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Dear commissioners,

I urge you to reject the promotion of Kraig Kalka, based on his history of disregard for public health and safety.

On May 31, 2020, Officer Kalka used a long-range burst of pepper spray on a protester who was merely taking photo/video of the police, a constitutionally-protected activity. This is all documented in Officer Kalka's Use of Force report.

Someone who shows so little regard for the health and safety of city residents (or others who come here to legally protest) should face legal and/or professional consequences for the assaults they commit. To my knowledge, there have been no such consequences thus far.

It falls to you, to determine whether this violent, reckless behavior--which damages the public's trust in the department--will be taken into account even during the promotion process.

You have other candidates for promotion who, to my knowledge, have not engaged in this behavior. I have no objection to promoting officers who have a clean record.

Thank you,

Nick Davies