2024-2025 Community Comments on Military Equipment Use	
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2025/06/18 2:46:35 PM MDT	I feel in a political climate,police already display enough power. Military weapons could appear inhumane and in certain circumstances a violation of human rights if misused. Research on military equipment's dangers can be useful to legally, lawfully, and protect yourself as a citizen. The police should embody justice not brutality. I do not support funding sociopathic equipment or evil technology.
2025/06/18 4:32:11 PM MDT	hello this is a test
2025/06/20 11:30:02 AM MDT	I do not approve of the police using military-grade equipment.
2025/06/20 11:30:04 AM MDT	This is insane. We need to return to training police to be friendly with people who aren't cops. Looking at un non-police citizens as combatants is a bad thing. The police get away with things that trained military can't get away with.
2025/06/20 11:30:46 AM MDT	We should not use military equipment inside our country for policing.
2025/06/20 11:32:00 AM MDT	Sacramento
2025/06/20 11:32:13 AM MDT	yes
2025/06/20 11:33:53 AM MDT	I deeply disagree with the militarization of our police force.
2025/06/20 11:34:15 AM MDT	SPD should be allowed to use whatever is deemed necessary to carry out their mission of maintaining and improving public safety.
2025/06/20 11:35:37 AM MDT	I don't want any military equipment used on the streets or on the residents of Sacramento. Thank you.
2025/06/20 11:41:30 AM MDT	SPD should not use any equipment used by the military for war or violent conflict. The goal of the SPD should be to use as little force as possible and access to violent weapons only make violence easier. Thank you.
2025/06/20 11:45:35 AM MDT	I am 100% in favor of military equipment use by the Police Department.
2025/06/20 11:50:43 AM MDT	Whatever the police need to get criminals off the street is okay with me
2025/06/20 11:52:11 AM MDT	SPD's purchase and use of military equipment is a colossal waste of taxpayer funds, and allows SPD to focus on military-like deployment and the use of force against protestors instead of focusing on activities that actually save lives of community members. Instead of maintaining and using military equipment against residents, SPD should focus on getting guns off the street and enforcing traffic safety laws and reducing the epidemic of vehicular violence against pedestrians and bicyclists.
2025/06/20 11:52:36 AM MDT	I appreciate the SPD and believe the officers should have access to the tools needed to enforce our laws in an effort to protect our community and themselves.

2025/06/20 11:54:27 AM MDT	I do not support the Police Department having any military equipment. The Department needs to be building trusting relationships with the communities it serves, not terrorizing them with equipment that would normally be found in a war zone. I see the increased militarization of police departments across the country as an extremely disturbing trend, especially in light of the many incidents of police violence the country has experienced and in light of the way that ICE, sometimes with police help, is currently terrorizing communities. I want to money that would be spent on military equipment to instead be spent
	on crisis intervention and gang mediation services. Before I came to Sacramento I worked with a program that did gang mediation in some of L.A.'s poorest communities and I saw the positive difference it made. As a now retired mental health provider, I know the benefit of having trained mental health staff available to respond to mental health crises. Again, please do not spend any City money on military equipment of any kind.
2025/06/20 11:55:16 AM MDT	Police should never use military equipment! That is why it is called Military Equipment.
2025/06/20 12:01:43 PM MDT	We support the military and police
2025/06/20 12:02:21 PM MDT	In favor of whatever is necessary to maintain order and deter rioting and looting
2025/06/20 12:04:27 PM MDT	Stop squandering taxpayer money to make us less safe. Our city is not a war zone and residents are not combatants. Chemical weapons harm indiscriminately and can kill people with asthma. Spend our money on deescalation training and proactively working in communities to identify and address issues before they escalate. Work with social services and mental health experts. The use of military equipment against our own people shows a careless attitude toward the people this department is supposed to protect. Do better.
2025/06/20 12:05:21 PM MDT	We need all the available equipment to manage the criminal activity in our City. What happened to our motorcyle police? We have no traffic control at all. A few several hundred dollar tickets would help curb this!
2025/06/20 12:11:31 PM MDT	It is very alarming to see how much the Sacramento Police Department spends on military equipment. I strongly believe that police departments should NOT be spending money on military equipment as they are not part of the military. Military equipment has no place in civilian life. Using military equipment not only degrades trust between the police and the community, but it makes the likelihood of lethal encounters between police and civilians more likely.
2025/06/20 12:17:52 PM MDT	Why does the city spend so much time and resources in unincorporated ares of the county? Does the county reimburse the City for such use of equipment and resources? If not, why not?
2025/06/20 12:28:47 PM MDT	Support Full MEU - stand behind all Law Enforcement- All Judges need to enforce and uphold the laws.

2025/06/20 12:32:52 PM MDT	Creating a survey with more questions and the options of multiple choice is helpful in gaining a wider response. The current set up requires a large effort to get involved and understand what is occurring and provide helpful feedback.
2025/06/20 12:36:05 PM MDT	NA
2025/06/20 12:37:56 PM MDT	Regular police shouldn't be using military grade anything, because they are not the military. Simple as that. Unfortunately, cops are already too heavy-handed when it comes to certain people, including the homeless. While the rest of the country and world looks at how deplorable the situation with police, ICE, and the military has become once again under our government "leadershipâ€⊋and how bad the relationship with the police and the public they're supposed to protect already is, I can't see how militarizing the local police force could even look good to anyone with any common sense.
2025/06/20 12:41:34 PM MDT	Demilitarize police
2025/06/20 12:45:13 PM MDT	Increasing police mitarization, especially when Sac pd is draining our city budget for unnecessary overtime that they can't justify, during a deficit, is highly disturbing to me as a Sacramento resident.
2025/06/20 12:46:58 PM MDT	Please purchase
2025/06/20 12:53:27 PM MDT	Let law enforcement decide what they need. They know better than any of us.
2025/06/20 1:03:38 PM MDT	No comments
2025/06/20 1:07:17 PM MDT	As a Vietnam Veteran I am against the use of military arms with the police. I feel they are only meant for maximum damage and their use around the public can be very dangerous. The only exception would be for a small group of specially trained personnel that have been thouroughly vetted on the proper and legal use of the weapons and have had extensive and regular background checks and complete psychological examinations. Weapons of war are for war not for regular police work. You would also need exceptional monitoring of the inventory and the access granted. Then you would need exceptional people to authorize their use. War is not a game and weapons of war are not toys.
2025/06/20 1:09:34 PM MDT	Use of military equipment by the police department has no purpose in our communities.
2025/06/20 1:13:52 PM MDT	I think drones should be used as a first response to citizen concerns. Drones can take photos at a site where complaints are being registered to establish whether police are needed and if so how many resources should be deployed.
2025/06/20 1:19:48 PM MDT	Local PD does not need military equipment. This is a waste of local funds.
2025/06/20 1:32:44 PM MDT	I don't have any problem with SPD using military equipment as needed.
2025/06/20 1:46:00 PM MDT	In support of whatever the department needs to keep up with technology.

cr p tr b	While I support transparency and accountability in law enforcement, I have concerns that Assembly Bill 481 places too much emphasis on administrative processes and reporting, rather than focusing on practical safeguards or training that could directly improve public safety outcomes. The intent is good, but the implementation may divert time and resources away from frontline policing and community engagement, without necessarily making anyone safer. Here are some suggestions from ChatGPT which I agree with:
si E: ye S e: cr E: tii C it F: w In re p A	Allow agencies to consolidate reporting for multiple equipment types into a single annual summary. Exempt unchanged equipment (in use for years without incident) from full yearly review unless a complaint or significant incident occurred. Shift the requirement toward **impact-based metrics**, such as how often equipment was used, whether its use de-escalated situations, and if complaints were resolved satisfactorily. Encourage simplified cost reporting (ranges or tiers) instead of detailed line-byine breakdowns. Categorize equipment (e.g., **high-risk vs. low-risk**) so that only higher-risk tems require full public hearings and detailed use policies. For routine, non-lethal tools, allow for administrative review and public posting without requiring a full vote. Integrate AB 481 requirements into **existing oversight bodies** (e.g., civilian review boards, public safety commissions) to avoid creating redundant processes. Allow for temporary, emergency-use exceptions where governing body approval is not practical in time-sensitive situations â€" with **after-action reporting** required afterward.
e	How does district 3 and 5 have the 2nd and 3rd highest use of military equipment with 0 reportable use of force incidents.
	'm also concerned with the increased usage of military equipment excluding drones) in 2025.
	Also the abundance of military equipment being used on African American residents is unacceptable.
D	want the sac PD to be ridding instead of p ur chasing military equipment.
2025/06/20 2:25:12 PM MDT A	Approve all use of military equipment to enforce laws and keep officers safe.

2025/06/20 2:25:14 PM MDT	Please Do Not permit millitary weapons in Sacramento. I genuinely don't even want guns to be in use but I know pacifism isn't exactly a popular opinion, but I'll voice that anyway. California does not need any more violence, we make enough of that as fiction in film and television. Do not allow Police access to an even wider range to inflict harm under the guise of protection than their place already grants. The world is dangerous enough for those in communities who are often seen as less-than by the ruling class, please use your seat of influence to practice understanding and grace all peoples with peace instead of threat of death. Please.
2025/06/20 2:30:20 PM MDT	I am generally opposed for police departments to use military equipment.
2025/06/20 2:32:20 PM MDT	I do not think military equipment should ever be used on civilians, and that violence should instead be prevented with better public policy that protect the people of Sacramento and promote the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness for our community members. If everyone had the resources they needed there would be no violence. Millitarized police forces only damage the community and lead to more violence. It promotes violence and is a misplacing of resources that drains the community.
2025/06/20 2:34:03 PM MDT	n
2025/06/20 2:36:51 PM MDT	Equipment needed to keep lots of people safe.
2025/06/20 2:38:55 PM MDT	I am opposed to any use of military equipment by Sacramento Police Department.
2025/06/20 2:39:00 PM MDT	I personally think it's a gross display of overt posturing for a police department to be militarized when they are not fighting a foreign enemy, yet claim to "serve and protect." It is antithetical yet extremely indicative of the true insidious nature of the police force's true intentions and mindset.
2025/06/20 2:48:06 PM MDT	I appreciate how the Police watch for our safety at protests and other events. I definitely would discourage the use of any military style weapons and enforcement which tends to increase problems. Police should always identify themselves and not use masks.
2025/06/20 2:57:27 PM MDT	page 39: Using drones to locate does not seem to be working, so why continue to invest in drones if 84% of the time, individuals were not located Clarify/reconcile the graph on page 32 that shows reportable use of force incidents, but number 8 on page 46 that says there were none
2025/06/20 3:07:49 PM MDT	Spend the money on de-escalation training and share resources with social workers who are trained to respond to domestic violence, child abuse, and housing issues. In this time of heightened government aggression; the SPD should be doing everything they can to communicate to the public that they are not a potential threat to communities.

2025/06/20 3:52:11 PM MDT	Give the police access to any military equipment they deem necessary. Bureaucrats have no business dictating what our field officers need.
2025/06/20 4:07:05 PM MDT	Local police should not be militarized and deploy equipment that will put local citizens under siege
2025/06/20 4:09:27 PM MDT	Military equipment has no reason to be implemented into local police forces.
2025/06/20 4:15:14 PM MDT	As a resident of Oak Park, the fact that you have military equipment at all horrifies me, and I think you should end all grant relationships with weapons manufacturers like Remotec under Northrop Grumman. If your goal is to reduce violence in our community, invest taxpayer money in de-escalation techniques and universal, unconditional access to basic necessities.
2025/06/20 4:25:17 PM MDT	As a Sacramento resident I would like to express my opposition to any procurement of military equipment for the police as well as using military force disproportionately against Black folks. We should not be using military equipment against our own citizens. The gross misuse of military equipment against citizens in Los Angeles is a sobering example of why this equipment should not be used by police forces. The racial disparities shown in the report (page 40) are extremely concerning and must be addressed.
2025/06/20 4:33:42 PM MDT	I do not approve of SPD using any military equipment whatsoever.
2025/06/20 4:54:24 PM MDT	There is no reason for police to have military grade weapons and vehicles
2025/06/20 5:21:19 PM MDT	None at this time
2025/06/20 5:22:34 PM MDT	I oppose military equipment and weapons of war being used to police our neighborhoods. The militarization of our police force must be reverted to stop the ever growing and present threat that we see everyday of cops treating citizens like the enemy and using weapons of war in their dealing with the public.
2025/06/20 5:24:10 PM MDT	I don't think that military vehicles and equipment bring a sense of safety to civilians.
2025/06/20 5:25:35 PM MDT	NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT for Sacramento police. PERIOD.
2025/06/20 5:48:23 PM MDT	If military equipment is necessary for public safety, then ir is acceptable.
2025/06/20 6:02:19 PM MDT	No military equipment should be used by the SPD.
2025/06/20 6:42:14 PM MDT	So much money is being wasted on weapons and supplies that are used to facilitate violence. When you have a hammer, everything looks like a nail. Defund the police and instead fund programs and services that allow all of us (including nonwhite people in overpoliced neighborhoods, and including our unhoused neighbors, and including people dealing with mental health issues) to thrive. DEFUND THE POLICE, STOP THROWING MONEY TO GET TOOLS OF VIOLENCE.

2025/06/20 6:54:31 PM MDT	Generally supportive
2025/06/20 7:09:25 PM MDT	I oppose any and all possession of, use of, purchase of, or acceptance by the Sacramento Police Department of military equipment. I also oppose the use of any monies or funds in any form currently budgeted for use, maintenance, and/or training, by the Sacramento Police Department for the use of military equipment. I also urge that any monies currently or at any future time considered for being allocated or intended for such uses as listed above re military equipment be instead directed into staff training and community support training in peaceful conflict resolution and restorative and preventive practices, as well as staff training and community activities directly related to implicit cultural, racial, ethnic, gender identification bias identification remediation, and that direct actions against bias by staff be required.
2025/06/20 9:00:10 PM MDT	I do not believe city police should have military equipment at all.
2025/06/20 9:25:24 PM MDT	No answer
2025/06/20 9:59:34 PM MDT	I do not support the use of military equipment by police departments. I think it is a waste of funds that could be better allocated elsewhere and I think it encourages the police to consider themselves a military force governing civilians rather than community support resources
2025/06/20 10:18:43 PM MDT	l'm against wasting taxpayer dollars on military equipment. It's not necessary and contributes to the mindset in our police force that they're some sort of occupying army rather than what they should be: compassionate, polite, and dedicated public servants.
2025/06/20 10:19:22 PM MDT	Sac PD should not be purchasing military grade equipment
2025/06/21 12:17:16 AM MDT	Section 1A of AB481 notes that military equipment is most often used by police in marginalized neighborhoods, specifically, neighborhoods of low income people of color. Based on this, I say, our police should NOT HAVE ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT AT ALL. That is, there is no need for us to be discussing how the police department should get this military equipment, since there should be NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AT ALL.
2025/06/21 5:20:52 AM MDT	The SPD should not be using, purchasing, training with any ex military hardware, software, or tactics. SPD is a public (not military) service. I am appalled and disgusted that the SPD would consider the use of ex military anything on their friends and neighbors. I do not support any ex military use in SPD.
2025/06/21 8:33:38 AM MDT	I am against the use of military equipment by Sac PD

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2025/06/21 9:04:49 AM MDT	I am opposed to the use of military equipment by police departments. The
	police are not a military force and shouldn't become more like one. Police are
	supposed to serve the community, not threaten the community. They are
	"peace officers."
2025/06/21 9:32:07 AM MDT	Surprised to see the number of semi-automatic rifles Sac PD has, and to me it
	seems like showing up with those sends a message that might up the ante for
	individuals that carry weapons. I hope these are not brought out regularly. Glad
	to see that Sac PD doesn't use a lot of military weapons generally.
2025/06/21 9:38:32 AM MDT	until the public is allowed to carry the same weapons, law enforcement should
	not be using military weapons. make it a fair playing field/
2025/06/21 12:16:21 PM MDT	I think the police should not use military equipment for any reason. I don't
	support any use.
2025/06/21 12:17:31 PM MDT	No military equipment or tactics! The city and county of Sacramento are not
	enemy combatants.
2025/06/21 2:24:51 PM MDT	If military equipment is needed, and I do not see a future where it is, then it
	needs to be overseen by governing bodies of California and not the federal
	government.
2025/06/21 3:28:30 PM MDT	Why does Sagv Police Dept need military equipment? Are they expecting more
	violence and anticipating usage? Will it encourage violence so they can use this
	equipment?
2025/06/21 4:12:47 PM MDT	No comment
2025/06/21 6:24:45 PM MDT	Protect us against paid protestors and antifa
2025/06/21 6:57:55 PM MDT	Giving a group where 40% are admitted domestic abusers a monopoly on
	violence is insane
2025/06/21 9:48:05 PM MDT	Please provide any equipment, including military, that the Police Department
	deems necessary to conduct their operations. This will keep both law-abiding
	citizens and Law Enforcement officers safe.
2025/06/22 12:46:49 PM MDT	It appears Sac PD is compliant with the law.
2025/06/22 2:58:30 PM MDT	I am very concerned about the use of military equipment in our neighborhoods
	given the mental health and substance abuse crises.
2025/06/22 5:40:26 PM MDT	I do not want our police department using any military equipment whatsoever.

2025/06/22 6:51:05 PM MDT	The presence of military equipment can create a perception of an occupying force rather than a community-oriented police department, eroding trust and cooperation. Studies suggest that the presence of military equipment can escalate situations and lead to more violence, both for officers and civilians. Some research indicates that military equipment provided to police departments has not been effective in reducing crime or improving safety.
	Critics argue that resources spent on military equipment could be better allocated to community-based initiatives, mental health services, or deescalation training.
	The acquisition of military equipment can blur the lines between policing and military operations, potentially leading to the use of force in situations where it is not appropriate.
2025/06/22 7:27:08 PM MDT	I completely disagree with our local police using military equipment! It is dangerous and not needed.
2025/06/22 8:09:38 PM MDT	you shouldn't have any military equipment. you are not the military and the residents of Sacramento are not enemy combatants.
2025/06/22 8:11:45 PM MDT	I think military equipment should not be used in city police work. It is intimidating, dangerous, and is more likely to escalate tensions.
2025/06/23 1:22:32 PM MDT	There is no proper use of military equipment or weapons in our cities and towns
2025/06/23 3:56:03 PM MDT	I support this
2025/06/23 4:43:39 PM MDT	I oppose SPD's use of military equipment. It is inappropriate and a waste of money.
2025/06/23 11:44:00 PM MDT	What do I think about the using military equipment? I think our Police department should use every resource it has access to. Anything that can help keep them safe should be utilized.
2025/06/24 2:35:25 PM MDT	Where is the evidence that any of this military equipment is necessary? The fact that police used this specialized equipment in the past does not mean that it is necessary or even useful. This equipment costs a ton of money that would be much better spent on social services to prevent crime.
2025/06/24 3:16:42 PM MDT	I am opposed to police using military weapons of any kind on civilians. The last thing we need is to further militarize the police. Quite frankly, what do the police in Sacramento even need military weapons for? They're not even using the military vehicle that they bought a couple of years ago. That \$430k could have been put to much better use.

2025/06/24 4:55:15 PM MDT	I believe that it is important to acquire equipment to replace aging existing equipment or to replace more lethal aspects of the job. I do not support anything being used without additional oversight, stringent testing and of course allowing this data to be made public at all government meetings.
2025/06/24 6:17:28 PM MDT	I do not support the use of military equipment by the Sacramento Police Department. MEU escalates violence by reinforcing a "citizen as threat" mindset and implementing excessive force that is not justified by officer safety concerns. SPD must commit to de-escalation tactics and uphold their mission to to work in partnership with the community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.
2025/06/24 8:28:14 PM MDT	The police are crucial first line of defense and need whatever they can to protect and serve.
2025/06/24 8:50:52 PM MDT	Approve this equipment, it's necessary to keep the public safe.
2025/06/24 9:27:56 PM MDT	I am against any use of military equipment or weapons in policing
2025/06/25 1:30:42 PM MDT	Military equipment does not belong in the community. I completely agree with the AB481 statement, "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."
2025/06/25 1:53:54 PM MDT	There is no reason not to have "military equipment" in SPD's inventory other than considerations of how often a piece of equipment will be used and the costs to acquire and maintain the equipment. Budget considerations cannot be ignored.
2025/06/28 5:31:20 PM MDT	Isn't military equipment used to kill people? Is this really what we need on our streets?
2025/07/01 1:49:35 PM MDT	Thank you for I put
2025/07/01 1:51:10 PM MDT	The less equipment the better. Provide for youth with this money!

2025/07/07 3:11:31 AM MDT	I support our officers access to whatever is needed to combat the elevated state of crime in our city and our nation. Bleeding hearts cripple officers with crybaby laws then turn around and want the officers held responsible for rising crime and criminals they can't touch, literally and figuratively. POLICE HAVE TASERS WHILE CRIMINALS ARE ARMED WITH MILITARY WEAPONS. It takes violence to fight violence and Sacramento Officers need to be properly armed and Protected because the streets in the USA are war zones.
2025/07/07 6:43:58 PM MDT	I fully support the Sacramento Police Department's Military Equipment Use Policy. The residents of Sacramento deserve a clean, safe, and well-protected city. Achieving this requires a police department that is properly trained, adequately equipped, and sufficiently funded. Outdated or non-functional equipment compromises both officer and public safety. It is essential that our officers have access to reliable, modern tools that support sound decision-making and effective public service. Please ensure they are equipped to protect and serve our community safely and responsibly.
2025/07/07 6:44:04 PM MDT	I support this proposal and our city's leadership in joining to back our police force in keeping our city safe by any measure.
2025/07/07 6:46:40 PM MDT	I 100% support police to have the equipment they need to save victims in dangerous moments. And yes, they should have all the tools they need to do this.
2025/07/07 6:46:50 PM MDT	If our officers didn't have access to proper de-escalation tools, what would they be left with—lethal force as the only option? That's not acceptable for our community or for officer safety. The Sacramento Police Department deserves to have the equipment they request in order to effectively and safely do their jobs. Labeling these tools as "military equipment‹s misleading. Much of this equipment is specifically designed for modern law enforcement use—not the military. It supports safer outcomes for both officers and the public. Let's ensure our department is equipped with the tools necessary to protect and serve responsibly.
2025/07/07 6:52:39 PM MDT	Our peace officers deserve the support of our city and proper funding. Even ppl who say "defund the policeâ€æall when they are in trouble. If our officers are not allowed to protect us then who will be there? Stop listening to idiots who hate police and then whine when they ask for them but the resources are not there. It's crazy.
2025/07/07 6:53:17 PM MDT	I support law enforcment and their use of all safety equipment including the equipment provided by surplus military sales. As the staffing numbers in the department decrease the use of technology and equipment will need to increase. Thank you.

2025/07/07 7:12:21 PM MDT	I support the police having and using Military Equipment. It's necessary for
	officers to be able to return home safely every day
2025/07/08 11:21:39 AM MDT	Stop calling it military equipment. It's law enforcement equipment. It's needed
	to protect the officers and the community.
2025/07/09 10:22:56 AM MDT	Stop the woke nonsense about police and SUPPORT THEM!
2025/07/09 10:24:18 AM MDT	l'm low income. I'm brown. I want police to show up and protect my family.
2025/07/14 1:09:26 PM MDT	I think SPD and other depts. must have the best and most sophisticated military
	grade equipment available to them .
2025/07/14 10:02:26 PM MDT	I strongly support Sacramento Police use of Military Equipment. It saves lives!
2025/07/15 6:18:04 PM MDT	"Sacramento" PD reveals its true purpose when it storms our communities with
	the same technology used by the American military's occupying forces.
2025/07/15 7:31:29 PM MDT	Took down blm now take down these ice protesters
2025/07/15 10:52:49 PM MDT	I believe there are better ways to protect our city than to acquire military
	hardware.
2025/07/15 10:54:03 PM MDT	Military hardware should not be used for civilian law enforcement
2025/07/16 1:58:08 PM MDT	Please don't militarize it does not work, learn from Baltimore's recent and
	massive success
2025/07/16 6:04:50 PM MDT	those pigs don't need more toys