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Subject: FW: I am calling on the Public Safety committee to make a motion to City Council that the City create a community police oversight commission

From: Perry Anderson <andersonperris@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:48 PM

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

Subject: I am calling on the Public Safety committee to make a motion to City Council that the City create a community police oversight commission

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Hello, my name is Perry and I am a resident of Council district 1.

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Thank you.

Flores, Valerie

From: Lisa Terry <ldterry@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: Police oversight

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Hello, my name is Lisa Terry and I am a resident of Andy Wilson's Council district.

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Thank you.
Lisa Terry

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Flores, Valerie

From: Nancy Busacca <busacca@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Flores, Valerie; Hampton, Tyron; Tornek, Terry; Kennedy, John
Subject: re: Community Police Oversight Commission

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My name is Nancy A Busacca and I am a resident of Council district One and have been a Pasadena for 50 years..

My comments refer to the Public Safety Committee's review of civilian oversight of the Pasadena Police Department.

I have experienced white privilege from the Pasadena police several times over the years--including a fix-it ticket that included ignoring an ounce of marijuana sitting in plain view on the dashboard of my car. Even then I knew that that privilege was not extended to all members of this (and almost all communities in the US).

These organizations have (and especially POP) tried for years and years to create a Police Commission!

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I am calling on the Public Safety committee to recommend to the entire City Council that the City create a community police oversight commission and a full-time Independent Police Auditor position.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Busacca

To the future generations of all species. Know that there were many of us who did what we could -Dahr
Jamail

And we failed anyway-Nancy Busacca

Flores, Valerie

From: Tanya Mancheno <tanyamancheno@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: Civilian Police advisory board

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I know that often copy and paste emails don't have as much weight as written ones. I want to make clear that even though I copied and pasted the below letter it's because I believe in the message and thought it was clearly and thoughtfully worded.

Hello, my name is Tanya Lawrence and I am a resident of Council district 2.

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From: Elizabeth Barrios <elizabeth.barrios9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: A Call for Change and Accountability

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Hello, my name is Elizabeth Barrios and I am a resident of District 3.

My comments refer to the Public Safety Committee's review of civilian oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. In Pasadena we have both, seen and felt the impacts of the National Outcry for change in local police departments. This outcry has manifested into vigils, protests, meetings, etc. However, without action, without changing the innate rhythms within the Police Department, we have done nothing.

All police officers need to be held accountable. Pasadena residents deserve to know when an officer uses force unlawfully especially when it causes injury or death to the victim, or when an officer is using racial profiling to harass residents, or when the department is using surveillance technology like facial recognition.

Creating strong civilian oversight of the Police Department is a tangible step the city can take to reimagine how police duties and public safety are performed in our community. The community it is called to protect and serve.

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Change requires shifting into a new paradigm. I pray we do so.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Barrios

Flores, Valerie

From: Len Tang <len@missiocc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: PSC Comment

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Dear PSC,

My name is Len Tang and I'm a Pasadena resident.

I'm writing in favor of the creation of a civilian oversight committee for PPD. As someone who took the Community Police Academy last year and believes in PPD and Chief Perez, I still believe that this is an important step in re-building public trust and providing appropriate oversight and moving towards racial justice esp for people of color.

Thank you,
Len

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Flores, Valerie

Subject: FW: Public Safety Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: Serafin Espinoza <serafinespinoza@charter.net>

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:16 PM

To: Tyron Hampton <tyrone.pci@gmail.com>; Flores, Valerie <vflores@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Public Safety Commission

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I am writing this Email in behalf of Porfirio Frausto

My name is Porfirio J Frausto my family has been in Pasadena since 1926, first living on Pepper St. with the Dean's, the Ito's and the famous Robinson brothers; Jackie and Mack and older brother Joseph. Mr. Robinson battle with baseball, and the other brother battle with the 1936, Olympic team. The Ito family's battle with the relocation camp during War World II.

Many stories that were passed down to me as I grew up. My childhood years of the 50's and 60's and 70's brought me first hand personal knowledge of institutional racism. I attended the Pasadena School District during the implementation of Judge Manuel's ordered to integrate the public school system. So this action by the Judge in 1970 put me in assisting the community to execute this federal integration plan.

As a military police officer and a returnee home as decorated Vietnam era veteran. I became a name plaintiff in the discrimination in the lawsuit against the City of Pasadena. I represented the law enforcement lack of hires due to the lack of people of color in law enforcement. The lawsuit included fire dept. Water and Power and special trades.

This class action lawsuit resulted in a consent decree that forced the city to hire a visible and representative work force. So as being a whistle Blower cost me years of personal employment opportunities. Thus i do not have any regrets. Looking back past 55 years plus i have participated with over 60 plus community programs; ranging from the city affirmative action commission, RBOC, CHAP CARE, El Centro de Accion Social, Black Male's Forum, Vision 20-20, Japanese institute, OBA, and 25 years as a certified Head Football Coach.

Recently, Counsel-person Hampton asked me to serve on the Chief of Police Advisers Board. During the last two months i took upon myself to host a think-tank that would look or explore into the excessive force Use policy By the police officers. This group consisted of over 350 years of community experience ranging from a 25 years of being a police officer to a Pasadena School District President also a current gang-interventionist To a retire 30 year Social Work. Note: without their consent or permission i can not revealed their names. The following are thought generated by the group.

In order to move the agenda forward all sides need to lend a hand not point a finger.
To resolve a police issue not blame will help to expedite the matter to a future success.
We recognized the faults of this dominant society; the courts, law enforcement, schools. Etc.

I want to suggest working in a collaborative community, police, and city official to help each other to come into a positive path forward. There are those who FEEL THEY CAN SPEAK without listening. But it is time too listen to each other so we can help our selves.

“Because of my ignorance I am not Confused “

Respectfully
Porfirio Frausto

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Breathe Justice <breathe.justice365@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:59 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 7/22 Public Safety Meeting Comments

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I am re-sending my comments as the email address on the City of Pasadena website appears to have very recently changed.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Breathe Justice** <breathe.justice365@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 22, 2020 at 10:12 AM
Subject: 7/22 Public Safety Meeting Comments
To: <vflores@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Public Safety Committee Members,

As a physician, concerned Pasadena Citizen and parent, I wholeheartedly support community oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. The proposed structure, while a start, leaves much to be desired. Please find my abridged feedback below. I am happy to engage in productive discussions on the topic upon request. I am a part of B.R.E.A.T.H.E. Justice 365, an organization whose aim is to bridge the gap between the community and police officers in order to Build Relationships and Encourage Alternative Tactics to Humanize Enforcement (breathejustice365.org).

Concerns with the Proposed Structure:

- The Independent Police Auditor must have unequivocal, irrevocable, real-time Subpoena Power over the Pasadena Police Department. This must be clearly stated.
- For the "Independent" Auditor to truly be Independent, s/he cannot be appointed by the City Manager who regularly works directly with the police chief. Conflict of interest.
- The number of police officers on the Community Police Oversight Commission must not equal or outnumber community-appointed citizens. Any alternative furthers the current unsuitable "self-policing" structure.
- What will the "specified qualifications" for the three community group appointees be? How will they be equitable to those required of City and Police Chief appointees?
- City and Police Chief Appointees to the Community Police Oversight Commission must be required to live within diverse regions of Pasadena.
- The Police Chief must Enforce the Recommendations of the Commission; otherwise, members are essentially figure heads for community appeasement.
- If the City Charter is not amended, what is the permanency of this proposed structure? For instance, if another Mayor is elected, can this be overturned?

-The City Charter must concurrently be amended for more lasting, impactful oversight.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Breathe Justice
breathejustice365.org