



October 13, 2019

IBEW 1245

Attn: City of Oakland Chapter Michael Patterson (Unit #2211)
Ronald T. Weakley Union Hall
30 Orange Tree Circle
Vacaville, CA. 95687

Re: Oakland Police Officers' Support for IBEW Members

Dear Michael,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Oakland Police Officers' Association (OPOA) to pledge support for your International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 1245 members.

The IBEW 1245 members you ably represent work for the City of Oakland but many more work for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Last week, PG&E decided to switch off power to many Oakland neighborhoods. PG&E's decision necessitated a substantial deployment of Oakland Police Officers. While it was PG&E that cut power, Oakland's finest saw, that it was hardworking IBEW 1245 members who restored that power and we appreciate those efforts.

Elsewhere those efforts were not appreciated. IBEW 1245 members were blamed, and in at least one case assaulted, for the power being off. Those attacks are unacceptable. For more years than anyone can remember IBEW 1245 has stood in solidarity with Oakland Police Officers as we struggle to serve our community. PG&E's decision to cut power, did not diminish our support for those that restore our power, fix our traffic signals, and work hard every day to serve our City. Rest assured Oakland's cops stand behind your members.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Donelan".

Barry Donelan
President

Oakland Police Officers Association.

Cc: Brian Marvel, President, Peace Officer Research Association of California (PORAC)