

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yadi  
**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2023 03:57 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** OPPOSED of LAPD acquisition of killer robot or use of killer robot in Los Angeles. Where is AB 481 compliance?

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** DECLINE the acceptance of a donation of a Quadruped Unmanned Ground Vehicle, named SPOT, colloquially referred to as a robot dog, valued at \$277,917.80, for the LAPD's Metropolitan Division from the Los Angeles Police Foundation. This is military surveillance equipment that has been tried and rejected by community members in New York City. LAPD should not be allowed to repeat this experiment on the communities here in Los Angeles. This tech is going to be targeting communities of color and we've seen this all play out with LAPD's acquisition of drone technology. Over one-third of instances of drone use by SWAT were in predominantly Black and Brown communities policed by 77th Division; 11.9 square miles of land already heavily occupied and surveilled by police from the ground and air. These are the communities where LAPD wants to keep using drones, and experiment with quadruped unmanned robotic devices like SPOT as well. Additionally, there's a history of the LA Police Foundation donating toys for LAPD to experiment on communities. Body Worn Video was originally a donation tested on the Skid Row Community. These donations inevitably become permanent line items. Since they were initially donated, LAPD has received over \$67M for body worn video devices. The donations provided permanent footholds in the ever-expanding LAPD budget. Body-Worn-Video (BWV) arrived in LAPD as a \$1.5 million donation. After experimenting with the technology in the community of Skid Row, LAPD expanded use of the cameras to every department. Today over \$68M of the city's budget has been spent on BWV since the original donation, though the cameras have yet to benefit community members, decrease LAPD corruption or violence, or "hold police accountable." With Palantir, an extensive data-mining platform that LAPD used for 12 years to run automated profiling, heat maps, AI models, and other search tools, the original product was a donation for \$200,000 solicited by LAPD through the Los Angeles Police Foundation. This donation was used to create hit lists of people and places for LAPD to target primarily in Black, brown, and poor neighborhoods. The software did not increase community safety, nor serve to stabilize communities, but instead was used to traumatize and criminalize. At least \$12.5 million of the city budget was spent on Palantir before it was discontinued in 2020.

REJECT LAPD's acquisition of this military robot.

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**Name:** Elly  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** May you please reject the donation

## **Communication from Public**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This would be very dangerous and almost unethical