November 19, 2020

Mr. Max Huntsman  
Inspector General  
Office of the Inspector General  
312 South Hill Street, Third Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90013

Dear Mr. Huntsman:

REPORT BACK ON INQUIRY AND ASSESSMENT AS TO THE HARASSMENT OF FAMILIES BY LASD PATROL OPERATIONS STAFF FOLLOWING A FATAL USE OF FORCE BY LASD

On November 17, 2020, the Department received a copy of the OIG’s above titled report. The subject matter of the report is a matter the Department takes very seriously. Indeed, if it was determined any member of the Department endeavored to violate our Code of Ethics, Mission, Core Values, or any other applicable policies, by committing any acts related to the subject matter, corrective action would be swift and certain.

The Department continues to strive for excellence in the service it provides to its communities and will always seek to improve its relationship with them. To that end, the Department appreciates the time and effort taken to conduct such an inquiry and the articulation of the findings in a comprehensive report.

Although the report is comprehensive and acknowledges the Department’s cooperation with the inquiry as well as other positive and proper actions by the Department, the report fails to produce evidence that any members of the Department committed any acts related to the subject matter, namely the harassment of families/friends of individuals involved in a fatal use of force. Despite the content of the report lacking evidence of culpability the spirit of the report is one of proven guilt. The OIG’s method of interpreting its findings
in the manner that it does is perplexing. Nonetheless, the Department will take the OIG’s report into consideration and welcomes its input and recommendations.

Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Rodney K. Moore at

Sincerely,

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