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Dear City Manager and City Council,

I seriously question the need for the Palo Alto police department to procure military equipment. Police officers are NOT the army or other branch of the military. Palo Alto seems to be going in a wrong headed direction. Mountain View has a new appropriate device for ACTUAL less lethal equipment.

I don't recall the exact name of the device, but it shoots out a net-like cord, that can wrap around a suspects legs - also can pin/tie his/her arms to their side: essentially immobilize a suspect with out injury.

This Palo Alto P.D. military equipment request looks like the police are planning to go to war against the citizens of Palo Alto. This request for Military Equipment should be denied. It is also costly, has high maintenance costs, and sends the wrong message to our community. It says, the P.D. doesn't trust the community. I was under the impression that the P.D. wanted to build trust between the P.D. and Palo Alto residents: please deny the military equipment request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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