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Agenda Item 1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATION OF CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT

Name Breathe Justice

City Pasadena

Zip Code 91104

Comments (under 200 words) Councilmembers, your constituents are committed to improving the way our communities are policed. This will not dwindle over time.

Will you serve us or stifle us?

If the current proposal is the only oversight model to be considered at this time, please start by strengthening it in 5 ways:

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- 1) Eliminate City Manager and Police Chief commission appointees.
 - Ultimately, these two have final say in implementation of commission recommendations; this provides them more than adequate representation.
 - Replace these appointees with two additional community appointees.

 - 2) Stipulate that current, former or family of police officers shall not serve on the police oversight commission or in the Independent Police Auditor's office.
 - Such a conflict of interest would counteract the desired goal of transparency.

 - 3) Ensure that "relevant subject matter" training includes both policing and civil rights.

 - 4) Provide substantial funding for the oversight commission and IPA to effectively fulfill duties.

 - 5) Re-establish the office of the City Prosecutor and house the IPA within it.
 - Diminish the long-standing conflict of interest stemming from Pasadena's combined City Attorney/City Prosecutor office and give the oversight body subpoena power.

Please give the proposed oversight model a chance to unite our communities and enhance safety by equipping it with power and community input.

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

Yes

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Name Concerned Pasadena Parent

City Pasadena

Zip Code 91104

Comments (under 200 words) Respectfully, Mr. Madison, contrary to your statements, organizers of the August 1st peaceful police oversight parade did not request police resources and yours was the only home with a police officer and vehicle stationed out front.

The point is that Blacks are often unable to rely upon police officers to protect and serve them. In recent days, we've seen terrified Black children handcuffed and forced face down on the ground when police officers erroneously stopped their vehicle. Black teenagers were held by police, at gunpoint, despite police being called to defend the teens from a violent, knife-wielding man.

As Black parents, we must teach our children techniques to de-escalate situations with police officers before we even consider driving lessons.

We have a distinct opportunity to chart a different course with meaningful police oversight in Pasadena.

Councilmembers, please commission the most effective police oversight body possible. Limit conflicts of interest by separating the office of the City Prosecutor from the City Attorney. Grant subpoena power by placing the IPA under the City Prosecutor's purview. Give the community a significant voice in the way it is policed.

Together, we can make Pasadena safer while holding citizens and police officers accountable for their actions.

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