok
8/11/23 23:08	Ok

8/11/23 23:28	Generally, I don't believe equipment designed to be used in a war is appropriate for use in civilian situations. Government is not at war with its citizens and should not treat them as enemies, else they begin to see government as their enemy.
8/12/23 0:52	Military equipment is specialized for war zones and to engage similarly armed combatants. Military equipment is not necessary to enforce local and state laws for civilians, and is a waste of Sacramento taxpayer money to maintain and operate. SPD needs to decommission all military equipment immediately.
8/12/23 0:57	We need to be protected in a manner that embraces technology, tactical optimization, and community protection. I want to know I am safe when the cops are called, not caring about how people feel that world class protection is not important. It's also the need for cops to protect and serve... that slogan needs to go back on the cars.
8/12/23 1:10	no, serve and protect. please no
8/12/23 5:16	I think longer, more comprehensive training for police is more important than more equipment.
8/12/23 5:38	We may need this equipment for a future issue, but we have an issue now with homelessness that breeds a situation that works for no one. Would rather any funds are spent there.
8/12/23 6:07	I do not support military equipment use by local law enforcement
8/12/23 6:28	The Sacramento Police Dept. should be able to use whatever they need to keep our Cities safe.
8/12/23 6:35	Absolutely NOT
8/12/23 6:44	Is military grade equipment more effective than "conventional" equipment?
8/12/23 6:57	It's sounds like the Sac PD is fighting a war. Instead of decreasing the violence they want to increase it. They sound like they want to have a military present like 3rd world countries. Haven't police offices shown their communities how violent they are and hateful. I'm going by what I have read and seen on TV. We are living in a very troubled world. Pray about your decision.
8/12/23 7:04	Many of our US cities are out of control. Crime is up. The police should be allowed to use whatever equipment and take whatever actions they need to restore our cities and make them safe again.
8/12/23 7:31	They should have equipment that keep us and themselves safe. Give them military equipment to meet that need and training for it's appropriate use.
8/12/23 7:43	Military equipment should not be used on civilians. Tax payer money should not have to fund this
8/12/23 7:52	I find it disconcerting that military weapons have to be used by police. The lack of training and experience with military combat weapons by those who have access to it within our police personnel is also of concern. There is nothing in place for training or continued training on when or how to use such weaponry with little to no casualties
8/12/23 8:01	The PD should take advantage of the opportunity to get the equipment needed to protect the citizens. It is more important than ever with the increase of criminals .
8/12/23 8:02	Ok
8/12/23 8:14	Appreciate public review of the policies

8/12/23 8:17	I still fail to see why a civilian organization would need Anything designed for War. The national guard is stationed right here in sac. If the situation is so bad that this equipment is needed, call them in. Instead Sacramento can put the money that would be needed to maintain this equipment toward better community engagement for example
8/12/23 8:29	Anti military equipment
8/12/23 8:32	Why do we need 18 more rifles when we already have 546 working rifles in inventory and they were only used twice in the previous year? I'm happy that they were only needed in two incidents, but clearly, there isn't a need for more. Please stop militarizing the police, when we want the focus to be on de-escalation. I'm especially concerned about adding inventory to a department with a track record for not keeping the inventory completely cataloged. As a member of the community, this does not make me feel safer. I also think having access to military grade weapons can lead to excessive use of force, as seen in the instance where a 75yr old man was shot, bean-bagged, and tazed, which not surprisingly lead to his death instead of his incapacitation.
8/12/23 8:47	I think police should be able to purchase what they need to protect themselves and the public from harm.
8/12/23 8:48	Support
8/12/23 8:59	This survey first of all is really not accessible and doesn't seem to be set up to get meaningful public comment. There should be specific questions to actually gather feedback from folks who will not have time to review your documents. Secondly, this equipment is far too militarized and should not be on Sacramento streets to deal with civilians. There are already enough problems with police brutality and violence. The city should be moving towards demilitarizing and offering more holistic support to the majority of folks who engage with the police in Sacramento, many of whom really need mental health services.
8/12/23 9:23	I do not want my police force outgunned by the criminals.
8/12/23 9:23	I'm very concerned about several pieces of weaponry on this list, particularly the 'less lethal shotgun and rounds', the quantity of drones, pepperballs, and the chemical and smoke canisters. We already saw in 2020 how these weapons are deployed against peaceful civilian protestors, this budget appropriation is the City giving their OK to allow the police force to continue to harass and maim civilians. The use cases of these weapons should be specific and limited, not the free reign they currently have to use them at their discretion.
8/12/23 9:40	It is inappropriate for local police to use military equipment and tactics on its own local citizens. Military weapons, equipment and tactics are for war. Police should not be at war with the citizens in its communities. Diplomacy, understanding, compassion and a focus on working together for the good of all should be the goal and not annihilation.
8/12/23 9:43	
8/12/23 9:47	I think SPD should be allowed to use any equipment needed to keep their officers and the public safe. Politicians needs to stay out of the SPD's business so they can do their jobs as officers.

8/12/23 9:53	I think that surplus military self defense equipment is appropriate for police, with significant , consistent, and regular training and the accompanying communications skills training and public messaging. I apologize for not having seen an inventory of equipment so I might have an informed view. I think equipment/use/time of incident use communications skills/public messaging need to go hand in hand with use accountability.
8/12/23 9:58	<p>Please respond to my comments and questions in the public hearings.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is Military equipment being proposed to be useful against civilian populations? 2. Who is getting rich off this deal to sell Military equipment designed for a war zone to be purchased with Sacramento tax dollars.? 3. Are we in a war zone in Sacramento? 4. Why is the Sacramento police preparing for war in Sacramento? 5. Which populations is sacramento police preparing to make war against Sacramento? 6. Why is Sacramento police predicting that sacramento is facing or about to face and therefore they want to acquire military equipment for that war? 7. Military equipment is designed without precision and therefore causes and will continue to cause injury and death to innocents and will continue to violate privacy rights of all people, so why does the Sacramento police want to cause death and injury upon innocents and violate privacy of innocents? 8. Why is sacramento police being militarized? 9. If the police are afraid to go after violent criminals, why don't they quit instead of seeking permission to become militarized so innocents can be killed or injured when they go after criminals?
8/12/23 10:02	<p>Trust in law enforcement is critical for public safety.</p> <p>Public trust in law enforcement has been eroded by law enforcement's failure to police their own.</p> <p>With public trust at an historic low and continuing to decrease, the spectre of the militarization of local law enforcement is scary to the public and should be kept as minimal as possible.</p> <p>In the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing, the televised scene of the armored military response from multiple local agencies rolling through the streets of a Boston suburb at night was incredibly chilling ... it looked like a scene from pre-World War Two in Eastern Europe.</p>

8/12/23 10:17	I strongly oppose the use of military equipment by Sac PD. Get back to being peace officers. Enough with the violence.
8/12/23 10:26	Military equipment should not be purchased or used by police departments. Period. Even if the purported uses are important, the negative effects far outweigh them. Rely on the national guard if military equipment is required.
8/12/23 10:30	I am in support of SPD purchasing and using military equipment that may enhance officers' ability to assess criminal situations and threats and to defend civilians's lives. I do not support the purchase or use of military equipment such as armored vehicles that may be used offensively or that may escalate a situation or be misused to suppress civil discourse. The proposed policies do not sufficiently address potential misuse of military equipment.
8/12/23 10:30	The police need to have and use whatever equipment is available to them. I support their use of military equipment.
8/12/23 10:36	The police budget is too high. While the police are effective at stopping crime, they are not as effective in preventing crime. Crime needs to be addressed at tge root cause. The money should be used to support at risk groups such as low income and homeless. More spending should be provided for education and after school programs, youth engagement, public housing development, low income assistance, drug abuse programs, and health programs in general.
8/12/23 10:49	Everyone wants more law enforcement
8/12/23 10:58	I am not convinced that we need another state agency to dictate for this.
8/12/23 10:59	there is no need for this! plus the maintenance & training will increase costs! we [i] can't trust the police to use it when not really needed! the polic eare blood thirsty & psychological want to use these items to kill people they suspect have caused crimes, but have not even been tried in a court of law.
8/12/23 11:03	This is not a survey
8/12/23 11:31	I support providing SPD with whatever equipment they need to keep us and themselves safe.
8/12/23 11:35	Yes, absolutely accept the equipment. We have seen where the political correctness rejected acceptance of the equipment, so we do know how that can turn out. Why would the ACLU be opposed to it? Just asking. Do they represent the safety concerns and will of the populace, or just pushing their personal agenda?
8/12/23 11:49	I think this question is poorly placed in this survey. It should be at the end, not the beginning.
8/12/23 11:51	Where is the survey?
8/12/23 12:09	Yes
8/12/23 12:33	The use of military equipment by our police is disturbing, to say the least. I understand the desire for such gear and weaponry as the general public can be armed to the teeth with military grade guns and ammo but more guns and ammo is not the way to go. We really just need to ban all military weaponry period. Especially for the general public. And police shouldn't use it either. This should not be a police state.

8/12/23 12:59	I have concerns with the escalation and militarization of municipal police agencies in General, and Sac PD in particular. I fear that increased lethal hardware posits the police as a threat, rather than a community supporting resource. A de escalation of animosity between the police and the community is severely strained by introducing industrial grade military hardware. There has to be a better way.
8/12/23 13:07	I agree
8/12/23 13:10	Yes lets protect the Police with all they need!
8/12/23 13:32	I'm in favor of SPD having the MEU available to them when the situation warrants its use.
8/12/23 13:49	Thank you for asking!
8/12/23 14:36	<p>No. Just no. I'm writing on behalf of the people that Sac PD officers are going to kill with some of this stuff, no matter how "trained" they are.</p> <p>I like that the military equipment use policy starts with little UAS's. Awesome tool! Wait, a lifespan of 3-5 years? Forget it. They can have 1. The rest of the money should be spent on services we actually need -- services that will actually improve our/officer safety.</p> <p>Animals should not appear at all in this document, let alone throughout. Sac PD DOESNT NEED TO USE MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON ANIMALS.</p> <p>Cut the 24-page military equipment use policy down to 3 pages, then resubmit for consideration. They can keep the damn ROOK.</p>
8/12/23 14:45	If the military is willing to supply the city with supplies that would help alleviate the homeless crisis----tents, toilets, triage tents and more then the city should welcome these supplies at discount rates. A civilian police force has no business purchasing military equipment from the military. The line between the military that focuses on external threats and the civilian police force must be sustained to keep in line with the idea of a republican form of govt.
8/12/23 14:57	None at this time
8/12/23 15:08	I oppose the police department purchasing and using military equipment.
8/12/23 15:36	I'm not opposed to the use but feel training for those using the equipment should be a top priority. Additionally, the public should be educated regarding the types of circumstances where this equipment would be utilized.
8/12/23 15:38	Use whatever means necessary to enforce the law and detain criminals while going home safely. The only people to fear your tactics are those with bad intentions.
8/12/23 16:48	There is no clear justification for the military vehicles, carbine launchers, etc. Military equipment of this type has absolutely no place in a civilian police force.
8/12/23 16:53	Law enforcement doesn't need any additional barriers to do their job- protect and serve
8/12/23 17:01	I strongly oppose the purchase and use of military equipment for Sacramento. Military equipment is made for wars and its aim is to destroy and kill. Please do not make that the aim of "peace" officers here. They're a,ready exists enough weapons to harm civilians now.
8/12/23 17:07	<p>Yes, using military style and military surplus equipment should be approved.</p> <p>They will help keep our officers safer.</p>

8/12/23 17:30	Crime seems to be increasing, repeat offenders seem to re-offend quickly and easily. What is the solution?
8/12/23 17:48	For the use of the equipment.
8/12/23 18:26	I don't think the police need or should have military equipment at all. There is no reason for it and it just encourages treating the citizenry, who pay their salaries, as enemy combatants instead of the people they are supposed to protect.
8/12/23 18:44	Use it! Get more of it. It's time to take criminals to task. Use any tools you need to accomplish it. We the people are sick of all the crime.
8/12/23 18:55	Yes, keep them. I would rather be safe considering the availability of war weapons in the hands of the general public.
8/12/23 19:02	SPD needs to be provided with the equipment necessary to address high risk situations and allowed the latitude to operate in diverse and dangerous conditions that may change at any moment.
8/12/23 19:47	The use of military equipment on our streets only drives fear and additional conflict. This doesn't feel like a useful place to put resources (even just staff training) when reducing conflict is a better service to the people of Sacramento. I can tell you I am not likely to see PD as in service to the community, approachable, concerned for the public when they are in military equipment or employing military (i.e. equipment meant for war) in our community.
8/12/23 20:11	As a military spouse, there is no military equipment, regardless of use or purpose, that scares me when in the hands of trained experts. MANY of our law enforcement officers are former military. They have faced enemies our country has only once seen the likes of during catastrophes such as 9-11. We should be grateful, EVERY DAY, for their willingness to serve our country AGAIN, protecting the very community they LIVE IN themselves. The absurdity of those demanding we defund the police, disarm them - send in THERAPISTS - good lord, people... WAKE UP. The first thing those SAME defund-people call when an intruder is in their home, or is harming them or their family, is 911 - demanding police help them. Our communities are OVERRUN with crime (which is why we're getting the heck out of California asap). Wait until the FIRST big catastrophe hits (another 9-11, a major earthquake, a major fire, a major terrorist attack)... our neighborhoods will be FILLED with criminals.. and it'll be each man for himself - particularly if our police force is further reduced in its capacity to protect citizens. I refuse to be here when that happens. But if you want to protect your communities, your children, your elderly parents, your FAMILY.. you better darn well hope your police officers are not out-armed... because criminals are EASILY accessing military equipment. It's coming over our border (yes - the same one you dingalings REFUSE to protect) via China, Russia, Iran, Yemen, South America... with criminals capable of using ALL of it. Do you think China is sending balloons over our military facilities for nothing? Again - wake up. Our law enforcement DESERVES everything we can arm them with that can be utilized during a catastrophic event. Your LIVES will depend on it.
8/12/23 22:53	I am not opposed to anything that is used for the safety and efficiency for the police department to protect us.
8/12/23 23:25	After Sac PDs failure to defuse the September, 2018 siege regarding Darell Richards (in my neighborhood), it's clear that more military-style equipment is the last thing that Sac PD needs.
8/13/23 5:01	I think this equipment is necessary

8/13/23 5:08	I do not support the militarization of the SPD
8/13/23 5:08	We need this tool I am a widow of a sac pd officer
8/13/23 6:29	Military supplies aren't meant for the police
8/13/23 6:45	No comment
8/13/23 6:49	I believe if deemed necessary, police foamed should have access to military type equipment. This would be preceded by proper training for situations where the safety of officers and innocent bystanders (who should have left the area) is priority when the community is in danger with rioters.
8/13/23 7:00	Our officers need the resources to battle the streets
8/13/23 7:11	By all means, use the equipment to the greatest extent. It was purchased with public resources to be used. Do not waste these resources. Use them to keep officers and the public safe from perpetrators.
8/13/23 8:09	I disagree with the use of public funds to purchase military equipment for use against our own people.
8/13/23 8:10	more police and fire.
8/13/23 8:48	The thought of police having military grade equipment makes me feel less safe. Sacramento is not a war zone. Thank you.
8/13/23 9:46	I DO NOT want military equipment used in urban settings.
8/13/23 9:57	What is the question? If you are asking what I think of Police using military equipment, I think Police Departments should use military equipment. It's safer for police officers and the public, such as evacuation from areas where there is gunfire. It also might cause a suspect to reconsider the path they are taking, and peaceful surrender is always better.
8/13/23 10:10	It should be as easy as possible for police to receive the resources that they feel they need. I have a BS in Criminal Justice from CSUS. I know how well trained SPD officers are. They practice 21st Century policing techniques. They really don't need babysitting.
8/13/23 10:30	Yes
8/13/23 10:58	Sacramento does not need to use or purchase military equipment. It is excessive. Funding needs to be invested to support affordable housing and access to healthcare
8/13/23 11:14	Police are not the military. The military are not allowed to play a role in domestic law enforcement, so why would the police need military equipment?
8/13/23 12:16	NO
8/13/23 13:39	Yes
8/13/23 14:42	Do it.
8/13/23 15:23	From reading the list of militarized police equipment, it isn't clear upon what situations would require implementation of any/all of these, and who is authorizing individual event use. Maybe I need to reread, or didn't understand context.
8/13/23 15:47	Militrization of police officers does nothing to reduce crime or protect law enforcement, bad idea.
8/13/23 16:46	As a person with military training, it is reckless to provide military equipment to civilian law enforcement. The majority of law enforcement personnel don't possess the skills required for safe handgun use. Furthermore, our armed forces are prohibited from acting against the public, so there is no justification to use their weapons against the public.

8/13/23 17:05	<p>I am a voter in the City of Sacramento. I oppose militarized policing. I also find that the Sac PD has failed to comply with the City Council's directive issued on Sept. 13, 2022. Namely, the Sac PD is directed by City Council to report demographic information about suspects targeted when military equipment has been used over the reporting period. Its 2022-23 Use Report, pg. 10, is massively misleading. There, in the only place in the Report, there is some mention of demographic information. However, what the Sac PD is actually doing on pg. 10 is to give a cursory summary of an entirely different body of data, and a much more miniscule one at that. On pg 10 of the Use Report, there is a table that offers some demographic details about suspects, but not for the entire universe of the 844 instances in which military equipment was used. (see usage totals listed pg. 12 -15) Pg 10 offers a microscopic set of data, that of 86 "use of force" incidents. Within this tiny universe, there were 26 use of force incidents in which military equipment was used. (Of course, there were far more than 86 uses of force. When questioned at a community meeting recently, the officers admitted that there were 86 "reportable use of force incidents.") In other words, full compliance with the City Council directive, which refers to "use" of military equipment, Sacramentans should receive 844 reports with demographic data about pertinent suspects; instead we get a few details about 26 deployments. This is a compliance rate of 3.1 percent compliance (26 divided by 844 is 0.0308) and we are owed the other 97 percent. This failure to comply suggests deep contempt for City Council, especially when we take into account the fact that Council even offered to pay for the costs pertaining to demographic reporting. When Black and Brown residents are hugely overrepresented among all suspects targeted by police and sheriff departments in operations where military equipment is used, (see e.g. the Findings in AB 481) there are sound reasons for this reporting, above and beyond the AB 481 threshold. I endorse the City Council's directive, and I note that the Sacramento Police Department's Review Commission recommends a similar demographic reporting. These data are not just missing from the Use Report 2022-23. In an egregious act of bad faith, the Sac PD substitutes a tiny subset of the data officially required in an obvious attempt to obscure its non-compliance. This is an astonishing deployment of misinformation,</p>
8/13/23 17:36	I am interested in the policies around the Sacramento Police Department use of military equipment
8/13/23 17:55	police should not be using military equipment
8/13/23 18:19	Why do we need to militarize the Sacramento Police department I think it's Overkill and is going to escalate into more violence than solving problems
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8/13/23 19:04	<p>Whoever organized the Department's responses to AB 481 must have a very different understanding from mine of the law's intent. It seems clear to me that the goal is to provide information on the whole scope of police interactions in which military equipment is deployed, not to limit it to the minute fraction that meet some cryptic standard of reportability.</p> <p>Why wouldn't you want to disseminate and publicize this information? Tell us about all the times (when and where and in what situations) your equipment was deployed and/or used uneventfully and to general satisfaction.</p>

8/13/23 19:49	Why are you so eager to kill and destroy the people of Sacramento? Will it help you actually solve crimes?
8/13/23 20:26	NO military equipment for SAC PD!!
8/13/23 22:17	I am in support of local law enforcement to have access to specialized and/or excess military equipment resources, when necessary, to do their job effectively. Policy has been established on the use of the equipment, therefore it appears to be guided use and not at will.
8/13/23 23:00	Why is and when has military equipment been needed?
8/14/23 4:59	I am worried that military equipment will lead to inappropriate use of it. It would be tempting to use it because it is there. I think it is being pushed as a way for the military to get rid of equipment or by the military-industrial complex. Don't fall into that trap. Use the money that would be spent on military equipment for community engagement officers or special officers to deal with people with mental health issues.
8/14/23 6:22	Use of military equipment on a civilian population is never appropriate. Has the Sacramento Police Department declared war on the people of Sacramento?
8/14/23 6:56	Yes
8/14/23 7:23	<p>As far as "Black Lives Matters" Canada does influence in the intel of illegal violent conduct. I started with The Sacramento Police Services since the , "Clark case riot". Since then other cases have happened such as the arrest of the General Director Rcmp Cameron Ortis. Also the , Order of Canada", Conrad Black.</p> <p>In Ontario there is serious problem of union(S) faction ethnics corruption intel gangs. The police corruption buffers these faction groups with invasion of privacy issues of internat extremist hacking with stocking victims and attacking them .</p> <p>The legal society does nothing or the Canadian government including at the federal postal services end .</p> <p>It is there for the U.S. thay carries that diplomacy of legal securities logistics . Canadian side remains the careless threat. It effects hospitalization and finances at the most extremist prejudices malice of justices.</p> <p>The police corruption in Canada exported to the U.S. would cause a great threat.</p> <p>These cops in Canada are shooting each other at close range. The Canadian military is dysfunctional careless and faction gang providers. The other embassies know it.</p> <p>I recommend more arrests of the corruption of these Canadian lawyers judges and police . To trace them when entering U.S. boarder.</p> <p>The FBI surely has done and willfully will do that if necessary. And in this generation the FBI are right in that measure of logistics enforcement.</p> <p>In Canada the problem are worsening with the corruption jurors are corrupted. Hospitals have faction operative gang members as workers.</p> <p>The protests are stopped by covert operations by the local government.</p>

8/14/23 8:02	Training and critical thinking about the situation are key before using these tactics on ordinary citizens. I want public safety however and believe that police can determine what they need to maintain law and order with oversight. Budgets can reflect the move towards de-escalation and improved education as well as keeping officers safe with equipment they need. Balanced approach to policing.
8/14/23 8:27	Police and other emergency personnel should be authorized any and all equipment to meet any situations or threats that may arise
8/14/23 8:37	I do not believe that the city's police force needs to spend these funds to further militarize their force.
8/14/23 8:57	The City of Sacramento should be allowed to buy and use MEU. When a situation arises where the MEU is necessary, the City would have what they need to resolve the situation. If the City does not have MEU when it's actually needed then the citizens of Sacramento could be without the protection they need from SPD.
8/14/23 9:01	I find it hard to imagine that Sacramento law enforcement needs so-called "military equipment. For years police departments across the nation have managed their responsibilities without such equipment; let's not just use it because it's available. I think its use will tend to broaden the gap between police and the community. Let's put our dollars into proven programs that build a culture of true community policing.
8/14/23 9:48	I am open to the Sac PD utilizing whatever equipment is needed to ensure that we have a safe city to live in. I am
8/14/23 10:52	Please do not spend money on military-style equipment. There are many more pressing things that need funding.
8/14/23 11:15	I am against police department having access and using military equipment.
8/14/23 12:06	I feel the equipment will be used appropriately by SPD.
8/14/23 12:25	Strongly against use of Military Equipment in civilian settings
8/14/23 13:46	I heard that Sacramento PD wants to buy some grenades? Definitely no. Ok to buy tactical gears but I don't think any grenade will make the public safer.
8/14/23 14:14	IN GENERAL, I am opposed to the use of ANY military equipment by local police. It sends the wrong message to the public about the role of local law enforcement, promotes a feeling of fear instead of trust.
8/14/23 15:09	I strongly disagree with the Sacramento Police Departments request for military weapons. This money should reallocated to homeless resources, mental health officers, and social workers.
8/14/23 15:09	I do not support use of public funds for military equipment. Instead use those funds that directly support the community-based models of safety, support and prevention.
8/14/23 15:13	My vote is AGAINST spending money on military equipment for use by the Sacramento Police Department. This taxpayer money should be used to fund prosocial programs that will give Sacramentans more activities to do. Why don't you use funds to do something positive for the public rather than preparing to harm civilians when it may, or more often these days, may NOT be required. I am a victim of unnecessary excessive use of force by a Roseville police officer, so I know that a grenade or drone is not the only way to violate my constitutional protections, but why provide roque officers with more ways to misbehave?
8/14/23 15:19	The lack of sac PDs accountability in counting their own current military grade weapons absolutely indicates to me that they should not be afforded with more of these dangerous items but rather more heavily regulated and monitored with them.

8/14/23 15:25	Absolute ZERO military equipment use, we do not feel safe nor protected by law enforcement and would prefer they use that money to learn better de-escalation, by arming law enforcement you are escalating risk of lost lives. Because the public knows law enforcement is armed and more than willing to shoot, the public has reason to feel the need to protect themselves. There is no trust, there has been no relationship building with the public. Law enforcement is like an abusive ex that won't go away, but now wants permission to carry heavy artillery before damaging the relationship they caused with the community. Do better. Norway, New Zealand , UK, all unarmed law enforcement.
8/14/23 15:29	My opinion is that the Sacramento Police Department should not be using military equipment. The use of military equipment to police a civilian populous is unnecessarily expensive and dangerous.
8/14/23 15:39	It's said if you build it, they will come. A reference to sport facilities, also usually funded by public. Building it has positive affects on many levels for the community, business, city, county and state. How does purchasing, training, storage facility, maintenance etc etc of this equipment benefit public. With exception of one Thursday night market event, which public display of disorder, left peace officers and city management scratching their heads, thinking that was close, were going to need a bigger boat, movie reference JAWS, ie military equipment should the public act so badly in future. If we build it. They will come. Self fulfilling prophecy, or viewed from another much published dogma, if he died for my sin/s, then I'm obligated to live up to expectations and validate sacrifice. Sacramento law enforcement are human, a cut above and more. When I needed help, SacPD was right there less than 5 second on 8th and P or Q, by fire station, dark night, muggers on bikes, guns known later to be toys, Thank You. Thank You. When being brought to my lowest, a single officer on peddle bike duty, saw me, before those would be muggers had. Thank You. . James.
8/14/23 15:44	i do not support the use of military equipment on civilians. Police needs more training in de-escalation tactics. if as a society limit the number of weapons circulating (for civilians and police force) we will have less need for military grade weapons.

8/14/23 16:06	<p>The question of whether local police should be allowed to use military equipment is a complex and debated issue. It involves considerations of public safety, community trust, law enforcement practices, and the appropriate use of force. Different people and experts may have varying opinions on this matter. Here are some arguments from both sides:</p> <p>Arguments in favor of local police using military equipment:</p> <p>Enhanced Response Capability: Some proponents argue that equipping local police with military-grade equipment can help them effectively respond to high-risk situations, such as active shooter incidents or terrorist attacks. Having access to armored vehicles, body armor, and advanced weaponry could potentially save lives by allowing law enforcement to neutralize threats more quickly and efficiently.</p> <p>Officer Safety: Advocates contend that providing military equipment to local police enhances the safety of law enforcement officers. This could lead to fewer casualties among officers during dangerous encounters.</p> <p>Deterrence: The presence of military equipment might deter criminals from engaging in violent or dangerous activities, leading to a decrease in crime rates.</p> <p>Arguments against local police using military equipment:</p> <p>Militarization and Perception: Critics argue that the use of military equipment by local police can lead to the perception of law enforcement as an occupying force rather than a community service. This can erode trust between the police and the communities they serve and potentially escalate tensions.</p>
8/14/23 16:22	I fail to see how the majority of the requested items are meant to serve the public and keep the public safer. Especially the armored vehicle Rook.
8/14/23 16:33	This is a fantastic idea. Our Police Department and officers deserve as much help as possible when keeping law abiding citizens protected from unlawfulness. If a citizen does not break any laws then they have very little to worry about yet if a citizen is out to commit crimes and break our laws, which exists to PROTECT law abiding citizens, then this serves as yet another deterrent against committing the crime.
8/14/23 16:52	I have no objections to the use of military equipment by the Sacramento Police Department
8/14/23 16:57	I am not in support of more military equipment. It does not increase safety, rather it causes harm. Please spend public money on prevention, healthcare, homeless services and mental health care, not on military weapons.
8/14/23 17:14	The police and the military are separate entities. I do not want our streets to look like a war zone. If the police is supposed to make law-abiding people feel safer and those on the margin feel like someone is looking out for them; military equipment is intended to be intimidating, we need de-escalation training not escalating weaponry. If the police have this equipment, they will be tempted to use it, what happens if they miss, or go after the wrong person? Are they getting military training? Sacramento should not be the dumping ground of military surplus gear.

8/14/23 18:23	Comments for what to be changed
8/14/23 19:29	<p>1) I don't think it is justified for our police department to have armored vehicles. Authorized use of the following armored vehicles should be severely restricted or, better, vehicles should be sold and the police department should demilitarize:</p> <p>LENCO BEARCAT, G2 LENCO BEARCAT, G3 The ROOK Modified CAT Compact Track Loader Chassis</p> <p>2) Less lethal munitions still cause serious injury and at times death as well as serious emotional damage over the course of ones lifetime. The police department should not be relying on purchasing less lethal munitions and should find another way. The use of these is especially not justified in "Circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained." this should be removed from authorized use to ensure public safety.</p> <p>3) Why does the police department need grenades??? These are weapons of war and not meant to be used in a country at peace. The authorized use in "circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained" is too vague and should be removed.</p> <p>4) The use of tear gas, pepper spray, or pepper balls in "circumstances where a tactical advantage can be obtained" is not justified as this is a chemical weapon which has an aerial effect on the population.</p>
8/14/23 20:23	<p>My thirty years on this planet I have had little to no interest in interacting with the police, in fact the majority of the times i have had contact with police it's been during distressful times often not made better by their presence. The few times i have found the actions of officers helpful or positive they have performed duties unrelated to violence and control, in fact you could say they were actually just serving the community. Serve and protect a misnomer for absolute control for your best interest by the police is an oppressive strategy that has harmed and killed impoverished communities of color and even poor white communities. Years of militarizing the police have led to continued deaths of people that look and live like me. I no longer see a need for policing in its current state. In fact in my 30 years i've had little to no say in the role or actions of those sworn to protect and serve me, this needs to change as community control of policing is needed.</p>
8/14/23 20:31	<p>I do not want Sac Police using military grade equipment in my neighborhood. It is inappropriate. Given police studies show that violence is more likely to be used against People of Color especially Black people, I do not trust the police to use any of this war equipment in my community which is not engaged in a war with the police or anyone else.</p>
8/14/23 21:01	<p>The police department should spend money on salaries an officers instead of military equipment</p>
8/15/23 1:36	<p>Absolutely LOVE the idea. Anything to keep the criminals in check.</p>
8/15/23 9:20	<p>Militarizing the police leads to oppression of the people</p>

8/15/23 9:55	I am opposed to the use of military equipment by SPD. Additional weaponry and gear will contribute to further deaths of Sacramento residents at the hands of law enforcement. The answer to making both officers and residents safer is for officers to build positive relationships based on trust and mutual respect with residents; to use 40-45% of the SPD budget to fund services that will relieve the undue burden on officers who are trying to both enforce the law and address problems that are outside their scope of training & expertise; to fund low-income housing and mental health & substance abuse treatment programs for at-risk and unhomed residents; and to create a police department oversight board separate from SPD, that is comprised of residents who are not LEO and who aren't family members of LEOs.
8/15/23 10:42	The Sacramento Police Department must make every effort to de-escalate situation in which they are involved. The presence of military surplus hardware presents an aggressive and antagonistic posture just by its mere presence.
8/15/23 11:07	I don't think it is necessary to invest in full military equipment or combat ready equipment. T
8/15/23 11:43	Against using any military equipment. None of it is necessary or good for use in a civilian population.
8/15/23 11:51	I look at this issue starting with the broadest perspective of the Military Industrial Complex and its influence in foreign and domestic policy as well as the resulting surplus of weaponry that ends up at local police departments. I do not support militarization of the police in Sacramento or anywhere else. It creates a police state and the funds that are needed for social programs that support the people of Sacramento are sucked up by police budgets.
8/15/23 12:57	Spend the money on more officers getting to know the people in the neighborhood, NOT on invasive dehumanizing weaponry!
8/15/23 13:00	Our police are to be partners and protectors, NOT an invading force.
8/15/23 13:38	The MEU policy sounds more than reasonable. Regardless of neighborhood, armed, dangerous individuals/groups should be addressed appropriately with whatever means the police need to ensure safe/secure communities.
8/15/23 13:40	This is a community, not a foreign battle arena. We need deescalation and community building strategies and tools, not military equipment.
8/15/23 14:19	I am not in favor of Sacramento PD acquiring military grade equipment. Independent studies have shown they do not decrease crime or increase officer safety. It sends a terrible message to the community as a whole, further jeopardizes trust, and potentially puts already marginalized members of our community more at risk.
8/15/23 14:52	Beyond the frightening aspect of seeing military equipment on the streets of Sacramento, the limited use of military equipment in Sacramento over the past years doesn't seem to justify its continued purchase and use.
8/15/23 19:28	In looking over the equipment list, you would think we live in a war zone. Wouldn't funds be better spent by engaging with the community and creating programs/solutions that brought law enforcement and neighborhoods closer together? This seems like the department is only preparing for extreme situations, not the day to day interactions that beg to be developed so each side has a better understanding of wants and needs. I'm sure that this show of force will do nothing to enhance the view of a communal spirit.

8/15/23 20:03	Please let the police determine what they need to do their job. I am grateful for their service protecting the public. Law and order are the foundation of society.
8/15/23 20:12	I believe the police do not need more bureaucracy in order to do their job. Let them decide what they need.
8/16/23 9:06	<p>Given the lack of trust the public has in the Sac PD, and Sac PDs utter failure to earn back that trust, acquiring and arming the police with military grade weapons can be nothing more than a mistake.</p> <p>We are the Capital City of California and should be leading by example with a police force that is trusted by the community, creating a para-military force is something you expect to see in a dystopian drama, not a real community. The Police have shown a lack of accountability and responsibility with the deadly weapons they already have, we should be de-arming them - not considering providing them with more. The success of such a proposal would only further the distance between the public and the police.</p>
8/16/23 9:19	Support PD military equipment use
8/16/23 9:26	<p>Thank you for involving the community in this effort. While I believe that militarized policing only grows the rift between communities and the police, and that funds would be better spent on preventative measures, such as such as state-sponsored mental health care and affordable housing, I appreciate your department's efforts to reform your MEU, even if it's disappointing that you cannot yet imagine a future in which military equipment becomes unnecessary when funds are directed away from violence and towards care.</p> <p>I'm a concerned community member and the leader of an Amnesty International Chapter at my high school and am worried that the Military Equipment Use plan and report lack some of the required details laid out in AB481, and fear the implications these omissions could have for the human rights of my fellow community members.</p> <p>It's concerning that the report lacks the *full* data about where equipment was used and who it was used against, as this data is critical to insure force is not being used disproportionately against marginalized communities, such as Black and Brown ones. It is integral that the police department publish data, including how much time was spent on deescalation beforehand, about all 18 cases in which non-lethal military equipment was used last year. You should utilize Comparative Reporting and Demographic Reporting as the Sac Police Review Commission recommended.</p> <p>As for the Military Equipment Use plan, it lacks evidence that acquiring new military equipment is the most cost effective system for increasing civilian and officer safety, which is required in AB481. In fact, it actually does not include any express assurance that this equipment will be used safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties. As some of the police department's requests are quite expensive and all of this equipment could have dire consequences if not used with an express interest in public welfare in mind, I believe that it's crucial that these details are included before the plan is approved.</p>

8/16/23 9:45	The use of military grade weaponry, surveillance equipment, and heavy offensive or defensive machinery does not belong in the domestic police force. While I am for the domestic police having up to date, contemporary protective gear, law enforcement does not warrant such powerful weaponry. There isn't sufficient training to warrant the use of the equipment, and there aren't the same protocols in the police force that are in place in the military for accountability. I understand that the domestic police force is asked to cover an impossibly large range of situations, from addressing individuals in need to high level and dangerous domestic criminal activity, but this issue demands greater specialization within domestic policing forces and policy, which demands greater community support (financial as well) and specialized training. The wholesale approval of military gear within the police force in the city does not represent a solution to any of the problems facing the citizenry and the domestic police force and should be avoided as a general rule.
8/16/23 9:47	I support the use of Military Equipment by the Sacramento Police Department
8/16/23 10:37	We need to find ways other than military equipment to deal with 95% of our citizenry. I can see a need for military equipment in limited circumstances, but imagine a regional task force that has access to and training on the equipment would be sufficient for the greater Sacramento area. Why do we think every local agency needs the equipment and training? It doesn't. Until we start appropriately funding mental health and other intervention strategies I am against any more expenditures on military equipment.
8/16/23 10:39	I don't like the direction of police departments using military equipment. The more police departments militarize, the more the people will look like the enemy!
8/16/23 10:47	I think the SacPD should be able to spend money on equipment that ensures public safety
8/16/23 13:50	This is a little awkward survey design—why wouldn't you place a directive prompt here in addition to "enter your comments here"? I do not support tax dollars or any other dollars being used to purchase military-type equipment for the SPD. SPD is not walking the talk of community outreach, bridging and building. This unnecessarily escalates poor decision making. Especially under duress. Disappointing that this is even being considered but I am glad you are asking for public input. Conversations I've had with neighbors comport with my comments.
8/16/23 14:05	There are so much other programs that needs funding for less than this. Are we replacing humans police officers with robots. Are the human unable to do their work.
8/17/23 6:28	I'm all for purchasing of military equipment. It's about officer safety and the safety for the citizens in the city of Sacramento. It's not about militarizing the police force. They aren't buying an M1 Abrams tank!
8/17/23 8:04	Regarding he Sacramento Police Department's (SPD) Military Equipment Use (MEU) Annual Report and Policy
8/17/23 8:18	No comment at this time.

8/18/23 9:24	After review of the proposed list of military aid to the Sacramento Police department I as a worker here in Sacramento City have no reservations for their use and deployment. With Governor Newsom, the State legislature and Senate continuing to pass laws making crime legal and not punishing criminals for firearms related crimes, or any crimes actually, I see that the need for military aid to continue to the SPD. Honestly you can't even call this military aid, it is standard law enforcement equipment in my honest opinion.
8/18/23 11:04	I do not agree with the Sacramento Police Department's use of military equipment. This is not needed in our communities. The funding used for police military equipment is far better used in housing, mental health, and youth programs. That would help keep our communities safe more than military equipment for the police department.
8/18/23 15:37	I believe the Sacramento Police Department should have at their disposal any equipment, Civilian or Military to do their job safely. Using surplus military equipment usually comes at a considerable reduced cost or no cost at all. We SHOULD NOT hinder the Sacramento Police Department in any way to protect our citizens. In recent years our government has put in place rules that make the police department ineffective. As a result of this we have rampant law breaking, looting, stealing, vandalism and assaults on citizens. This has to stop. Going out into the community or even going to a grocery store has become a risk to our safety..
8/18/23 18:43	Anything you can do to make my family safe - please do
8/18/23 18:51	I am against these intimidating equipment and vehicles. They have the appearance of warfare; and brings great fear to people and, in many cases, only exacerbates the situation.
8/20/23 11:27	Think it's a good idea
8/20/23 22:43	Why is military equipment necessary, why is it needed? I dont see the need unless there are larger scale cioenece concerns.

8/21/23 1:43	<p>ARGO</p> <p>I was in the middle of what seems like the whole force coming down with a mobile command unit, 2 bearcats , other military esque vehicles I could not identify and what seemed like the whole squad of 100 cop cars just to throw one flash bang and some type of tear gas (THANK GOD)</p> <p>But how do you justify that budget decision?</p> <p>You have all of these toys to play with and show off as you build a perimeter around blocks but can't afford to offer a Porto potty or some type of support/care to affected family members on scene for a day long standoff. All of these resources to extract info, interview after interview, rookie after rookie. While not being clear of the information WE asked of you and even deceiving, you held your perimeter and without warning fired off those rounds.</p> <p>Then after idling for hours, these suburban tanks slowly paraded out after our family member peacefully surrendered.</p> <p>Once again thank God, a man who was going through a mental breakdown, it being the anniversary of his daughters death and recently getting the news of being evicted, was not shot down on account of trigger happy agitators.</p> <p>In this experience, lethal and excessive military equipment was not used yet the desired outcome of his safe extraction was achieved. The psychological affects on everyone in the proximity still goes unresolved. The negotiators did not achieve this, but it was only after hearing his families voice screaming for his safety a block away and eventually over the phone did he get flushed out. I recognize that not many people in similar situations would be as lucky</p>
8/21/23 6:16	<p>I believe the SPD should use the military equipment (ME) available to it. I believe SPD will provide enough training of personnel to use ME safely and effectively. There are a lot of high powered and deadly weapons available to criminals, so the use of ME by SPD is warranted.</p>
8/21/23 7:46	<p>Sacramento is not a war zone. The police do not need military-grade equipment. Please reconsider the goals here. Are you trying to protect the citizens, or kill them?</p>
8/22/23 5:29	<p>My first thought is yes, of course, get whatever equipment you deem necessary given your responsibility to protect our communities and yourselves. There are too many high powered guns throughout our communities and you need equipment necessary in the rare instance it may be needed.</p>

8/22/23 13:47	<p>While the policy and report itself comply with the most generous and loose interpretation of AB-481, I am deeply concerned about the harmful outcomes that will result from a policy that does not require tighter restrictions and more detailed research into safer, more effective alternatives to military equipment.</p> <p>SacPD still has not shown that military equipment is necessary and that they have considered or tried alternative methods as required by AB-481. You have also not provided any evidence that you have given a good faith effort to research, let alone implement, alternatives to this equipment. This is insufficient and should be a concern for future lawsuits as well as potential harm to the community and people this equipment will be deployed against.</p> <p>SacPD has also not shown the military equipment will safeguard the public's welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties as AB-481 requires. Sacramento residents and victims of police violence have repeatedly declared they feel less safe with the presence of heavily armed law enforcement. Studies also confirm police officer's possession of military weapons have actually escalated situations rather than mitigated harm, often resulting in serious preventable injuries. Neither the annual report nor the policy itself offer any reassurance that public welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties have been a consideration for the SacPD. You could offer this reassurance by incorporating community feedback from all constituents, not just those who approve of unfettered use of military equipment and by incorporating the recommendations by the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission.</p> <p>Though SacPD publicly stated your policy only included the equipment it already had and would not cost the city additional money, you continue to request more money for additional equipment including the ROOK that cost over \$400,000 and that carries an additional \$8,000 per year for maintenance, and \$600,000 in new body armor. As written, the policy and update report do not include accurate estimations of the maintenance, replacement, and training for</p>
8/22/23 14:05	I oppose the use of military equipment in all circumstances.
8/22/23 22:07	Escalation, overcompensation, militarization of public space, shortsighted, racist
8/23/23 13:11	I oppose any additional military equipment to the Sacramento Police Department. Money should be spent on crisis resolutions and care of the public. Enough of the militarization of the Sacramento Police Department. Thank you.

8/23/23 13:25	<p>I am deeply concerned about the harmful outcomes that will result from a policy that does not require tighter restrictions and more detailed research into safer, more effective alternatives to military equipment. Neither the annual report nor the policy itself offer any reassurance that public welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties have been a consideration for the SacPD. You could offer this reassurance by incorporating community feedback from all constituents, not just those who approve of unfettered use of military equipment and by incorporating the recommendations by the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission.</p> <p>SacPD has not shown that military equipment is necessary and that they have considered or tried alternative methods as required by AB-481. This is insufficient and should be a concern for future lawsuits as well as potential harm to the people this equipment will be deployed against.</p> <p>SacPD has also not shown the military equipment will safeguard the public's welfare, civil rights, or civil liberties as AB-481 requires. Studies indicate police officers' possession of military weapons have escalated situations rather than mitigated harm, often resulting in serious preventable injuries.</p> <p>As written, the policy and update report do not include accurate estimations of the maintenance, replacement, and training for military equipment over multiple years. The department has not shown that the military equipment is cost effective as AB 481 requires.</p> <p>The police department has not shown that it has complied with its own military weapons policies in the past or applied corrective action to ensure future compliance as required by AB-481. SacPD violated federal law that prohibited police officers from shooting at people acting peacefully in a crowd, as it was shown doing during the 2020 George Floyd protests. Rather than implementing corrective action to address these nonconforming uses, SacPD denied their misuse and refused to detail any remedies it took to ensure future compliance. The annual</p>
8/23/23 13:50	none
8/23/23 14:36	<p>It seems not that long ago that the primary problem-solving tools employed by our Police were acquired & honed through an extensive selection & training process. We met the ever changing needs of society through modern policing practices which enshrined mottos such as "Protect & Serve," "Dedicated to Duty" & " We're Here To Help! " We trusted our LEO's & believed their senior ranks strove to ensure that officers met a high standard.</p> <p>America is not a war zone, yet we have begun to use language often found among the military, & as we have borrowed speech, we now borrow military weapons & skills. Our willingness to arm & equip local police officers to look as though they are part of some new Call of Duty 4 mission is disproportionate & is certainly not in scale with the needs of modern policing of the citizenry of America in 2023.</p>

8/23/23 15:10	<p>Sac PD does not need any of this proposed equipment, especially given the fact it maintains an enormous cache of military equipment as is. The whole proposals smacks of little kids seeking more toys to play with, which would be funny if it weren't for the fact that these are deadly weapons. In what world does it make sense for the Department to purchase 18 new assault rifles when it already has 550, new "less than lethal" weapons when you already have 750, or ten new drones when you already have 84? Sac PD should be downsizing this equipment rather than expanding it. There is simply no need for any new equipment.</p> <p>Sac PD regularly deploys this equipment needlessly, escalating situations as its first option, rather than pursuing strategies that de-escalate conflicts. Weapons of war have no place on the streets of our city, or in our skies. The city should reject these requests completely.</p>
8/23/23 16:20	I fully support the Sacramento Police Department. I approve of the equipment that the department has requested.
8/23/23 16:38	Do what you have to do to keep us and the officers in the department safe.
8/23/23 17:07	Does it bother anyone that we militarize the government police, yet CA strives to disarm citizens? Every gun control law passed or proposed always has exceptions for the police.
8/23/23 17:07	No they have enough guns to do a tour in Ukraine. Fund community support instead.
8/23/23 17:13	I fully support the Sacramento Police Department in their request for military equipment. I have complete confidence in the department to establish policies and procedures around the use of the equipment and train personnel accordingly, as well as enforce any discipline necessary.
8/23/23 17:14	The equipment needed to prevent, secure and bring to a conclusion is beyond what civilian equipment can provide
8/23/23 17:39	Defund the police
8/23/23 18:23	The Department should be allowed to acquire all equipment necessary to effectively protect the community. They are the experts and know what equipment they need to adequately function within the responsibilities and positions to which they were sworn.
8/23/23 19:07	No military grade weapons or equipment should be purchased or used in police activities.
8/23/23 19:34	I do not want the Police Department to purchase any military equipment.
8/23/23 20:49	Police forces are not branches of the military and do NOT need military equipment. Equipment which of course would be deployed against who? Us, the citizens! I don't want my tax dollars used for equipment that will be used against the populace.
8/23/23 21:04	No more military equipment. There is already way too much as it is. Is the government at war with the people of Sacramento?

8/23/23 22:24	NO to military weapons for the police. We do not need our local police force to be armed with military equipment designed to kill and maim people more and faster. The police have already shown that they cannot be trusted to use appropriate force. They have killed local residents, mostly poor and black men, and people with mental illness, when less lethal interventions would have worked fine. The police are adversarial to the public instead of working for and with the public. More weapons will just be used against us, the residents of this city. The Sacramento police already receive more money from the city budget than community needs, they do not need anything more.
8/24/23 8:51	I am in support of law enforcement having access to needed resources to perform public safety duties. I used to work on grant programs giving law enforcement access to excess military equipment. It's a valuable resource to have in specific situations. With proper oversight and policies in place, it will be used accordingly.
8/24/23 9:06	While I understand the appeal of using military equipment, I do not want the City to use it for general policing. Its design is for purposes deemed appropriate for military uses and not for civilian uses. Much of this equipment seems like overkill to me, inappropriate for use in urban areas.
8/24/23 9:07	I oppose the acquisition and use of military equipment by the Sacramento Police Department. Our police force has demonstrated on multiple occasions that it cannot be trusted to use force or the threat of violence responsibly. Giving our police more lethal equipment therefore poses a greater threat to public safety than any of the threats our police claim they want to address. Moreover, the militarization of our police is a "solution" in search of a problem, not a solution to any of the problems our community is actually facing. The (significant) funds that would be spent on military equipment would be better spent on detectives to increase their abysmal case clearance rate, and/or more effective community outreach.
8/24/23 9:51	Approve of defensive equipment
8/24/23 9:53	I do not support the use of tax dollars for procurement of military equipment by police.
8/24/23 9:58	The police should not use military equipment as they are a civilian organization charged with maintaining the peace.
8/24/23 10:42	I strongly oppose the purchase and use of military equipment by the Sacramento Police Department
8/24/23 10:49	Sac PD should not be allowed to purchase more military equipment. They have proven through the years that they cannot be trusted not to use it against the residents of Sacramento.
8/24/23 10:59	I attended one of the community hearings about the SacPD's report. I came away feeling that there was more emphasis on costs and statistics than interpretation and concern for how this impacts trust for policing in our neighborhoods. The expenditure in dollars, maintenance, and personnel training sure seem misplaced to me.
8/24/23 11:01	No
8/24/23 11:10	Sacramento police do not need more military equipment.
8/24/23 11:14	Military equipment is a waste of taxpayer money.
8/24/23 11:17	I would like SPD to explain why it needs to have ME and how and when it will be used. This should be done in easily accessible ways such as public forums.

8/24/23 11:30	Consider doing literally anything else other than giving cops more things to do violence with
8/24/23 11:31	I am vehemently against the police purchase of militarized equipment. Instead funds should be diverted to extra training to prevent excessive use of force and training to help deescalate dangerous situations with the mentally ill. Social programs, community oriented policing, and a clearer connection to the actual citizens in the communities they are supposed to be serving and protecting will do far more to combat crime than participating in a self-perpetuating arms race.
8/24/23 11:35	Officers should only carry knives
8/24/23 11:36	I like turtles
8/24/23 11:40	We do not need any more funding towards weapons and the militarization of police! We need actual reform and help for our communities. Do not approve this funding or this policy.
8/24/23 11:50	I do not support the ownership and use of military equipment by any local police force.
8/24/23 11:52	No. Military. Equipment. Ever.
8/24/23 12:18	Yes
8/24/23 12:19	The police need fewer resources than they already have, not more
8/24/23 12:20	I don't approve of SacPD using military weapons for any part of their duties.
8/24/23 12:22	I don't think the PD needs more equipment. I think the funding would be better used for (1) training PD officers on how to deescalate situations, particularly involving minorities and people of color, and (2) supporting alternate dispatched unarmed officers or skilled professionals to assist in situations where an armed keeper of the peace is not required and may intimidate or accidentally trigger those who have an innate distrust of an armed officer.
8/24/23 12:26	Local law enforcement does not need and should not have military equipment. At the very least that need accountability and require public approval for their expensive toys.
8/24/23 12:30	There is no need to provide military equipment to local police forces.
8/24/23 12:38	OK
8/24/23 12:40	Why is the City spending it's limited funds on equipment designed to torture and kill citizens. Those funds would be better spent on mental health services.
8/24/23 13:00	As it is the police themselves are conducting this survey and collecting this information, and as that is a huge conflict of interest, I dont believe the results of this survey will be truthfully conveyed.

8/24/23 13:37	<p>I don't feel like our police force needs more military weapons and tools currently. There's so many issues in all of our communities, people are angry, struggling, and it's clear that the people aren't happy with how our governing bodies and police forces are handling our resources.</p> <p>I would much rather see that money being put back into our communities, bettering the relationships with police and those communities, training for how to properly handle stressful and emotional situations, and more "boots on the ground" levels of involvement.</p> <p>There's so many trouble spots and many people feel that these areas are being neglected in favor of police teams being given more - in the eyes of many who I've talked to - "toys to play with and not do anything for the community."</p> <p>There's a clear disconnect, and it needs to be repaired before it becomes worse, and before we use our collective money to purchase MORE military equipment. Make it make sense, be the ones we look up to, to protect and serve, everyone deserves that.</p>
8/24/23 13:47	I strongly support Assembly Bill No. 481 Military Equipment Use - City of Sacramento
8/24/23 14:41	<p>Over-armed police do not build trusting relationships with the communities they are supposed to serve. If someone calls 911, they need help without fear of getting shot by the people who are supposed to assist them. The police are not an arm of the military, and military equipment has no place on civilian streets. Officers should prioritize de-escalation instead of a shoot-first tactic. Militarizing the police is a waste of taxpayer dollars that would be better spent on community services. Our budget should go towards housing programs and other services that Sacramento desperately needs to get people off the streets. Getting people housing, employment, and medical care will do far more to reduce crime than a militarized police force.</p>
8/24/23 14:49	<p>Military equipment is absolutely not where I would want this budget going. Put it toward de-escalation training or hiring more officers since I've heard so many times that there aren't enough of them to address all of the crimes.</p>
8/24/23 15:00	<p>There is no need to be using military grade equipment for general public policing. Normal procurement with non-military equipment should be sufficient for the needs of the department.</p>
8/24/23 15:02	Police should not own or use military grade equipment.
8/24/23 15:45	The police should not use military equipment.
8/24/23 15:52	<p>I am against using our tax money to buy SPD military grade weapons and equipment. The police use the resources they have to intimidate and enact violence primarily against people of color in Sacramento, and giving them more powerful weapons is a terrible idea and just about the worst thing we could be spending tax money on.</p>
8/24/23 16:14	<p>I just want to thank the Sacramento PD for all the hard work you guys have been doing. I know it may seem like public opinion of the police force may seem negative these days, just know that there are many of us who support you all and we genuinely appreciate what you do to keep our community safe.</p>
8/24/23 16:54	Ok
8/24/23 17:59	No military equipment for police please

8/24/23 18:23	Military equipment is for war. Though they make act like it, SAC PD is not at war and thus does not need military equipment. This is very obvious, so what is the point of this survey? The department will get whatever equipment it "needs," even though those funds are much better spent funding housing or food banks or mental health or anything that actually helps somebody. More funds will be spend on settlement after excessive force lawsuits. If you're a cog in this relentless death machine, fuck you.
8/24/23 18:28	NOOOO. Damn, you already have enough
8/24/23 18:52	Continued investment in military-grade equipment, rather than investment in de-escalation training and community policing, sends the message that the Sacramento Police Department sees the community as its enemy, rather than as a partner in making Sacramento better and safer. This equipment does not solve crimes , build relationships, or increase public safety on a regular basis. The public's money is better spent on the hard work of training and appropriate staffing, not tools to go into battle.
8/24/23 19:34	Rampant crime is a symptom of a deeply dysfunctional and unbalanced society. You are slapping band-aids on a gaping wound. Crime rises with poverty. You will only antagonize the people with these blatant displays. Think about it.
8/24/23 19:40	We don't need more funding for military-style equipment as we don't even have a priority to address the expanding need for public housing and public transportation.
8/24/23 20:11	Do NOT BUY ANYMORE MILITARY EQUIPMENT! I am a resident and I didn't support the last purchase of the rook. Please listen to your tax paying constituents.
8/24/23 20:36	Survey
8/24/23 20:36	The Sacramento Police Department should NOT buy military equipment period! The police department is not at war with the citizens they are sworn to protect. Military equipment should be used solely by the military when fighting a war. The militarization of civilian entities across this country is dangerous.
8/24/23 20:37	I do not feel the police need to have military equipment to do police work and it is detrimental to the relationship between the police and citizens to have them militarized.
8/24/23 21:14	No military equipment on our streets! We beg of you, no! Do not let SACPD kill innocent people!
8/24/23 21:16	.I am opposed to any acquisition and/or use of military equipment.
8/24/23 22:10	We do not need more military equipment on the streets of Sacramento.
8/24/23 22:40	N/a
8/24/23 23:08	If a fraction of the budget spent on what SacPD already has for an arsenal was appropriated for community service initiatives, your dollars would be better spent and you'd see the return in the city
8/25/23 1:30	WE DEMAND A MORATORIUM ON ALL MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES!
8/25/23 4:18	I believe there are situations where a highly trained unit like SWAT is warranted and they may need special equipment. However, cops on patrol and on the street need to be more proactive with the citizenry and the militarization of patrol cops does not facilitate relationships.
8/25/23 4:57	The police don't need more military equipment.
8/25/23 5:04	2

8/25/23 7:54	<p>Police militarization harms us, the citizens. Time and time again we see essential resources go to waste in an attempt to support policing with new gadgets, new buildings, new toys. And yet we do not see a decrease in crime and violence. Rather it fuels it further. The biggest threat as a community we currently face is the corruption, bigotry, and big egos police officers stutter with out and about within our own communities. We have witnessed police officers fist bump Neo Nazis in full gear (both in their respective uniforms) in full public view during community events and when questioned, the police officers simply respond "I'm sorry you feel that way". The badges who carry these attitudes (most of the force) do not need to be further empowered with tools that carry exponentially more potential to harm. The money and resources that go to waste into militarizing the police are essential resources needed by the actual community. Please, please stop stealing from us. Please stop hanging in front of us the constant threat that you will have even more potent options to harm us. We don't feel safe around you, officers, as it is. Adding more tools to your arsenal is deepening the lack of trust we are supposed to have with you. Return those resources to the people.</p>
8/25/23 8:13	<p>Good morning</p>
8/25/23 8:25	<p>I believe the public should have a right to know and decide on what equipment is used by the SPD to govern our community.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Claudia Kirkpatrick</p>
8/25/23 9:12	<p>I strongly support the passage of AB481. Military Equipment in civilian situations should be exceptional, and closely monitored. Our city council members can and will be held to account for any misuse at the polls. It is important for citizens to have a say in a strategy that involves the use of military equipment on our streets.</p>
8/25/23 10:11	<p>I do not support use of military equipment or tactics by Sacramento Police Department</p>
8/25/23 10:28	<p>Please I'm begging you do not give more money to the police especially not for military weapons.</p>
8/25/23 11:02	<p>Their is no need for military equipment in my neighborhood we don't live in a third world country where we need to invade our personal freedoms with these little toys the police want to play with</p>
8/25/23 11:16	<p>The police don't need military equipment. Plain and simple. No MWRAP, grenade launchers or fully automatic weapons. Upgrade your training, knowledge of the actual laws you're supposed to enforce and spend the effort you'd use to acquire this stuff to better your departme</p>

8/25/23 11:30	Sacramento Pd does not need military grade weaponry nor equipment. Sacramento county should not need to further enable police brutality by increasing funding when that could go to our schools and communities. Use that money for homeless shelters and proper housing for lower income. If we continue to fund this corrupt system we will not see any progress, there will be long protest showing how much sacramento residents do not want police that protect nazis, racism, sexual assault and violence to continue walking our streets. It sickening to know that an increasement in funds will go to sacrament pd where they continue to allow discrimination and violence against minorities. Giving more weapons to cops is ending more lives, as a sacramento gen z resident I will continue to make sure they don't get an ounce of respect for that badge from sacramento residents in the present and most importantly future.
8/25/23 11:42	Support City of Sacramento Police Department's Purchase and Use of Legally Authorized Military Equipment. Two Residents in 95831
8/25/23 14:48	Military equipment should not be used in local law enforcement.
8/25/23 15:28	I oppose all military equipment use by the police. We are neighbors and peers, not "civilians" .
8/25/23 16:57	.