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Sheila de la Guerra **Public Comment**



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**To:** sbcob; Das Williams; Joan Hartmann; Laura Capps; Bob Nelson; Steve Lavagnino  
**Subject:** Supervisors, please hold off on approving A-40: \$2 million to purchase Conducted Energy Weapon (taser 10) for Sheriffs Department.

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1. Dear SB County Supervisors:

I noticed your agenda for Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, includes the Sheriff's request (A-40, page 27) for over \$2 million to purchase the Axon Enterprises Taser 10 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW).

**Before approving this expenditure, I urge you to instruct county staff to investigate, research and produce a thorough report on CEW equipment--if such a report has not already been produced.**

Due to controversy surrounding use of force in county jails, your ongoing discussions with the League of Women Voters and Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice about the Grand Jury reports, as well as the case (see below) involving a Raleigh man dying from cardiac arrest in June, 2023, following police use of a CEW, I would urge you to **hold off on approving this expenditure until you and the public have ample information on the specialized training officers would receive, the potential for long-term effects from use of a CEW on vulnerable populations and the compelling need for CEW equipment.**

Scroll for more--and thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Marcy Winograd, Santa Barbara resident

A-40 Sheriff-Coroner Office

For the purchase of the Axon Enterprises Taser 10 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) less-lethal tool, pursuant to County Code Section 2-39 authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase this equipment as a sole source procurement without being required to conduct a formal bid process;

**b) Approve and Authorize the Sheriff, or designee, to execute an Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase Taser equipment for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,063,102.00;**

1. (prnewswire)

The TASER 10 is a two-probe-connect energy weapon. The first trigger pull discharges a single probe without electrical output and the second trigger pull discharges a second probe to create neuromuscular incapacitation (NMI).

Since the projectiles are expelled by the action of an explosive, the weapon is a firearm under 18 U.S.C.

Police face new scrutiny for use of tasers after deadly incidents. (PBS.org)