



# KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

On October 7, 2015, at about 2:00 p.m., two officers from the Kensington Police Department stopped a vehicle traveling in the area of Ensenada and Marin Avenue in Berkeley. The driver was identified as Vanessa Cordova, a member of the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District. Director Cordova was cited for two Vehicle Code violations.

Director Cordova has made allegations against the two officers for misconduct in connection with the traffic stop.

I am taking the following actions:

- I am initiating an independent investigation, conducted by an outside police agency, into Director Cordova's allegations. The scope of the investigation will include, at a minimum, reasons and justification for the vehicle stop, reasons for being outside of KPD district, and the Vehicle Codes sections cited.
- I have also asked the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office to conduct an independent review of the incident to determine if any criminal conduct occurred in connection with this vehicle stop.

I anticipate both investigations and review to be concluded within 30 to 45 days.

As your Chief of Police, I am committed to ascertaining all of the facts, assessing those facts, and then taking all appropriate actions based solely on those facts.

I hold my police officers accountable for their actions based on high law enforcement and ethical standards and expectations. I will ensure that a thorough and comprehensive independent investigation into this incident is conducted in a timely and efficient manner. If officer misconduct is determined to have occurred, timely and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with established procedures.

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