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Kelly McAdoo, City Manager
Michael Lawson, City Attorney
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777 B Street
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RE: Letter Dated April 30, 2021

Dear City Manager McAdoo and City Attorney Lawson:

Thank you for your letter dated April 30, 2021, requesting that the California Department of Justice conduct an independent investigation into an officer-involved shooting that occurred on March 16, 2021, and also for our conversation covering these issues on May 25, 2021. As your letter notes, the requested investigation “would be in addition to the mandatory internal investigations conducted by the Hayward Police Department and the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office.”

We appreciate the City of Hayward’s commitment to ensuring that incidents involving the use of deadly force by law enforcement are thoroughly and objectively investigated. The Department of Justice shares in that commitment. However, as we have discussed, the Department has neither the funding nor the staffing to enable us to conduct additional independent investigations of all OIS incidents occurring throughout the State. Because our resources are limited, we must be selective in deploying them where necessary and appropriate. With respect to the incident that occurred on March 16, 2021, we are not aware of information indicating that additional investigation and review by our office is required or that a conflict prevents the current investigation from proceeding.

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For these reasons, we must respectfully decline your request. However, we look forward to working with you to ensure a safer California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Ferrari', with a stylized flourish at the end.

PHILIP FERRARI
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

For ROB BONTA
Attorney General