

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-2026D

**ASSEMBLY BILL 481
AUTHORIZING MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Compton Community College District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, Compton Community College District (“District”) has a Police Department and employs peace officers;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 481 (“AB 481”), approved by Governor Newsom September 30, 2021, requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval of the applicable governing body, by adoption of a military equipment use policy, prior to taking certain actions relating to the funding, acquisition, or use of “military equipment,” as defined by AB 481;

WHEREAS, AB 481 allows the governing body to approve the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment within its jurisdiction only if it determines that the military equipment meets specified standards;

WHEREAS, the District has not previously adopted a military equipment use policy;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2026, the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees (“Board”) approved and adopted Resolution No. 03-16-2026A, Assembly Bill 481 Corrective Action Plan, for the adoption of a military equipment use policy in accordance with AB 481;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 03-16-2026A directed that the Board will hold a public hearing on April 20, 2026, to consider adoption of a military equipment use policy, pursuant to AB 481;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2026, and at least 30 days prior to April 20, 2026, the Compton Community College Police Department (“CCD PD”) submitted a proposed military equipment use policy, and the proposed military equipment use policy was posted on the CCD PD’s internet website in accordance with AB 481;

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2026, the Board considered the proposed military equipment use policy in a public hearing, and provided opportunity for public comment, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and Government Code section 7071(c);

WHEREAS, AB 481 also requires approval of the continued use of military equipment in the CCD PD's possession acquired prior to January 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, CCD PD does possess equipment, including equipment acquired before the effective date of AB 481, that meets the AB 481 definition of "military equipment."

WHEREAS, AB 481 has now deemed certain operational devices that were already in CCD PD's possession, namely Bean Bag Shotguns, AR-15 semi-automatic and MP5 rifles, Taser® X26P Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW), and LMT Single Launcher and Exact Impact™ 40mm sponge projectiles, to constitute "military equipment" and thereby require approval by the Board for continued use if the military equipment meets certain specified standards;

WHEREAS, CCD PD has possessed Bean Bag Shotguns, AR-15 semi-automatic rifles, MP5 rifle, Taser® X26P CEWs, and LMT Single Launcher and Exact Impact™ 40mm sponge projectiles, each for over seven (7) years.

WHEREAS, Board continues to expect every officer to carry out their duties in accordance with CCD policies and procedures, including the use of force in compliance with CCD PD Policy 300 (Use of Force), in a fair and unbiased manner and to use reasonable force in any situation and to make decisions in a professional, impartial and reasonable manner and to use de-escalation techniques whenever possible;

WHEREAS, CCD PD officers are committed to reducing the potential for violent confrontations and have a continued need to possess the Bean Bag Shotguns and LMT Single Launcher and Exact Impact™ 40mm sponge projectile, each, when used properly, an effective less lethal option to de-escalate conflict when the employment of lethal force is prohibited or undesirable;

WHEREAS, in the event of a need for emergency response, the unavailability for use of "military equipment," as defined, including equipment acquired prior to the effective date of AB 481, may impair the effectiveness of the response, and thereby may impair the ability of the CCD PD to protect the safety of the campus community in the event of an emergency;

WHEREAS, it is the Board's intention that Compton Community College District will take all steps necessary to come into full compliance with AB 481.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Compton College District Board of Trustees approves CCD PD's military equipment use policy attached hereto as "Exhibit A." The Board finds that: (A) the military equipment set forth in Exhibit A is necessary because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety, (B) the military equipment use policy will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights and civil liberties, (C) if purchasing the equipment, the equipment is reasonably cost effective compared to available alternatives that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety, and (D) prior military equipment use complied with the policy that was in effect at the time, and, by adopting a military use policy in accordance with AB 481, corrective action has been taken to ensure future compliance.

2. That the Compton College District Board of Trustees directs the Chief of Police to make the Board-approved military equipment use policy publicly available on its website in accordance with AB 481.
3. That the Compton College District Board of Trustees directs the Chief of Police to submit to the Board through the President/CEO or designee an annual military equipment use report in accordance with AB 481, addressing each type of military equipment approved by the Board within one year of approval and annually thereafter for so long as the military equipment is available for use.
4. That the Compton College District Board of Trustees directs the Chief of Police to annually host a community engagement meeting within 30 days of submitting and publicly releasing the annual military equipment use report in accordance with AB 481.
5. That the Compton College District Board of Trustees approves the continued use of the following operational devices that were already in CCD PD's possession prior to the effective date of AB 481: Bean Bag Shotguns, AR-15 semi-automatic rifles, MP5 rifles, Taser® X26P CEWs, and LMT Single Launcher and Exact Impact™ 40mm sponge projectiles. CCD PD officers have a continued need to possess Taser® X26P CEWs, an effective less-lethal force option when dealing with potentially dangerous people, subduing a fleeing criminal, or dealing with a person who would have otherwise been subjected to a more lethal force option. The Taser® X26P CEW, when used properly, is less likely to result in death or serious physical injury and can be used in an attempt to de-escalate a potentially deadly situation. CCD PD officers have a continued need to deploy the AR-15 semi-automatic and MP5 rifles, each an effective weapon necessary to defend students, faculty, members of the public, and the officers themselves in the event of an active shooter, hostage situation, or when encountering an individual or individuals with body armor. Board has further determined that the CCD PD's prior possession of each of the AR-15 semiautomatic and MP5 rifle, Bean Bag Shotguns, Taser® X26P CEWs, and LMT Single Launcher and Exact Impact™ 40mm sponge projectiles complied with the operative policies set forth in the Compton College District Policy Manual that were in effect at the time, including Chapters 300 (Use of Force), Chapters 304 (Conducted Energy Device) and Chapter 306 (Firearms).
6. That the President/CEO or designee shall host a community meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, regarding the District's military equipment inventory, prior to the CCD PD's submission of the annual military equipment report.
7. That an updated military equipment report shall be presented at the Board's Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026.
8. That, pending Board receipt and approval of an updated military equipment report and resolution at the Board's June 15, 2026, meeting, the District shall not acquire or contract for purchase of any additional "military equipment" as defined by AB 481.
9. That, pending Board receipt and approval of an updated military equipment report and resolution at the Board's June 15, 2026 meeting, CCD PD is temporarily authorized to

use existing equipment, including “military equipment” as defined, already in its possession, as identified in the draft military equipment inventory current as of March, 2026, attached hereto as “Exhibit B,” subject to existing CCD PD policies including but not limited to Policy 306, Firearms.

10. That, upon Board receipt and approval of an updated military equipment report and resolution at the Board’s June 15, 2026, meeting, CCD PD will incorporate an updated military equipment inventory to CCD PD’s military equipment use policy attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”
11. That a copy of this Resolution shall be made publicly available on the CCD PD’s AB 481 webpage.
12. That any revisions to the CCD PD Police Manual that may be necessary to effect compliance AB 481 shall be made no later than September 30, 2026, subject to negotiations as required by law.
13. That the Board delegates to the President/CEO all authority necessary and proper to the accomplishment of the purposes of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was considered, passed, and adopted by this Board of Trustees at its Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026, by the following vote:


AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Juanita Doplemore
Juanita Doplemore (Apr 24, 2026 09:28:16 PDT)

Juanita Doplemore, President
President, Board of Trustees
Compton Community College District

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees named herein at a duly constituted meeting of said Board of Trustees held on April 20, 2026, as it appears upon the minutes of the said meeting.

Date: 04/27/26


Keith Curry, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Compton Community College District











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