

Hello!

I wanted to first thank you for your dedication to service, your time and your consideration. I am writing in regards to several items.

Regarding LC 742; there is a reason that chemical weapons have been outlawed in the theater of war for 95 years now. They are indiscriminate, inhumane and have no place in domestic law enforcement arsenal. This holds true whether you are considering projectile style tear gas munitions or handheld pepper spray devices. Except being outlawed in war, these points hold true for sounds devices used as crowd control. In recent weeks, City of Portland Police and Federal Law enforcement officers have shown and proved that these types of weapons cannot be used in any kind of responsible manner to keep peace.

LC 743; It is essential that the public be able to identify peace officers regardless of their jurisdiction. Again in recent weeks city, county, state and national peace officers have assaulted civilians, members of local, national and international press with out recourse or repercussions because they are unable to be identified. Because of this, no public record of use of force can be generated or tied to individual officers for disciplinary or simple record keeping measures.

LC 745; There is no reason for any peace officer to ever escalate physical force to impede breathing or blood flow; This can create dangerously incapacitated victims of police violence.

LC 761 Deadly force should never be in the metric of decision making for peace officers.

LC 762 Misconduct and discipline records of public safety employees, whether that be Fire, EMT, building inspectors or peace officers needs to be of public record. Without this level of transparency, there can not be the progress within departments that are wrought with violations and employees that are more a danger to public safety than keepers of it.

LC 763: Any use of force by peace officers needs to be made and kept in record. This is as much for the safety of peace officers as the public at large.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. I've been a law enforcement officer myself and know that there are better, more humane and compassionate ways to treat people and address the roots of criminality and these bills are a good start to that process.

Thank you,

-Paul Buchanan