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February 12, 2021

Harold Medina, Interim Chief of Police C/O Internal Affairs Unit Albuquerque Police Department 400 Roma NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

### RE: APD Case # 20-0006203, IAFD Case # C2020-000027

Dear Interim Chief Medina:

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My review of this case included:

PO Box 1293

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#### NM 87103

APD Policy 2-52 Use of Force •

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My review of the evidence shows on January 20, 2020 the victim, Ms. S., was contacted by officers of the Albuquerque Police Department because she was reportedly walking in and out of traffic creating a safety issue. Officer 1 arrived on scene, Ms. S walked in from of his vehicle into traffic. Ms. S. was uncooperative, so Officer 1 made the decision to place Ms. S. in handcuffs for her safety. After handcuffing Ms. S. continued to resist., at that point Officer 1 took Ms. S. to the ground, while handcuffed.

Finding: The CPOA finds Officer 1's conduct "Exonerated," regarding the allegation of a violation of this SOP, which means the investigation determined, by preponderance of the

evidence that the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate APD policies, procedures, or training.

Sincerely,

/s/Edward Harness Edward Harness, Esq. Executive Director Civilian Police Oversight Agency (505) 924-3770