OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL NO. 179 – THE GENDER RECOGNITION ACT – NONBINARY GENDER MARKER RECOGNIZED ON STATE-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Beginning on January 1, 2019, pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 179, California's Gender Recognition Act, an individual may use a nonbinary gender marker on their California driver's license or state identification. A nonbinary individual does not self-identify as either male or female. Accordingly, under this new law, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) allows applicants to select one of three gender markers: male, female, or nonbinary. The nonbinary gender category will be denoted on the new driver license or identification card as an "X." In addition, the law allows California birth certificates to reflect the above three gender markers.

The Department recognizes that binary gender designations of male and female do not adequately represent the diversity of gender identity. Nonbinary is an umbrella term for persons with gender identities that fall outside of the traditional categories of either male or female. People with nonbinary gender identities may or may not identify as transgender, may or may not have been born with intersex traits, and may or may not use gender-neutral pronouns. The Department is committed to granting every person full legal recognition and equal treatment under the law, and to ensuring that all intersex, transgender, and nonbinary persons' rights to choose their gender identity are fully respected. Accordingly, effective immediately, officers shall select or insert the appropriate abbreviations of "M" (male), "F" (female), or "X" (nonbinary) on all Department reports and forms under the category of sex.

Note: Records personnel shall use the designation of "X" when recording a gender of nonbinary.

Officers are reminded that when obtaining information for a crime broadcast, the suspect's physical description shall be based on the victim's observations of the suspect.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy, at (213) 486-8730.

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