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To:	Young, Victor (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Rules Committee Military Equipment Policy agenda item: File number 220641 testimony for October 31, 2022 .
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Dear members of the Rules Committee:

I have some additional comments and suggestions based on the latest formation obtained from the agenda materials for this meeting.

I do not see any written response from the Police Department to the questions raised by Supervisor Peskin in his annotated draft. Specifically, under F(7) and G (7), there are four tactical orders 11-02, 21-02, 21-01 and 04-03 which may or may not be public
It is important for the public to have some way to see the Police Department responses to these questions. These orders should be made public. They would explain how these weapons are used.

I note that the Sheriff's Department has not submitted its equipment ordinance yet. I stated before that it would be good to review and approve these two ordinances together.

I now want to turn to the most critical concerns I have about this ordinance.

Please look to other jurisdictions in the Bay Area that have better definitions defining authorized use. It needs to be clear and understandable for the public to know what is allowed and under what circumstances. The city has had a problem with use of force issues. Please make sure this policy contains specific language about use of force, what is lethal force.

I have written previously about a provision for private right of action to add another layer of accountability. I do not see this being discussed in the Committee. So, there is another way to approach this subject.

The Supervisors have a lot of oversight in the budget process. Please set up the annual report cycle under this ordinance with the Police Department budget cycle. San Francisco could establish this by setting the first report date to coincide with the budget deadline of March 1, 2023 for next fiscal year. The Police Department will have time to hold its required public hearing. The Board will be reviewing expenditures in the report at the same time as the Police Budget. It's a good time to make adjustments.

Berkeley and Oakland required early reports so they could make sure they were getting a good reporting system. Supervisor Chan had concerns about what would be included in the annual report. Getting the first report set up in the budget cycle provides an opportunity for early corrections of the content that may be desired by the Board and requested by the public.

The current draft anticipates automatic restocking of items if there was an unexpected reduction in stock. This provision does not appear to meet the requirements of the State law. One can imagine the types of situations that would deplete equipment stock. As a citizen, I want more scrutiny not less in such situations and the Board should want more scrutiny and transparency too.

Please take the time to pass the strongest and best ordinance to fulfill your oversight and accountability functions for us San Franciscans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Subject:	Military Equipment Policy: File Number 220641
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Dear Supervisor Peskin:

It was disappointing at the last Rules Committee meeting not to have a complete response from the Police Department to the questions and comments on this ordinance. Can you please make their response and any revised ordinance available to the public as soon as these documents are in hand prior to the November 7 hearing. Those of us in the community who are following this are trying to ensure that the final ordinance meets the state law requirements and that it meets San Francisco standards for protecting the public's civil rights.

My previous emails have offered a number of proposals that could make this a better more accountable ordinance. I hope you will consider including them and will at least address them at the Rules Committee next Monday.

Thank you.

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