

Flores, Valerie

Subject: FW: Public Comment for Senior Commission Meeting on July 22, 2020 on Agenda Item 1

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Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:40 PM

To: Sabha, Tamer [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item 1

Name Topher Mathers

City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91106

Comments (under 200 words) As a millennial I feel it is my civic responsibility to speak up on this issue and critically examine the proposal that this committee is putting forth. I will be living with the consequences of the decision that this committee makes long after your service is over. I agree with the position of the Pasadena branch of the NAACP and their proposal for the structure of a Civilian Oversight Committee, and support the position of CICOOP to hold Pasadena PD accountable.

There has been societal recognition of structural racism that perpetuates police brutality, along with the recent political awakening. I support a fully funded independent auditor with subpoena power. The current proposed selection process

is problematic. It turns committee selection into a political appointment dependent on the base each Council Member pulls from the be elected or re-elected. Like many issues, what the majority of citizens want is not reflected in local, state or federal politics because of who does and doesn't participate in the political process. Reconsider your proposal, heed the advice of the NAACP and appoint an independent auditor with subpoena power. We do not need another powerless committee. I look forward to more substantial discussions about police reform.

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Subject: FW: Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on July 22, 2020 on Agenda Item civilian police oversight board and auditor

From: City Web <cityweb@cityofpasadena.net>

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:23 PM

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Agenda Item civilian police oversight board and auditor

Name Peter C. Hartgens

City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91105

Comments (under
200 words) I am writing you again to appeal to you to create an independent civilian oversight review board of the police department, and to also employ a full time police auditor. This board should be representative of all of the Pasadena communities, most particularly its minority communities.

Police departments are fraternal, becoming families unto themselves. Like any family, they will strive to protect their members because the nature of their work demands it. Therefore, the need to protect each other becomes significantly

intensified. The tendency for police departments to shield themselves from outside intervention; i.e. oversight, also becomes intensified.

Police departments, like all individuals and organizations, have egos, vanity, and prideful-ness. This is reason enough for a civilian oversight board and full-time auditor.

Systemic racism has been part of this country for over 400 years, making it part of every facet of our culture and society whether consciously or unconsciously. Not for it to exist in the Pasadena Police Department would be virtually imposable .

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Name Kristin Reutimann

Email

Phone

Address

City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91102

Comments (under
200 words)

Dear Committee members,

As a Pasadena resident since 2010 who cares deeply about the safety of all members of our community, I urge you to establish a community police oversight commission and hire a full-time Independent Police Auditor position.

The community police oversight commission should be selected from the community and consist entirely of non-law enforcement appointees. The auditor should have the authority to provide civilian oversight of the department including subpoena power, selecting the commission staff, and should report to the City Council.

I speak as college professor, where I strive to foster respect, civility, and empathy amongst all students. As a parent, I teach my children the importance of embracing cultural and racial diversity and justice for all. As a community member, I call upon City leadership to embody the same values for all of my neighbors.

I implore the Public Safety Committee to listen to the voices of those most impacted by this systemic, nationwide problem and finally move us all forward. Now is the time to create positive change for the youth of this city and beyond.

Thank you, Kristin Reutimann

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Meeting Date July 22, 2020

Agenda Item Civilian Police Oversight

Name Erica

City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91106

Comments (under 200 words) As a Pasadena resident and mother, I write to you today to strongly urge you to recommend that the city council adopt civilian police oversight as a basic step towards the ending of police brutality that disproportionately impacts brown and black communities. In addition to including community members on the police oversight committee, the hiring of a full time independent auditor is necessary hold officers accountable for using excessive force and/or violating any policies set forth by the laws and community they serve. I have two sons, and I genuinely worry about the statistics that indicate they are at higher risk of being profiled,

brutalized and even murdered by police. This is no quality of life - we pay property taxes, we vote and we deserve the justice.

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Meeting Date	July 22, 2020
Agenda Item	the only one
Name	Kris Ockershauser
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91105
Comments (under 200 words)	I would hope that whatever oversight model is adopted by the Safety Committee, and thereafter the Council, is one that will finally and quickly end the two most objectionable, long running, racist police department practices: PPD's racial profiling of stops and searches, and its use of excessive force. Despite two citywide surveys of police practices over a decade showing these problems, they still run rampant. The most recent revision of PPD Use of Force policy is not faithfully, completely compliant with the language and intent of AB392, despite the Department's assurance. The oversight model, to be worthwhile, must end these policies and practices expeditiously.

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Meeting Date	July 22, 2020
Agenda Item	1
Name	Juliana Serrano
Email	
Phone	
Address	
City	Pasadena, LA County
State	CA
Zip Code	91101
Comments (under 200 words)	I am glad to see you advocating for an oversight model that would include an IPA and a citizen commission. An IPA would bring experience and best practices to the table, while the commission would bring the lived experiences of community members to the table. The commission must be centered in the voices of people who are most impacted by racism, poverty and violence in Pasadena, and who understand how those issues intersect with policing. This will not be achieved through a majority of Council/Staff appointments. Working jointly with the IPA, the commission should not only review matters and make recommendations, but

have real power and influence in decision-making for the department. This is exactly what will radically change policing in Pasadena and provide greater oversight of our law enforcement. I strongly believe that we have the right Chief in place to work with such oversight entities. Chief Perez has been a pleasure to work with over the years as he is a good listener, proactive, and not fearful of innovation. While I have enjoyed serving on his advisory committee, I look forward to seeing a radically robust citizen body actively working for the changes that we desperately need.

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Meeting Date July 22, 2020

Agenda Item CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATION OF CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT

Name Gina Dance

Email :

City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91103

Comments (under 200 words) My name is Gina, and I am a resident of District 3. I believe the residents have made it clear what they want. We want civilian oversight of the PPD, which has been needed for years. I believe this committee recognizes the concerns and needs of residents. However, for whatever reason, they have decided not to act on what the community wants. Residents deserve better! Residents and specifically Black, Indigenous, and People of color have less trust with the police. PPD, The City, and

this committee talk about how essential public trust is, but it is not present. I call on the Public Safety committee to make a motion to City Council that the City create a community police oversight commission and a full-time Independent Police Auditor position. The oversight commission should be selected from the community and consist entirely of non-law enforcement appointees. The auditor should have the authority to provide civilian oversight of the department, including subpoena power, selecting the commission staff, and reporting to the City Council. On top of the creation of the civilian oversight, they must have subpoena powers. Given all that has been said by residents and CBO's change is needed NOW!

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Name David Chavez

City Pasadena

State CA

Zip Code 91103

Comments (under 200 words) I have written to the Public Safety committee for the last 3 meetings and have joined over 600 Pasadeneans who support the Community Bill of Rights and their demands for a democratic, independent, and effective Civilian Oversight body and IPA. However what is being presented today is nothing more than the status quo and I strongly oppose the current proposed Community Police Oversight Commission and IPA. Without any investigatory power, funding, and ability to subpoena and discipline officers there will be no change to public safety in our communities.

The Anaheim module being proposed is not effective and one has to just look at the fact that Anaheim has paid out millions of dollars for civil cases in the last two years and still has many of those officers on the force.

The current proposed model ignores the demands of the people and instead is a victory for the PPOA. They have spent over \$100,000 in contributions to the city council elections since 2017 and it is on full display in this current proposed model. If you stand for Black lives and families impacted by PPD murders, brutality, and racial profiling, you must make the module match the Bill of Rights.

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Meeting Date	July 22, 2020
Agenda Item	Police Oversight Committee
Name	Rebekah Scheys
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91105
Comments (under 200 words)	<p>Following Kendrec McDade’s murder, there was an independent OIRG investigation which found that PPD allowed the officers who killed him to view recordings of the incident before they were interviewed, they did not interview them until 36 hours AFTER the incident, and did not question or punish their decisions to fail to activate their on-vehicle camera or improperly utilize a “box-in” technique.</p> <p>Additionally, four years later, Officer Matthew Griffin, one of the two who killed Kendrec McDade, was AGAIN involved in the senseless killing of Reginald Thomas at the hands of PPD. He was allowed to perpetrate the murder of another black man, because he was not removed from the force after his first murder.</p>

The independent investigation also had several recommendations for PPD following McDade's killing, however to my knowledge, none of those recommendations were enacted. If any of them were, there was no transparency to the public about reforms that were happening. Thus, it is not enough to institute a "recommendation only" body for civilian oversight. We need to have civilian oversight with power to act, veto, & truly check the power of the PPD, which will empower the oversight committee to actually work for the good of the community.

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