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EXECUTIVE REVIEW & PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

DATE: May 1, 2025

CASE #: POST2305110

PEACE OFFICER: Brian Keith Kawamoto

POST ID#: C34-D38

AGENCY: Torrance Police Department

POST CONSULTANT / BC: Robert Bringolf / Mike Radford

ALLEGATION(S):

This case was submitted by the Torrance Police Department (TPD) which alleged the subject officer, Officer Brian Keith Kawamoto, hereinafter, "Respondent," was involved in serious misconduct when he sent text messages that contained racist, homophobic and transphobic sentiments which demonstrated his bias and inability to fairly and impartially perform his duties as a peace officer.

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 sent discriminatory messages in violation of TPD policies, and such messages contain bias speech wherein a reasonable person would conclude that Respondent has not or will not perform his duties fairly and impartially. As such, the Division finds there is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent engaged in serious misconduct, to wit demonstrating bias in violation of Penal Code section 13510.8(b)(5) and Commission Regulation 1205(a)(5).

☐ There is insufficient evidence to support a recommendation of revocation or suspension of certification.

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