OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

November 17, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AMEND SECTION TITLE 13 – PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE BY RENEWING CHAPTER 13.200 OF THE COUNTY CODE TO ADOPT A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7071(e) (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) requests the Board amend Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code by renewing Chapter 13.200 to adopt a Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code section 7071(e).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve for introduction an ordinance amending Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare by renewing Chapter 13.200 to adopt a Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code section 7071(e) (attached to this transmittal).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

California State Assembly Bill (AB) 481 (codified at Government Code sections 7070-7075) established requirements for the acquisition and use of military equipment by law enforcement and state agencies. Specifically, the law requires that law enforcement agencies create, and annually update, their Military Equipment Use Policy (Policy) with the approval of their governing body. Once the Policy is established, it must be posted

on the Department website, and the Department must submit an annual report (Report) regarding the use and inventory of the equipment.

The AB 481 requires the Department to adopt and obtain Board approval of a Policy via an ordinance which adopts the Policy and makes certain required findings.

On or about June 6, 2023, the Department publicly posted its proposed Policy and military equipment inventory list on its website, along with a dedicated email address to which the public may submit comments and/or concerns. At that time, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) were both advised of the proposed Policy and inventory list, which were modeled on policies and ordinances from other municipalities that complied with the requirements of AB 481.

On April 9, 2024, the Board made the required findings and approved the Policy via Ordinance Number 224-0016 (Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code, adding Chapter 13.200 Division 14 [effective May 9, 2024]) adopting the Department's Policy.

In 2025, the Department began its annually required renewal process. On or about July 30, 2025, the Department publicly posted its 2024 Report on its website in accordance with Government Code section 7072, and a public meeting was held on August 26, 2025. The 2024 Report was submitted to the Board via Board letter. On December 2, 2025, the Board made the required findings, approved the Policy via Ordinance Number 2025-0061 (amending Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare by renewing Chapter 13.200 Division 14) adopting the Department's Policy, and renewing the ordinance adopting the Policy.

On or about July 14, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code, and in anticipation of seeking the annual ordinance renewal, the Department publicly posted its 2025 Report on its website. A community meeting was advertised and held on July 22, 2026, at which the public was given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions of the Department regarding its 2025 Report and the Department's acquisition, funding, and use of military equipment over the last year.

On August 18, 2026, the Department transmitted a letter to the Board requesting to review and file the 2025 Report.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request conforms to the County's Strategic Plan's North Stars that were carried forward from the 2024-2030 strategic plan, which represents the County's commitment to its constituents, the community, and County government.

Goal North Star 3: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal G. - Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy i. - Maximize Revenue: Implement Processes to Systematically Leverage Resources to Help Fund County Initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department maintains a Police Training-Ammunition and Weapons budget to maintain and store weapons, ordinance, and ammunition. Actual expenditures will be incurred on an as-needed basis, and allocations will be made to the Department's operating budget to meet the anticipated need each fiscal year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The AB 481 requires a law enforcement agency to create a military equipment policy and obtain approval of that policy by its governing body by the adoption of the policy via ordinance. The governing body's approval and adoption of a Policy via ordinance is required prior to the law enforcement agency taking certain actions relating the funding, acquisition, or use of "military equipment," as well as continued use of such equipment.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 7071(e), the governing body must annually review the ordinance and Policy based on an annual military equipment report prepared by the law enforcement agency and vote whether to renew the ordinance approving and adopting the Policy.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department to comply with AB 481 requirements. No other County departments are impacted by this request.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return a certified copy of the adopted Board letter and two original signed ordinances to the Office of Constitutional Policing.

Sincerely,

R. Luna

ROBERT G. LUNA
SHERIFF

OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY
COUNSEL

County of Los Angeles

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September 14, 2026

Honorable Sheriff Robert G. Luna
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Ordinance Renewing Title 13 of the Los Angeles County Code

Dear Sheriff Luna:

Enclosed please find an ordinance renewing Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare – Chapter 13.200, Division 14 of the Los Angeles County Code. This ordinance seeks approval of the Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code section 7071.

The analysis and ordinance may be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

Very truly yours,

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APPROVED AND RELEASED:

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ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, by renewing Chapter 13.200, Division 14 of the Los Angeles County Code. Government Code section 7071 requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval of the governing body through the adoption of an ordinance before engaging in certain activities relating to certain military equipment. On December 9, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 2025-0061, which amended Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare by adding Chapter 13.200 Division 14. Pursuant to Government Code section 7071(e), and Los Angeles County Code Section 13.200.010(E), the Board of Supervisors shall on an annual basis and at a regular meeting thereof review this Chapter and vote on whether to renew. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department wishes to obtain approval of its Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Government Code section 7071 through the adoption of this ordinance.

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Requested: 8/5/26
Revised: 9/1/26

ORDINANCE NO._____

An ordinance amending Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code, by renewing Chapter 13.200, Division 14 of the Los Angeles County Code. Government Code section 7071 requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval of the governing body through the adoption of an ordinance before engaging in certain activities relating to certain military equipment.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13.200.010 is hereby renewed to read as follows:

13.200.010 Military Equipment Use.

A. Pursuant to Government Code section 7071, this Board approves and adopts the Sheriff's AB 481 Military Equipment Use Policy, reviewed by the Board and located on the Sheriff's public website (https://lasd.org/transparency/ab481/). The Military Equipment Use Policy has been publicly available on the Sheriff's website for at least 30 days prior to public hearing concerning the military equipment at issue.

B. The Board of Supervisors finds and declares as follows:

1. The equipment listed in the Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

2. The Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties.

3. Purchase of the equipment listed in the Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy will be reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.

4. The Sheriff has taken action to remedy any nonconforming uses and ensure that any future use of military equipment will comply with the Military Equipment Use Policy.

5. The Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy shall be made publicly available on the Sheriff's website for as long as the military equipment is available for use or as otherwise ordained by the Board.

C. The Sheriff shall submit an annual military equipment report to the Board containing the information required by Government Code section 7072 and the Board shall thereafter determine whether each type of military equipment identified therein has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).

D. The Board shall on an annual basis and at a regular meeting thereof review this Chapter and vote on whether to renew pursuant to Government Code section 7071 (e).

E. The definitions set forth in Government Code section 7070 shall apply to this Chapter. Any provision of state law referred to herein shall mean and include any amended or successor provision thereof.

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