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# EXECUTIVE REVIEW & PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

**DATE:** 1/15/2026

**CASE #:** POST2302397

**PEACE OFFICER:** Armando Avena

**POST ID#:** C63-K48

**AGENCY:** Los Angeles Police Department

**POST CONSULTANT / BC:** LEC Dave Sieber / BC Christine Ford

**ALLEGATION(S):**

PC § 13510.8 (b)(6) / CCR 1205(a)(6) – Acts that violate the law

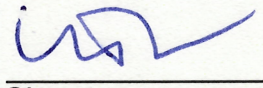
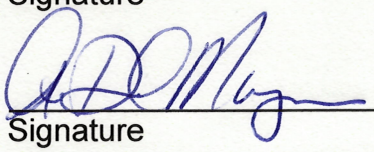
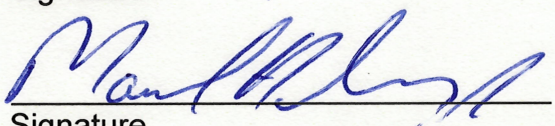
Los Angeles Police Department Officer Armando Avena (hereinafter "Respondent") engaged in acts that violated the law on February 13, 2022, when he dragged Victim into a bathroom, pulled her hair, choked her, forced her into a bathtub while showering her with cold water and punching her in the face, causing injuries that required medical attention. On April 12, 2023, Respondent was convicted of a misdemeanor count of California Penal Code § 243(e)(1) – domestic battery. In addition to the February 12, 2022, incident, Victim alleged that on October 24, 2020, while off-duty, Respondent threw a folding table at Victim, nearly striking her and requiring a domestic violence response from the Baldwin Park Police Department and in January of 2022, Respondent, while off-duty, broke her eyeglasses and cellphone, forcibly pulled her hair and threatened to kill her.

The Division has determined, under the clear and convincing standard, that Respondent's acts of domestic violence are inconsistent with an officer's obligation to uphold the law and therefore violates Penal Code § 13510.8(b)(6) and Commission Regulation § 1205(a)(6). Respondent's domestic violence conviction triggered a ten-year California state prohibition on the possession of firearms and ammunition.

The Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division, Certification Executive Review Panel has reviewed the above referenced case involving alleged serious misconduct and has determined the following:

☒ There are reasonable grounds for suspension or revocation of a peace officer's certification.

POST determined clear and convincing evidence exists to show Respondent committed serious misconduct as defined in Penal Code §13510.8(b)(6) and Title 11, California Code of Regulations 1205(a)(6) – Acts That Violate the Law when he committed domestic violence upon the Victim.

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