

COMMISSION ON  
**PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

January 15, 2020



Alex Villanueva, Sheriff  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office  
211 W Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**GAVIN NEWSOM**  
GOVERNOR

**XAVIER BECERRA**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sheriff Villanueva:

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences upon the tragic death of Detective Amber Leist.

In these troubling times of law enforcement scrutiny, the health and well-being of our officers is crucial. All who have ever worn the badge feel your loss. Our communities share your pain. Ultimately, society feels the tremor of the tragic death of one who commits their life to holding the thin line between peace and chaos, for standing for something good.

I never met Detective Leist. However, I know she stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. She faced challenges and danger. She gave order to chaos and hope to despair. She was quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution.

She railed against injustice. I know she stood in loyalty and faced conflict shoulder-to-shoulder with her brothers and sisters and proudly committed to being a small part of a greater cause.

Her absence will forever be a void in the lives that she touched. We commit ourselves to the eternal memory and honor of her life.

It is with great sadness in our hearts that we offer our support to you and your department at this tragic time.

Sincerely,

MANUEL ALVAREZ, Jr.  
Executive Director

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January 28, 2020



Peter Decena, Chief of Police  
Los Gatos Police Department  
110 E Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

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GOVERNOR

**XAVIER BECERRA**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Chief Decena:

On behalf of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and POST staff, please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences upon the tragic off-duty death of Officer Munir Edais.

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I never met Officer Edais. However, I know he stood the line between right and wrong, darkness and light. He faced challenges and danger. He gave order to chaos and hope to despair. He was quick to defend and frequently chose action over caution.

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