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Honorable Mayor and Council Members.

I am very grateful to MVPD for all they do for Mountain View's safety but many of the military equipment listed in the ordinance and policy seem completely unnecessary in civilian life.

I hope you will use the discretion the law gives you to remove from the potential use policy any equipment not currently owned by MVPD (e.g. "Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind." , "Taser Shockwave, microwave weapons, water cannons, and the Long-Range Acoustic Device (LRAD). " ).

I hope you will use your discretion to also curb the potential use of chemical weapons (tear gas), a military weapon so barbaric that it was prohibited for use in war by both the [Geneva Protocol](#) and [Chemical Weapons Convention](#).  
see: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/why-are-police-using-a-world-war-i-era-chemical-weapon-on-civilians/>

Sincerely,

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