



February 20, 2018

Hasta Muerte Coffee
2701 Fruitvale Ave
Oakland, CA 94601

Re: Refusing Service to Uniformed Oakland Police Officers

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Oakland Police Officers' Association (OPOA). The OPOA is the union representing Oakland Police Officers of all ranks. It has come to my attention that your new coffee shop, Hasta Muerte Coffee at 2701 Fruitvale, Oakland is refusing service to uniformed Oakland Police Officers.

This past weekend, I received a telephone call from an Oakland Police Sergeant, who advised that when he presented himself at your establishment to introduce himself as the district Sergeant and buy a cup of coffee, he was refused service. Hasta Muerte Coffee staff advised him that your establishment does not serve the Police. Obviously, this is both a surprise and a matter of concern for all Oakland Police Officers. Oakland Police Officers work tirelessly every day to serve the residents of our City. I have never heard of Police Officers being refused service by an Oakland business. Therefore, I write to you to clarify your business policy on serving, or indeed not serving, Oakland Police Officers.

Please contact me at the OPOA to inform us of your position. If you would prefer, I am also available to come in person to your business to discuss this matter. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Donelan
President,
Oakland Police Officers' Association