



Democratic Central Committee of Santa Cruz County
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Mr. Don Lane
Mayor
City of Santa Cruz, California

Dear Don,

We would like to let you know that the **Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee** approved the following motion on the acquisition of the BEARCAT at our General Meeting on February 25. The motion was put forward by SCCDCC member Ron Pomerantz, representative of the People's Democratic Club.

In order to help encourage, develop, and implement policies that prevent military equipment from flowing into law enforcement agencies throughout Santa Cruz County, we move:

That the Santa Cruz City Council's approval of the BEARCAT's (Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck from the Department of Homeland Security) purchase be brought back to the Council for reconsideration, and staff be directed to bring back alternative proposals for rescue vehicles that are less militarized for Council approval.

Additionally that there be a binding City policy for grant applications and their acceptance that ensures timeliness, transparency, and full public disclosure and input.

During discussion of the motion, many members also wanted to express that we continue to support the SC Police Department and their development of community policing practices.

We certainly hope that you will take our motion into consideration in your deliberations on this contentious issue.

Sincerely,

Deborah Luhrman

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Chair, Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee