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Subject: FW: Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on June 24, 2020 on Agenda Item Police Reform

From: City Web <cityweb@cityofpasadena.net>

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:05 AM

To: Flores, Valerie <vflores@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on June 24, 2020 on Agenda Item Police Reform

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Commission, Committee or Legislative Body Public Safety Committee

Meeting Date June 24, 2020

Agenda Item Police Reform

Name Wendy Cano

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City Pasadena

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Comments (under 200 words) What percentage of the Pasadena PD is required to live within it's city limits? If there is no current requirement why not? Can a phased requirement be started? i.e.. 10% first year 25% by year 3 etc etc until you have actual community members working as guardians of their own community. Creating a vested interest in GOOD habits,

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Agenda Item 2

Name Vincent De Stefano (CICOPP and ACLU)

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Comments (under 200 words) If the city is serious about police reform it will have to do more than add or reaffirm guidelines on police behavior. Chokeholds were barred in New York and yet Eric Garner is dead and no one was brought to justice for that death. For real reform you must end Qualified Immunity that is part of California's constitution. Qualified Immunity provides very unique protections from investigation and prosecution for police officers that no other citizen is entitled

to.. It makes them practically immune from prosecution. Therefore, DA's refuse to bring even the most egregious cases to court because they know they are doomed by the high bar Qualified Immunity sets. It is high time that we are all subject to the same kind justice regardless of our profession. All the rule changes in the world will not change a thing while Qualified Immunity remains because it allows the worst officers on any force to operate with impunity.

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Agenda Item 1

Name William Dickson

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Comments (under 200 words) I support civilian oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. In the previous meeting council member John Kennedy rightly commended the Pasadena Police for removing a large number of guns from our streets. This is a good thing. However, it is important to remember that in 2019 a high ranking member of the Pasadena Police Department, Lt. Vasken Gourdikian, was sentenced to federal prison for illegally selling guns and lying to the ATF. He sold more than 100

firearms and abused his law enforcement position to benefit his gun-selling scheme. During this time Lt. Gourdikian was the Spokesman for the Pasadena Police Department. Former Police Chief Sanchez provided Gourdikian with special waivers to bypass the 10-day waiting period on firearm purchases. Even the former Police Chief's wife was involved as email exchanges between her and Lt Gourdikian show. Lt. Gourdikian was caught after ATF agents linked firearms found at a crime scene to him. It is easy to claim this is a one-off by a bad apple or that Lt. Gourdikian was just a hobbyist who got out of control. However, more likely it reveals deep corruption within the Pasadena Police Department which extends to the very top of the organization.

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Subject: FW: Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on June 24, 2020 on Agenda Item CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATION OF CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT

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Commission, Committee or Legislative Body	Public Safety Committee
Meeting Date	June 24, 2020
Agenda Item	CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATION OF CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT
Name	Gina
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Comments (under 200 words)

My name is Gina and I'm a resident of Pasadena. I support the need for a civilian police oversight. Oversight committee can help improve community relations by fostering communication between the community and PPD. Oversight committee can improve department policies and procedures. By establishing an oversight committee, public officials are provided the opportunity to demonstrate their desire for increased police accountability and the need to eliminate misconduct. Oversight can help hold the PPD accountable for officer's actions. The committee should represent community members from each district. Oversight committee must have subpoena powers, to obtain necessary information in order to be an effective overseer. Committee members should not be city employees or a current employee of any law enforcement agency. Pasadena has needed this committee for a long time, you have heard the community stand up an voice are opinions. It is time to take action and create accountability. We need a Civilian Oversight Committee.

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Agenda Item 1, 3

Name Leigh Ann Greenfield

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City Pasadena

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Comments (under 200 words) I support the implementation of a strong Civilian Oversight Board for the PPD, with full subpoena powers and ability to remove Officers from the PPD who are a danger to the public.

I am very disappointed in the yearly budget increase for the Police, and strongly advocate that those monies be re-allocated to communities. I am fully in favor of decreasing PPD budget, and funding alternate responders to answer

non-violent 911 calls/complaints.

Our current system of policing is unacceptable, and should not be protected or supported. As a voting member of this community, I demand my elected representatives implement immediate changes.

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Agenda Item 1

Name Joanne Long

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City Pasadena

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Comments (under 200 words) I fully support the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights and Civilian Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. In public comments Chief Perez has stressed that he already has oversight from his hand-picked advisory board and the Public Safety Committee. First, the Advisory board is just that. They do not conduct oversight as I am sure they would agree. And secondly, I do not see why Chief Perez is suggesting we can have oversight from elected officials on

the Public Safety Committee or from the Public but not both. I would like to ask Chief Perez to clarify his thoughts on this matter further.

Finally, I would like to thank the Public Safety Committee members for continuing this important discussion of civilian oversight of the Pasadena police Department.

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Agenda Item 1

Name William Papanian

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Comments (under 200 words) There will never be Police Reform in Pasadena unless and until we have Campaign Reform limiting the maximum amount an individual donor can contribute to a campaign for City Council (I would recommend a cap at \$1,000.)

Here's the reason why, in the last 36 months the police union has donated \$100,000 to campaigns for City Council. Let that sink in for moment. If a

developer had donated that much money to members of the City Council and his project came before the council for approval what do expect the outcome would be?

For the Public Safety Committee members in the last election:

Madison: \$22,147.73

Hampton: \$5,000.00

In other races this year:

Masuda: \$18,898.72

Williams: \$8,098.67

Any meaningful proposal for Civilian Oversight will require a change to the City Charter. That means that it will have to be put before the voters of Pasadena.

Let's assume that somehow 5 votes are hobbled together to put it on the ballot. Where will the donations come from to match the seemingly unlimited resources of the police union?

That's why Pasadena desperately needs campaign reform to put a cap on how much an individual donor can contribute to a candidate for City Council.

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