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EXECUTIVE REVIEW & PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

DATE: September 6, 2024

CASE #: POST2305781

PEACE OFFICER: Blake Williams

POST ID#: C57-X01

AGENCY: Torrance Police Department

POST CONSULTANT / BC: Loralynne Kong/Mike Radford

ALLEGATION(S):

California Regulation 1205(a)(5) – Demonstrating Bias.

In the course of a criminal investigation, Torrance Police Department (TPD) uncovered the existence of a WhatsApp group among members of the TPD, which included Respondent. This group chat contained approximately 390 electronic messages that contain or reference antisemitic, homophobic, racist, or transphobic remarks. Respondent received, sent, or responded to several of these electronic messages, while both on and off duty.

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 that by participating in receiving, sending, and responding to several of the electronic messages, Respondent demonstrated bias pursuant to penal code section 13510.8(b)(5)

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

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