



## Vacaville Police Department

John Carli, Chief of Police  
660 Merchant Street  
Vacaville, California 95688

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December 15, 2020

Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training  
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100  
West Sacramento, Ca. 95605

Dear California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (California POST):

This letter confirms and serves as an attestation that, to the best of my knowledge, the Vacaville Police Department meets use of force eligibility requirements set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice for discretionary federal grants. With this confirmation letter, our agency respectfully requests certifying compliance with the U.S. Department of Justice's Standards for Certification on Use of Force and Safe Policing for Communities.

I have reviewed the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929 (the "Executive Order on Safe Policing"). I understand that, based on the Executive Order on Safe Policing, the U.S. Department of Justice's discretionary grant funding is only available to state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies which have obtained (or are in the process of seeking) certification that they meet certain standards on use of force. I further understand that the Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities empowers the U.S. Attorney General to designate independent credentialing bodies — such as California POST — to provide notice to the United States Department of Justice, when a law enforcement agency has attested that it meets the conditions of eligibility for federal grants.

After reviewing the U.S. Department of Justice's Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Communities and the Vacaville Police Department's policies, I attest that our agency meets the following mandatory conditions for U.S. Department of Justice certification:

1. Our agency is aware that California's use of force standard as outlined in Penal Code §835a changed effective January 1, 2020. Our agency's use of force policies have been reviewed, and modified as necessary, as of January 1, 2020. Our agency's use of force policies are compliant with all elements of Penal Code §835a.

Furthermore, our agency's use of force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and

2. Our agency is aware that California Government Code §7286.5 became effective September 30, 2020, a new law which prohibits the authorization of a carotid restraint or choke hold. This law states, among other things, the following:

*"A law enforcement agency shall not authorize the use of a carotid restraint or choke hold by any peace officer employed by that agency."*



## MEMORANDUM

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Our agency policy does not authorize use of the Carotid Restraint or choke hold as outlined in Government Code §7286.5.

Because I believe that we meet the criteria above, I respectfully request that California POST include the Vacaville Police Department within its database of certified law enforcement agencies. Please provide the Vacaville Police Department's name to the U.S. Department of Justice with other eligible agencies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have either by email at [john.carli@cityofvacaville.com](mailto:john.carli@cityofvacaville.com) or by telephone at (707) 449-5210.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Carli".

John Carli  
Chief of Police

## Kari Lee

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**From:** POST Safe Policing Certification <safepolicingcertification@post.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 19, 2020 5:50 AM  
**To:** Kari Lee; John Carli  
**Subject:** POST Safe Policing Certification

The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) has reviewed the attestation letter your agency submitted regarding the “U.S. Department of Justice – New Requirement for Discretionary Grant Funding – Safe Policing and Safe Communities Certification– Executive Order 13929.” Please note that your agency has been placed on the “certified” list to be submitted by POST to the U.S. Department of Justice. POST will submit the list on January 31, 2021.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact POST at [SafePolicingCertification@post.ca.gov](mailto:SafePolicingCertification@post.ca.gov). Thank you in advance.

