

Chief Eric Jones
Stockton Police Department
22 East Market Street
Stockton, California 95204

June 1st, 2021

Dear Chief Jones,

I am writing you to inquire about being reinstated with the Stockton Police Department.

My reason for leaving the Stockton Police Department originally was due to my parents, my son and I moving to Southern Oregon on 80 acres of land. Although Oregon has been a beautiful place to live, my heart on a professional stand point lies within the Stockton Police Department.

After moving to Oregon and working with a small police department, I have come to the realization that professionally and intellectually this wasn't the most strategic move for myself. When Officer Inn passed away, I returned to Stockton to pay my respects and attended his funeral. Since then, I have had this overwhelming feeling that life is too short and Stockton is ultimately where I want to be. I want to be able to do this job with people that I know and trust. Through this long journey, I have made my decision to come back to the Stockton Police Department with the support of my family.

While I worked at the Stockton Police Department, I had the opportunity to be a part of many special assignments such as being a Field Training Officer, a School Resource Officer, part of the Crisis Intervention Team, as well as being in Mobile Field Force. Each position that I took part in had their own special way of impacting myself and the community.

Being a Field Training Officer taught me patience and made me proud to be in this profession. I was able to train some of the best officers that are continuing to thrive at the Stockton Police Department. Working with Stockton's newest officers was only half of the experience. Training and learning from tenured officers was astonishing.

There are important components that a police department can offer to ensure an officer is successful in their career and one of those components is training. Stockton Police Department's training is top notch with both mental and physical parts of scenario-based trainings. Another important component is the wellness of each employee and the heavy involvement of the Police Chaplaincy. The wellness program and the police chaplaincy were a staple in my career as I served with the Stockton Police Department. I could feel the caring nature and support from amazing individuals that always wanted to help. It is extremely important and vital to this profession to have components such as these readily available.

The Crisis Intervention Team was such an impactful assignment for me. The relationship that the Stockton Police Department has built with San Joaquin County Mental Health is so important and helpful to the community. I also had a great experience being part of the Mobile Field Force team. I was taught tactics that I have been able to utilize in all aspects of my professional career.

The most rewarding of these assignments that I had, was being a School Resource Officer. I was able to meet, help, and teach so many of Stockton's youth through the schools. There is one student in particular that was extremely troubled in her Freshman year at McNair High School. She had trouble with aggression, fighting, communication and running away. I am proud to say that after 3 and a half years of supporting and uplifting her, she will be graduating from McNair High School on track next week. Just knowing that my position and support helped change someone's life is extremely rewarding.

In the five short years that I have served with the Stockton Police Department, I was taught how to treat every situation with professionalism and to always serve the city and citizens with honor. I would be grateful for the opportunity to once again continue working with the tenured professionals and officers in every assignment to better Stockton's community. My dream is to grow as a person and professional within the Stockton Police Department.

From experience, I know that working in Stockton had always been like working with family. There is a strong presence of support for one another and I would really like to be a part of that again. I believe I have so much to offer in returning to the Stockton Police Department. I pride myself in handling situations in a professional and empathetic manner.

I appreciate your consideration for my reinstatement.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesika Villegas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jesika Villegas