

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **316867**

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE **JUL 14 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO APPROVING TAC CAT TECHNOLOGY UNDER
THE TRANSPARENT AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF
SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY ORDINANCE.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) uses Tac Cat technology, which falls within the definition of surveillance technology under San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 10, Division 1, the Transparent and Responsible Use of Technology Ordinance (TRUST Ordinance).

B. Approval of the Council is required under the TRUST Ordinance.

C. The Tac Cat is an armored rescue vehicle providing specialized protection and mobility for police personnel, civilians, and first responders during critical incidents.

D. The primary use of the Tac Cat is to safely transport personnel into and out of high-risk environments. The Tac Cat provides ballistic protection against gunfire and other threats during active shooter incidents, barricaded suspect situations, hostage rescues, high-risk warrant service, and other critical incidents.

E. The Tac Cat is equipped with front-mounted LED lighting, dual track propulsion, and a wide-angle camera system capable of operating in both illuminated and low-light conditions. It transmits real-time video to a handheld controller, enabling operators to identify threats, locate individuals, assess unknown spaces, and gather situational intelligence while maintaining a safe distance.

F. During all operations, operators are trained to make every effort to capture only visual imagery related to the law enforcement event or intended target of observation to protect the privacy and property of uninvolved individuals.

G. Operation of the Tac Cat and use of this technology is limited to SWAT personnel who have completed Tac Cat Operator Training and there is no third-party data sharing.

H. There is no alternative with lesser economic cost or impact on civil liberties or rights. The Tac Cat enhances officer and public safety during high-risk incidents by providing a man-operated or remotely operated armored platform capable of breaching barriers, deploying chemical agents, and delivering real-time visual observation to support tactical decision-making. The Tac Cat will be funded by a private donation. The maintenance cost per fiscal year is minimal. The estimated annual maintenance is up to \$8,000.

I. Tac Cat technology will be used Citywide and SDPD held community meetings discussing Tac Cat technology in all Council Districts on December 4, 2025, and received no public comment.

J. SDPD has prepared and publicly released and posted a Surveillance Use Policy and a Surveillance Impact Report for Tac Cat technology, on file with the City Clerk as document numbers RR-316867-1 and RR-316867-2.

K. SDPD notified the Chair of the Privacy Advisory Board (Board) of the Tac Cat technology and provided a Surveillance Use Policy and Surveillance Impact Report on January 27, 2026.

L. On April 9, 2026, the Board formally voted to recommend approval of the Tac Cat, and SDPD now seeks Council approval of the Tac Cat technology.

M. Council has considered the Surveillance Use Policy and Surveillance Impact Report for Tac Cat technology.

N. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

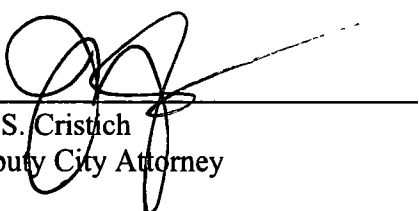
ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The benefits to the community of Tac Cat technology outweigh the costs.
2. Council determines the City's proposal for Tac Cat technology will safeguard civil liberties and civil rights.
3. Council determines that no alternative with a lesser economic cost or lesser impact on civil rights or civil liberties would be as effective as Tac Cat technology.
4. Tac Cat technology is hereby approved by the Council under the TRUST Ordinance.
5. This approval is not intended to and shall not supersede existing processes to seek approval for the appropriation and expenditure of specific funds through the annual budget process, or existing processes for the approval and execution of contracts, donations, and grants.
6. Council shall review this approval annually as required by the TRUST Ordinance.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By


Jill S. Cristich
Deputy City Attorney

JSC:at:ddr
June 18, 2026
Or.Dept: SDPD
Doc. No. 4470851

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
JUL 07 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7/14/26
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on July 7, 2026, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Campbell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Whitburn	☒	☐	☐	☐
Henry L. Foster III	☒	☐	☐	☐
Marni von Wilpert	☒	☐	☐	☐
Kent Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐
Raul A. Campillo	☒	☐	☐	☐
Vivian Moreno	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sean Elo-Rivera	☒	☐	☐	☐

Date of final passage JUL 14 2026.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA

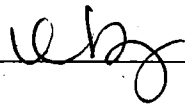
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES

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By , Deputy

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