

Public Comment 9/12/17 Bill Graham Auditorium

Unidentified made comments towards Chief Scott. She stated the chief promised accountable and reform. Wants input from community. Also made references towards implicit bias and wants to make it a priority before thinking about Tasers.

Unidentified doesn't want the commission to vote on Tasers. Her son was murdered by Tasers and made comments about the criminal justice system and how Tasers are used in jails. Doesn't want officers to have another weapon.

Unidentified said that the only pro Taser people in the group were white. The only person of color in this group who was pro Taser is that way only because he was tased and lived. He also stated that Tasers are not nonlethal. He continued to state that Tasers cost is too high.

Coleen is a social worker. Stated that she speaks for her clients of mental health. Stated that Tasers are going to be introduced in non-deadly situations and will cause a death.

Unidentified speaker on a working group to eliminate bias. In 15 months SFPD pointed firearms 3100 times and 50% of the time it was at black people. Stated we need to eliminate bias first. Also stated that Tasers fail and they are torture. We need to build trust with the community.

Unidentified said citizens of San Francisco do not want an orderly process for the Taser discussion. He believes citizens do not want Tasers. We need a better process.

Unidentified wants the Taser money to be given to nonprofits. Doesn't want SFPD to have another weapon

Unidentified believes that this is not a race issue and wants officers to be armed with Tasers.

Unidentified stated that Tasers do not work out of the box. She continued to say that the money should be used for other things such as health care.

Javier Mendoza criticized the SFPD cultural. He also criticized the policy for Tasers. He stated that if Tasers are used for it will hurt the trust of the community

Alexander from the Democratic Socialist Club of America called the Tasers weapons and stated that Tasers kill. He asked if the new Tasers are safe for the Officers.

Unidentified from the Democratic Socialist Club of America stated that a Houston officer is suing Tasers. Officers won't use Tasers in situations where a firearm can be used. She continued to say that Tasers will create hostile situations in the community.

Heath stated that he has liver disease that can cause confusion. He is scared to call the police because of how they handle people in crisis. He believes mental health professionals should respond with the police.

Tyler from the Democratic Socialist Club of America stated that Tasers are used more on people of color and in mental health crisis. He continued to say that Tasers are torture weapons.

Alex from the Democratic Socialist Club of America stated he opposes Tasers because of the mental health problem. He continued to say we should have unarmed officers.

David from the Coalition of Homelessness stated that SFPD should not have Tasers. He said that Tasers are meant to bring people down

Ryan from the tenderloin stated that SFPD kill more people of color than white supremacist. We do not need more weapons in officer's hands.

Starchild stated that SFPD should investigate more crime instead of coming to this meeting. Starchild also mentioned that he was not aware of other meetings and that SFPD should not have Tasers

Rodney said that he loves the police and that the police needs to gain the trust of the community. He also stated that the police need to be properly trained before deploying Tasers

Jennifer Friedenbach from the Coalition on Homelessness stated that the cost of Tasers is a tremendous.

Jeremy stated that taters kill a large number of people it's used on. He continued by stating tasers can light people on fire. He stated that the process doesn't respect the people.

Gill Gonzalez rejects Tasers because of the militarization of police. He also stated the money on Tasers should be used towards education.

Trevor Martin stated that he does not trust the police or the process. He thinks that the policy is subjective. He also thinks Tasers murder, and 1 in 4 of the people murdered have mental health problems.

Unidentified said because he is white he would have to try to be shot by the SFPD. He will take this issue of Tasers to the board of supervisors.

Andrew stated that attempting to get Tasers hurts the trust of the community.

Unidentified called Tasers a deadly weapon and it increases officer involved shootings. She also said the money should be used for other things.

Unidentified said that the policy is racist.

Unidentified said that SFPD cannot control their own members and he cannot trust the officers with Tasers. He wanted to know why the policy is already being worked on.

Unidentified said the process is rigged and the decision is already made. She believes that the Mayor and POA are behind this process.

Rebecca stated that she works with people in crisis, and Tasers are going to be used to dehumanize people. She also stated that Tasers are meant to kill.

Unidentified said he is scared that a Taser will be used on him.

Kelly Cutler from the Coalition of Homelessness said that Tasers can kill vulnerable people. She also said that Tasers throw officers under the bus.

Unidentified said he is providing a message of hope and wanted people to watch a movie called "Killing them Safely"

Unidentified asked a question of the attendees: Does knowing that you might get tased help you feel more comfortable and safe around the police?