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Select one City legislative body for the comment	Public Safety Committee
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Agenda Item	1. Discussion of Potential Process for Appointment of Members of Community Police Oversight Commission
Name	Breathe Justice
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91104
Comments (under 200 words)	The Community Police Oversight Commission MUST be comprised of members residing in communities most impacted by policing. Grant the underserved, over-policed community long-denied representation. Please Empower Community Organizations such as CICOPP, NAACP, POP and BREATHE Justice 365 to

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appoint the majority of oversight commission members. Affluent, unengaged community members un-impacted by policing must not overtake the grassroots cry for safety, transparency, accountability, and equal treatment from PPD. Ensure that the people most impacted by police gain influence at this crucial moment for community-police relations.

Furthermore, please stipulate that current and former police department and police union employees, representatives, and their appointees will be Prohibited from serving on the oversight commission.

Finally, promote fairness amongst commission appointees. Do NOT restrict membership to those who have already completed police training. Rather, simultaneously enroll the initial oversight board in a Training College with virtual sessions aimed at improving their understanding of policing, the prison system, civil rights, and equity. Each police ride-along must be accompanied by a prison visit to show the complete impact of arrests. Each “shoot/don’t shoot” weapons training exercise must be accompanied by de-escalation training exercises to demonstrate the full scope of options.

Equity and Representation — these are our simple requests.

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<b>I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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**Name** Sonja K Berndt

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**City** Pasadena

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**Comments (under 200 words)** I am a longtime Pasadena resident. My comment is limited to the specific issue of a potential process for appointment of members of a Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) since that is the specific issue noticed to the public for this meeting. However, since the role and authority of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) is being developed, I note that the community has very serious concerns about using the LA County Inspector General model for the IPA in our City as some councilmembers have publicly recommended. That model has very real and substantial drawbacks. As for the CPOC, it needs to be non-partisan, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and citizen-based. There needs to be a ban on members with conflicts of interest (e.g., police officers and their family members). The Council has recommended that the CPOC members be appointed by the Council after a public screening process to include vetting by community organizations. While at least one councilmember has expressed concerns that “activists” will be appointed, the community has concerns that persons who believe no oversight is necessary will be appointed. There is no rational reason to appoint to an oversight commission persons who believe no oversight is necessary. Thank you.

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