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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Supervisors in San Francisco voted Tuesday to give city police the ability to use potentially

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debate that
reflected

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liberal board
over support
for law
enforcement.

The vote was
8-3, with the
majority
agreeing to
grant police
the option
despite strong
objections
from civil
liberties and
other police
oversight
groups.
Opponents
said the
authority
would lead to
the further
militarization
of a police
force already
too aggressive
with poor and
minority
communities.



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...and she
understood


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but that
“according to
state law, we
are required
to approve
the use of
these
equipments.
So here we
are, and it’s
definitely not
a easy
discussion.”

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The San
Francisco
Police
Department
said it does
not have pre-
armed robots
and has no
plans to arm
robots with
guns. But the
department



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armed, or
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at stake, SFPD
spokesperson
Allison Maxie
said in a
statement.

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Supreme justices
Court asked
takes to hear
Jack dog toy
Daniel's dispute.
case Will
against they
dog toy bite?
maker

“Robots
equipped in
this manner
would only be
used in

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Supervisors
amended the

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specify that
officers could
use robots
only after
using
alternative
force or de-
escalation
tactics, or
concluding
they would
not be able to
subdue the
suspect
through those
alternative
means. Only a
limited
number of
high-ranking
officers could
authorize use
of robots as a
deadly force
option.

San Francisco
police
currently have
a dozen
functioning

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they been
used to
deliver an
explosive
device, police
officials said.

But explicit
authorization
was required
after a new
California law
went into
effect this
year requiring
police and
sheriffs
departments
to inventory
military-grade
equipment
and seek
approval for
their use.

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The state law



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giving the
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acquisition
and use of
military-grade
weapons that
have a
negative
effect on
communities,
according to
the
legislation.

A federal
program has
long
dispensed
grenade
launchers,
camouflage
uniforms,
bayonets,
armored
vehicles and
other surplus
military
equipment to
help local law
enforcement.

In 2017, then-
President

Donald

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part by
outrage over
the use of
military gear
during
protests in
Ferguson,
Missouri,
after the
shooting
death of
Michael
Brown.

San Francisco
police said
late Tuesday
that no robots
were obtained
from military
surplus, but
some were
purchased
with federal
grant money.

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excessive
police
oversight. In
September,
supervisors
agreed to a
trial run
allowing
police to
access in real
time private
surveillance
camera feeds
in certain
circumstances.

Debate on
Tuesday ran
more than
two hours
with members
on both sides
accusing the
other of
reckless fear
mongering.

Supervisor
Rafael
Mandelman,
who voted in

favor of the

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“I think
there’s larger
questions
raised when
progressives
and
progressive
policies start
looking to the
public like
they are anti-
police,” he
said. “I think
that is bad for
progressives. I
think it’s bad
for this Board
of
Supervisors. I
think it’s bad
for Democrats
nationally.”

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Board
President
Shamann

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“We

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asked to do things in the name of increasing weaponry and opportunities for negative interaction between the police department and people of color,” he said. “This is just one of those things.”

The San Francisco Public Defender’s office sent a letter Monday to the board saying that granting police “the ability to kill community members remotely”



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an act of
force.

On the other
side of the
San Francisco
Bay, the
Oakland
Police
Department
has dropped a
similar
proposal after
public
backlash.

The [first time](#)
[a robot was](#)
[used to](#)
[deliver](#)
[explosives in](#)
[the U.S. was](#)
[in 2016](#), when
Dallas police
sent in an
armed robot
that killed a
holed-up
sniper who
had killed five
officers in an

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Sign On...

New Story Feeds

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Scrambling ...

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Awesome

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