Okorie Ezieme, Chair Altadena Town Council
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Dear Chair Ezieme:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 10th entitled: Concern over Pasadena Police Officer Actions within Altadena Town Limits. The letter references the use of force incident between two Pasadena Police Officers and Christopher Ballew that occurred on November 9, 2017.

This incident is being properly investigated to determine whether any policy violations were committed on the part of the Pasadena police officers involved. These policies represent best practices and are similar, if not identical, to those adopted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff. While State law prohibits the public disclosure of the findings of the investigation, I believe that the internal affairs review will be thorough and fair.

Officers Esparza and Lujan remain on active duty and will be expected to conduct themselves in the same fashion as all Pasadena police employees wherever their duties take them.   As it relates extra-territorial activities, the Pasadena Police Department operates under Section 830.1 of the penal code, which applies to all other police agencies in the state. Moreover, enclosed for your reference is the most recent consent letter between the Pasadena Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department requested by then Sherriff Lee Baca in January 2011. Additionally, for your information I have included copies of Pasadena Police Department policy100 Law Enforcement Authority.

As to requests for historical records and monthly updates, we will research the feasibility of meeting those requests and get back to you soon.

I'm sure that you agree that all of our residents benefit when police officers are able to protect the public without focusing on political boundaries. We will endeavor to make certain that public confidence in those efforts remains high.

I hope that this is responsive to your concerns.

Best regards,

TERRY TORNEK
Mayor