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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

In how to consider, new contract agreements, with Axon.

It must be noted, that Axon, is now monopolizing, both, the body camera and taser industry.

I feel, a combination of events, happened in San Jose, between 2018 and 2020, that may or may not, have contributed to, a dramatic rise, in taser use, and other tech. equipment, by SJPD.

One, is that possibly, some sort of agreement was reached - that transferred more taser use, to the SJPD, in order to somehow placate, sj park rangers, who were demanding, their own, stronger law enforcement equipment, in 2018.

Another part, to this story, is a massive buildup, of new technology tools, during the summer of 2019, as SJPD, simply may have been preparing for, a large diaster event, like the Covid-19 pandemic, of 2020.

I hope, we are at a time, to see the potential end, of Covid-19, in a few years.

I hope, we can consider, how to lessen, the demand & need, of more law enforcement equipment.

To also note, Axon, trying to protect police privacy, is offering an important role, to help POA's, make body camera footage, more inaccessible, to everyday persons, in their court trials and litigation needs.

There is now, the added condition, that body cameras, may pose a serious health risk, to the future of police officers.

This can lead to, bad police officer decision making, on the street.

And may limit, the ideas of long-term community sustainability, promised by, body camera openness and accessibility.

Better public accessibility, and police health, is going to have to be, much considered, in the next 5 years.

And is part of current ideas, of police health monitoring & checks, in city council agendas across the country, at this time.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman