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HAYWARD PUBLIC FINANCE
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LB 23-027

Military Equipment Use Policy

From: [TJ](#)
To: [List-Mayor-Council](#)
Cc: [Bryan Matthews](#)
Subject: 6/20/23 Hayward City Council Meeting Agenda Item LB 23-027
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 6:23:40 AM

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Dear Hayward City Council Members:

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Sincerely,
TJ
HAYWARD CONCERNED CITIZENS

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