



**Berkeley Police
Department**

City Manager's Office

**Police Accountability
Board**

BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY 300 UPDATE PAUSED; PRIOR VERSION REINSTATED PENDING REVIEW

BERKELEY, CA – On March 12, 2026, the Policy Accountability Board issued a letter titled "Urgent Concern Regarding BPD's "Unilateral Revision of Council-Approved Use of Force Policy 300." Following receipt of the letter, Police Chief Louis, in consultation with City Manager Paul Buddenhagen, paused the Berkeley Police Department's version of Policy 300 to allow for additional time to review. The prior version of the policy has been reinstated while the City Attorney's Office assesses the appropriate steps needed to issue the updated use of force policy.

Additional Resources:

- The Policy Accountability Board's correspondence regarding this matter can be viewed [here](#).
- Berkeley Police Department policies, including Use of Force Policy 300, are available online [here](#).

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