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Subject: FW: Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on August 12, 2020 on Agenda Item 1.) Civilian Police Oversight

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Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:06 AM

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Public Safety Committee

Meeting Date August 12, 2020

Agenda Item 1.) Civilian Police Oversight

Name Julie McKune

City Pasadena

Zip Code 91104

Comments (under 200 Julie McKune, resident of Pasadena for 64 yrs.

words)

I am dismayed by the Council's paternalistic decision to deny the public's call for an independent auditor with subpoena powers to oversee the police. It follows the Council's decision to increase rather than decrease the police budget when funds should instead be allocated to education, health care, shelter and food for people in need. The status quo is unacceptable in a time of crisis.

A tsunami of evictions may soon hit L.A. County. In Pasadena, 67% of our residents are renters. What is your solution when local families get thrown out on the street during a pandemic? Will you take the time-honored solution of politicians with propertied interests - more police, more guns? Is that why you voted to increase the police budget? Council member Kennedy justifies increasing the budget by saying the police took 160 guns off the street this year. What he

fails to say and what the review board will not say without an independent auditor is how many military-grade weapons were donated to the PPD under the federal government's 1033 Program. People are anxious and afraid. I fear your so-called "solutions" will come back at you and, sadly, the rest of us.

Thank you,
Julie McKune

**I consent to have my
comment read out
loud during the
meeting.**

Yes

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Name: Rachel Rehwald-Merriam

Address: Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

I my live in Altadena, but my children attend Pasadena Unified schools, and goodness knows I pay a lot of sales taxes to your city, therefore, I think you should listen to my comments. You need to adopt citizen oversight of your police department as requested by our local chapter of the NAACP. Their plan is REAL oversight, not pretend, monied, privileged oversight. Be good boys and girls and vote for it. (That is a reference to to a critical moment in the fight for women's suffrage, if you didn't know. You can look it up.) You have an opportunity to make history and turn the tide on human suffering, human rights, and begin a new era in American rights. Can you imagine that just 100 years ago women protesters were force fed, shamed and died for the right to vote? Black people deserve equal rights under the law, including under law enforcement. THIS is the time. It's already overdue. —sincerely, a white mother ally done seeing POC die at the hands of police.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Gwenneth Jergens **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am a white woman and I have been a resident of Pasadena all my life. There have been countless times my friends of color have been stopped, pulled over, and threatened by police FOR DOING NO WRONG. I have accompanied those friends in situations where they were not speeding, drinking or causing public disturbance of any kind. Simply met with RACISM. I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight committee Comprised of independent auditors and selected community members for the commission with subpoena power. We are demanding alignment with the community bill of rights. The power of police must be checked and redistributed.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Catherine O'Neal-Petterson

Address: Pasadena, CA 91001-4932

Comments:

I ask the Public Safety Committee, the Mayor, Mr. Hampton, Mr. Madison and Mr. Kennedy to please work together on adopting our community proposal - the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights - endorsed by POP, CCIPOP, IMA and CCC.

I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena powers. The actions you have taken thus far are not enough. I implore you to reconsider your actions.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Brighid

Address: Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

My name is Brighid Connors and I am a Pasadena Resident, in District 3. I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena power. There is no ambiguity in our ask to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights. This is the bare minimum needed to help restore faith in these outdated institutions.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Meeting Date August 12, 2020

Agenda Item 1 Civilian Police Oversight

Name Lydia Breen

City Pasadena

Zip Code 91105

Comments (under 200 words) We are in the midst of a pandemic, and people are anxious and afraid. Parents are worried about their children’s education, afraid they could lose their jobs, even their homes. Tensions are high. So, what does the council do? First, it increases money for the police. Then, it ignores public demands for an independent auditor with subpoena power over the PPD. Is this how you ease tensions in our community? Who will oversee the military-grade federal weapons donated to the PPD? Who will oversee what happens to the surveillance gathered on law-abiding citizens by helicopters, drones and other electronic equipment? Just whose interests are you serving? Pasadena has the second highest level of income inequality among California’s largest cities. 67% of us are renters, and many of us are vulnerable. The tensions in our community aren’t the responsibility of the police. They are your responsibility. Take the target off the PPD’s back and put it where it belongs – on your shoulders. De-escalate future problems now by

enforcing closer scrutiny of the police. Show some courage: have more confidence in and concern for the public. Appoint an independent auditor with subpoena power to oversee the PPD. We are paying attention.

I consent to have my **Yes**
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Meeting Date	August 12, 2020
Agenda Item	1 Civilian Police Oversight
Name	Lydia Breen
City	Pasadena
Zip Code	91105
Comments (under 200 words)	We are in the midst of a pandemic, and people are anxious and afraid. Parents are worried about their children’s education, afraid they could lose their jobs, even their homes. Tensions are high. So, what does the council do? First, it increases money for the police. Then, it ignores public demands for an independent auditor with subpoena power over the PPD. Is this how you ease tensions in our community? Who will oversee the military-grade federal weapons donated to the PPD? Who will oversee what happens to the surveillance gathered on law-abiding citizens by helicopters, drones and other electronic equipment? Just whose interests are you serving? Pasadena has the second highest level of income inequality among California’s largest cities. 67% of us are renters, and many of us are vulnerable. The tensions in our community aren’t the responsibility of the police. They are your responsibility. Take the target off the PPD’s back and put it where it belongs – on your shoulders. De-escalate future problems now by

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I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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	Public Safety Committee
Meeting Date	August 12, 2020
Agenda Item	1
Name	Ashley
City	PASADENA
Zip Code	91103
Comments (under 200 words)	My name is Ashley and I am a resident in District 1, Today I am writing to the Public Safety Commission along with the rest of the Council Members to create a police oversight body with subpoena power that is comprised of an independent auditor and commission members elected by the Pasadena community. I believe we are a progressive City and now it is time that we move forward with the police oversight body. We are not requesting an attorney general to look over the entire City, or body appointed by the Council, instead we are asking for a body of community members and an independent auditor with the authority to be transparent with the community and hold the police accountable. Please listen to the community and align your proposal with the Community Bill of Rights.
I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.	Yes

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Name: Jeffrey Fenstermaker

Address: Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

My name is Joe and I am a Pasadena Resident, in District 3. I was disappointed and confused by the results of the vote on agenda item 7 at the August 3rd meeting. I am again asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena power. There is no ambiguity in our ask to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights. This is the bare minimum needed to help build trust in these institutions.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Kenichi Yoshida **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Hello, my name is Kenichi Yoshida and I am a resident of Pasadena in the 91107 Zip code. As an immigrant, husband, father, Higher Ed administrator and faith leader of this community, I ask the City Council to please strengthen the proposed model for police oversight. I ask the Council to limit conflicts of interest and provide subpoena power by re-establishing the office of the City Prosecutor, and to house an Independent Police Auditor within it. I ask the Council to grant more community access into the oversight commission. Please give the oversight body an opportunity to effect meaningful improvements in the way residents of Pasadena are policed. Your attention to this matter is highly appreciated.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Lauren Lo Coco

Address: Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

My name is Lauren Lo Coco. I am a Pasadena resident and I live in district 3. This city's officials continually fails to put the community's voices first, and as a result, innocent Black lives are being taken by the police. I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena power. There is no ambiguity in our ask to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights. This continued disregard for our request is an anti-blackness act and one that confirms you're standing on the wrong side of history. Get with the program and gain a bit of your humanity back, or you will be out of a job very soon.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Reverend Faith Romasco **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

My name is Reverend Faith Romasco and I am a Pastor at PazNaz. We are located in District Four and have been established in Pasadena for over 100 years. I serve on the Board of the Clergy Community Coalition and am part of the Racial Justice Coalition of Greater Pasadena. I ask that the Public Safety Committee work to adopt the community proposal as outlined in the Community Bill of Rights; endorsed by the Clergy Community Coalition and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. I am asking that meaningful change be made, and that the voice of the community be prioritized to create a police oversight body. This body must be comprised of selected community members. This body must include an Independent Auditor. There must be subpoena power.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes