

Dear lawmakers,

I support this measure, HB 2936, and strongly urge you to support it as well.

A bill requiring the investigation of a police or reserve officer's character before accepting the person for training and certification, upholding them to higher standards, and thoroughly vetting them for anti-racist and anti-white supremacy behavior should be a bare minimum that we ask of an occupation that holds so much responsibility, and ultimately the legal wherewithal to end a human life if they so deem it fit during the circumstances that their work encounters. Moving to adopt rules prohibiting officers from racist behaviors bears no reason not to be approved, and should be acted upon in every possible capacity. It is imperative that you vote on this measure which requires law enforcement agencies, that obtain evidence that law enforcement officers who may engage in racist behavior, to provide evidence to the district attorney within 14 days. Without enacting measures as thus stated, we can never truly move toward police accountability in this state or nation. All bad actors who perform against their agreed-upon conduct and laws set forth for all citizens, should and MUST be held to the full account of the law they serve. We must also make all efforts for the Bureau of Labor and Industries to establish and maintain a hotline for reports of officer misconduct as a further accountability measure. If the reports of the people against rogue officers go unheard, we will never be able to bring to justice those officers who abuse their power and are protected by an unjust system that allows them to remain free and employed if they have committed crimes or committed misconduct.

With best regards,

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