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Dear Supervisors, ... from Web

Dear Supervisors,

I am horrified by the announcement of the Sheriff's department's wish (threat! to buy its own LRAD 100. Anna Marie Stenberg's letter (below) fully expresses my reservations.

Liz Helenchild, Mendocino

Dear Supervisor

I request that item 4 g be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the Agenda for public discussion. I have done a lot of research on the LRAD 100. I have included below, links to some of the many articles I have read.

One of LRADs main uses is crowd control. I know Sheriff Allman states that he will not use it for crowd control and I trust him to keep his word. But Sheriff Allman will not always be Sheriff.

LRAD 100x sound can be project at 137 db over 600 meters. Used as crowd control, besides the danger of permanent hearing loss there is also the issue of abridgement of First amendment rights. There are many examples of innocent people being harmed by this weapon. It has been used in the G8 protest, NYC, Ferguson, Philly and Standing Rock to name a few. There are also a number of lawsuits for the physical damage and for determent of First Amendment Rights caused by the LRAD.

Redwood Summer was a peaceful gathering of thousands here in Mendocino County. I can't imagine what would have happened if the LRAD would have been available for use by law enforcement.

I am very concerned that Mendocino County would have this weapon in it's arsenal. I don't believe that the pros beat the cons.

Anna Marie Stenberg

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