

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU

NOTICE
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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: NO EXTENSION TO COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION STATUTE DATES

All Commands shall continue to ensure that all disciplinary investigations are completed and served within the required one-year limitation.

In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, on March 30, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Order N-40-20, which enumerated various temporary alterations to several Government Code (GC) sections. Significant to the Department, is Section No. 15, which alters the one-year limitation period (statute date) required by the Police Officers Bill of Rights, GC 3304(d). The Order, in part, reads as follows:

15. The deadline specified in Government Code section 3304(d) for opening and completing investigations of alleged misconduct by public safety officers is extended by 60 days.

Historically, chartered cities such as the City of Los Angeles, have been granted large leeway to add additional laws and protections within their municipalities. Section 1070 of the Los Angeles City Charter remains unchanged by Governor Newsom's order and still mandates the one-year limitation for investigation of alleged misconduct and service. Notwithstanding, all existing tolling exceptions to the statute also remain in place.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Commander Daniel Randolph, Internal Affairs Group, at (213) 996-2947.

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