
From: Sarah Townsend
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 10:20 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Re: Public Comment for Item 4.1

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Hi all,

Thanks again Councilmember Ramirez for your guidance! Here is my comment:

“Good evening. I would like to express my concern and disappointment with the unanimous decision to approve the first reading of AB 481. While most sectors are facing budget cuts, it is in my opinion irresponsible and shameful to allocate nearly \$400,000 to a vehicle that is, according to the police department’s annual report, not likely to be used in the next year. I am worried. Not only am I worried about the marginalized communities that are being impacted by the nationwide reducing of resources, I’m also worried about the future generations of law enforcement, when it becomes completely normalized to have military grade equipment and how they’re going to handle that responsibility. I’m worried about the lines blurring between military officials and police officers. While you may think you’re equipping the community with lifeboats, public safety in the hands of the few continually proves to be an ineffective model across this country. Community based systems of safety are the most effective way to not only ensure safety for the most marginalized, but also meaningfully put the power and agency back into the hands of the community. Thank you for your time.”

Please let me know any other information needed from me. Thanks again!

Best,
Sarah Townsend-Handley

> On May 27, 2025, at 9:51 AM, Sarah Townsend <sarahtownsendhandley@gmail.com> wrote:

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