

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 4**

**SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - ACCEPT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE ARTICLE LXIV SECTION 955 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481). Codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075, AB 481 requires the governing body of a law enforcement agency to annually renew approval of a military equipment use policy for such equipment to be requested, acquired, or deployed by the agency. On May 10, 2022 (1), and annually thereafter, the Board of Supervisors has approved and adopted the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office Bureau of Investigation Military Equipment Use Policy (Policy) under Article LXIV Section 955 of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Ordinance 10789).

Government Code 7072 also requires law enforcement agencies to present an annual report to their governing body on the use of the equipment, complaints, or concerns regarding the use of the equipment, results of any internal audits on the use of the equipment, the annual costs for the equipment, the quantity possessed by the agency, and the intent to purchase additional equipment in the following year.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to accept the San Diego District Attorney’s Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report (Report), determine that each type of equipment has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d), and to review and renew Ordinance 10789 relating to the Military Equipment Use Policy in compliance with AB 481.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Accept and file the San Diego District Attorney’s Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report per Government Code section 7071(d) and determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).
2. Review and renew Ordinance 10789:  
AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE LXIV TITLED DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND NEW SECTION 955 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office seeks to ensure an equitable and transparent justice system for all San Diego communities. To advance fairness and equity, the District Attorney's Office is committed to gathering community input, while simultaneously assessing current and emerging public safety risks and needs when making decisions regarding the use, procurement, and funding of state defined military equipment. As part of the District Attorney's ongoing dedication to public safety, the actions in this Board Letter would provide local law enforcement services to facilitate equitable outcomes throughout San Diego communities by protecting human rights, liberties, and security of all residents.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of community engagement and safety. Investing in local law enforcement services and equipment enables a local and coordinated response, bringing critical incidents to a prompt and safe resolution while safeguarding public safety. Investments in local resources also enhance investigative support services and the overall prosecutorial process. To prevent, prosecute, and protect San Diego communities from harm, the District Attorney's Office's use of local resources and equipment not only increases organizational capacity, but it leads to positive social and economic enhancements contributing to overall regional sustainability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to receive and consider approving the San Diego County District Attorney's Annual Military Equipment Report related to Government Code section 7071(d). There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed  
by Andrew Potter



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