

To the Mayor and Council of the **City of Phoenix**
Arizona A Citizen Petition

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WHEREAS,

On the night of Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017, Phoenix Police Department officers deployed chemical weapons on a large crowd of over 1,000 protesters between 2nd St. and Monroe, 3rd St. and Monroe, 3 St. and Washington, 3 St. and Van Buren. Over 5,000 protesters gathered across the street of the Phoenix Convention Center to protest President Trump's campaign visit in Arizona.

WHEREAS,

Phoenix Police Department officials failed to provide warning or official order to disperse the protesters prior to deploying rounds of chemical weapons, concussion grenades, and flash grenades. Between 8:32 PM to 9:03 PM Phoenix Police officers shot an immense amount of chemical weapons as a tactic to end the protest and force protesters to go home. Chemical Weapons deployed by Phoenix Police on August 22, 2017 included, but were not necessarily limited to, the use of pepper bullets, 522 pepper balls were shot between this period (Oleoresin capsicum [OC]), pepper spray canisters (Oleoresin capsicum [OC]), and tear gas (Chloroacetophenone[CN]/2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile [CS]).

WHEREAS,

The use of tear gas (Chloroacetophenone[CN]/2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile [CS]) during warfare was banned as part of the 1993 Chemical Weapon Convention.

WHEREAS,

Hundreds of protesters were subjected to chemical weapons, stun grenades and other weapons. Young children, elderly people, people with disabilities, and people with pre-existing cardiopulmonary illness were subjected to chemical weapons without cause. Phoenix Police fired onto several medical tent areas and onto first aid volunteers treating injured protestors on the scene. Police Riot units even shot pepper balls at a peaceful candlelight vigil held at St Mary's Basilica resulting in the injury of over a dozen elderly citizens.

WHEREAS,

Phoenix Police Department's overuse of chemical weapons, flash grenades, and concussion grenades resulted in the serious injury of dozens of people. The most serious injuries reported are open cuts to legs and face from pepper balls, heavy bruising in the abdominal area and chest of protesters, asthma attacks, and one concussion. Over 500 protesters, 250 of them City of Phoenix residents, have filed complaints against the Phoenix Police Department to Puente Arizona, Center for Neighborhood Leadership, and the ACLU AZ.

THEREFORE,

Pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 22 of the City of Phoenix Charter, I, Carlos Garcia, a resident of the City of Phoenix, hereby, petition the Mayor and Council, to consider and enact within 15 days a resolution, ordinances, or measure that expeditiously outlaws Phoenix Police Department officers to have use off non-lethal chemical weapons Oleoresin capsicum, Oleoresin capsicum [OC], and Chloroacetophenone[CN]/2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile [CS] at protests and large community events.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wednesday, February 7, 2018



Carlos Garcia

ATTACHMENT A
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The removal of non-lethal chemical weapons listed in petition should not be replaced with Chemical weapons used against citizens in other jurisdictions include the aforementioned in addition to:

Benzyl bromide
Bromomethyl ethyl ketone
Chloromethyl chloroformate
CTS Aerial flashbangs
CTS frangible impact OC powder
CTS sponge spin stabilized impact round
Dibenzoxazepine (CR)
Ethyl iodoacetate
Trichloromethyl chloroformate
PAVA spray (nonivamide)
Phenacyl chloride (CN)
Xylyl bromide
Ethyl bromoacetate
Bromobenzyl cyanide
Bromoacetone