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To: Chief Tammany Brooks
Antioch Police Department

From: Jeffrey Crump (Crump Investigations)

RE: Officer Michael Mellone: Supplemental POST Background Investigation

On June 15, 2020 I was hired by the Antioch Police Department to complete a supplemental background investigation on Antioch Police Officer Michael Mellone. The original background investigation on Officer Mellone was completed on July 21, 2019 and in accordance with investigation standards established by the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST). The background investigation included interviews with multiple persons, including family members, friends, significant others, co-workers, supervisors, neighbors, etc., of Officer Mellone. It also included reviews of his educational transcripts, prior employment background investigations, performance evaluations, personnel files, other departmental application information, a California Department of Motor Vehicle report, vehicle insurance documentation, Selective Service registration information, law enforcement agency checks, FBI and DOJ reports, a financial credit report, etc. In addition, I reviewed the information provided to me by the Department of Police Accountability-City and County of San Francisco regarding information received by them about M. Mellone while he was employed as a police officer with the San Francisco Police Department. After a review of all of this information, there was no disqualifying information identified. Therefore, Officer Mellone was found to meet the hiring standards of a police officer established by the Antioch Police Department and California POST.

The request for me to conduct a supplemental investigation was a result of additional documents that were received by the Antioch Police Department regarding the officer-involved shooting of Luis Gongora that occurred in the City of San Francisco on April 7, 2016, and in which Officer Mellone was involved. These additional documents were received after the original background investigation and report were completed and after Officer Mellone was hired by the Antioch Police Department on August 19, 2019.

These additional documents totaled over 1,600 pages and included, but were not limited to, documents from the City of San Francisco Police Department, the City of San Francisco Department of Police Accountability, and the City and County of San Francisco District Attorney's Investigations Bureau. The documents included various criminal, internal, coroner, administrative reports, memorandums, notes, and bulletins. They also included transcripts of various interviews that were conducted regarding the officer-involved shooting of Luis Gongora.

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After a review of all of the newly provided documents, the supplemental investigation again revealed no disqualifying information as it relates to Officer Mellone's suitability to serve as a police officer under the specified qualifications for employment identified by the City of Antioch, POST Commission Regulation 1953, or Government Codes § 1029 and 1031.

Respectfully submitted,



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