

## City of San Leandro

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Via E-Mail ([piu@doj.ca.gov](mailto:piu@doj.ca.gov)) and Overnight Mail

Hon. Xavier Becerra, Office of the Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
1300 'I' Street  
Sacramento CA 95814-2919

Re: Independent Investigation into Police Use of Deadly Force

Attorney General Becerra,

I am writing on behalf of the San Leandro City Council, which on June 1, 2020, directed the me, San Leandro's City Manager, to request an independent investigation by your office into the officer involved shooting (OIS) of Steven Taylor that occurred on April 18, 2020. Such an investigation would be in addition to the mandatory internal investigations currently underway by the San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office (ACDA). I've invited the Chief of Police to sign this letter, because it is his department that is affected, and that he is committed to a fair and just investigation of the OIS.

SLPD is currently completing its internal investigations into the OIS, including an administrative investigation into compliance with internal SLPD policies, procedures, and tactics, as well as an internal criminal investigation to determine if any crimes were committed by any actors involved in the OIS. As required by state law and consistent with Alameda County protocols, ACDA will conduct an independent criminal investigation to determine if the actions of the involved officers warrant pursuit of criminal charges.

We are aware of OIS incidents which were previously reviewed by your office. We seek your office's direction and guidance regarding the policies, procedures, or protocols that would dictate whether and when a local law enforcement agency's use of deadly force warrants an independent investigation by the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice. We are also interested in understanding the scope and potential outcomes of any review that your office would conduct.

Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor

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Given that local investigations of the OIS are not yet concluded, could you preliminarily provide information regarding the policies, procedures, or protocols that would be employed in a potential independent investigation by your office into this incident? Could you also describe your purview as it relates to repercussions for the officers involved in these incidents?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important inquiry. If you would prefer to have us set up a meeting with you or members of your staff to discuss this matter, please contact me at [jkay@sanleandro.org](mailto:jkay@sanleandro.org) or (510) 577-3354.

Sincerely,



Jeff Kay,  
City of San Leandro, City Manager

Sincerely,



Jeff Tudor,  
City of San Leandro, Police Chief

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