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From: Daniel James
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2026 3:37 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: No to Drones. No to Robots. No More Surveillance!

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Pasadena, California 91104

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From: Alexis Luna-Reyes <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Ivonne Martinez

Lancaster, California 93534

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Elizabeth Zamora

Pasadena, California 91104

Sabha, Tamer

From: Daniel James
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2026 9:17 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Public comment on Public Safety Committee meeting, Sept. 16, 2026, agenda item 2

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Correction: in the paragraph starting with "Third, as a resident in the city", the paragraph was missing the word "not" and should read as follows:

Third, as a resident in the city, I do **not** support the use of Drones as First Responders. The ability for their misuse and abuse is exceedingly high, and they will add to the nuisance of yet more PPD vehicles hovering over our neighborhoods.

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Daniel James (he/him)

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On Sep 12, 2026, at 21:02, Daniel James <daniel@thzinc.com> wrote:

Committee,

I am very concerned about the two draft policies for PPD: so-called "Energy Assisted Breaching" and expanded UAS/drone policies.

Regarding "Energy Assisted Breaching," has PPD presented any justification for the need to maintain an inventory of explosives and trained blasting personnel? Has our SWAT team been defeated or otherwise diminished because the department does not currently have the ability to use explosives to blow holes in walls? Has the "lock defeating rounds and breaching shotgun" that the department already possesses proven ineffective? (Notably, it was reported to not have been used in the 2025-2026 Annual Military Equipment Report.)

The euphemistic "Energy Assisted Breaching" is a term that conceals the department's intent to handle a new class of dangerous explosives. I do not feel safer with a police department authorized to use more explosives than they already possess authorization to use.

Committee, please use your seats of power to at least demand justification for this inherently-dangerous and expensive authorization.

Regarding the expanded UAS/drone policies, there are several unanswered questions about the new policy.

First, is the existing policy 408.4.4 that is written to scope the UAS authorization to SWAT alone being deprecated or changed as a result of the new draft policy 622?

Second, is the intent of the new draft policy 622 intended to broaden the authorized operators within PPD beyond just SWAT? If so, this is a big expansion of authorization and enables lesser-trained members of the agency to use and access these systems.

Third, as a resident in the city, I do support the use of Drones as First Responders. The ability for their misuse and abuse is exceedingly high, and they will add to the nuisance of yet more PPD vehicles hovering over our neighborhoods.

Fourth, the list of permitted missions for UAS deployments include "Project planning and threat assessment imaging of infrastructure and facilities" and "Mapping critical infrastructure" which are concerns outside of the police department and likely better served by the Department of Public Works, or another adjacent city department.

Fifth, the paragraph describing how the department may deploy UAS for some events, parades, etc., but limits itself when deploying over "First Amendment-protected activity" is a weird way to suggest that the First Amendment somehow doesn't apply equally to events. If this policy is to stand at all, the stricter policy regarding First Amendment-protected activity should be the standard for deployment, regardless of the type of event.

I firmly oppose draft policy 622 and its significant expansion of PPD's use of drones.

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Pasadena doesn't need more expensive surveillance & police tech. Stop this nonsensical spending!

From Elizabeth Walcher <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Sun 9/13/2026 9:45 AM

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I also oppose the purchase of a robot for PPD for so many reasons. There is no world in which Pasadena—a relatively crime-free city—needs one of these robots. I find the robots disturbing due to their inability to be shut off by a layperson, and their incredibly high potential for misuse. And after the shenanigans earlier this year with PPD officers “fooling around” with firearms and shooting each other, I don’t believe they can be trusted with this sort of powerful technology. I’m not even sure they can be trusted with regular guns.

Is the future you want to see in Pasadena one in which we are afraid of our police state? That’s not how I want to live. No more surveillance! No Drone as First Responder or expansion of surveillance in Pasadena!

Elizabeth Walcher

Pasadena, California 91107

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From Jackeline Trujillo <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Sun 9/13/2026 12:23 PM

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From aline baghdjian <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Mon 9/14/2026 8:10 AM

To PublicComment-AutoResponse <correspondence@cityofpasadena.net>

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From: Pasadena Privacy
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2026 1:42 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Fw: AB 481 - No Drones No Robots - Public Safety Committee Comment

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Thank you,

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CC: CPOC@cityofpasadena.net <CPOC@cityofpasadena.net>

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> The same with the robot - the public has no idea from the report or any CPOC materials, what is being considered. Enough with the secrecy.

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