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Comments (under 200 words) I am a BIPOC female who has lived in the greater Pasadena area for most of my 50 years of life. I am on staff and a member of First Baptist Church Pasadena, a member of Making Housing and Community Happen, and serve on Union Station Homeless Services Lived Experience Advisory Panel. Recent events in our city and nation only highlight the need for police oversight within our communities. I fully support the development of a Civilian Oversight Committee and wish to see the following demands incorporated:

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Item 1

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1. Grant Appropriate Community Organizations power to appoint a majority of the Oversight Commission
 - Groups like NAACP, CICOPP, POP, CCC & BREATHE Justice 365 have a vested interest and involvement in Pasadena's under-served, over-policed communities.
 2. Prohibit current and former police department and police union employees and their surrogates from serving on the Police Oversight Commission
 3. Do Not restrict Commission membership to those who have already completed police department training
 - This would drastically limit underserved community representation
 - Training can take place after Commission appointment
 4. Require Commission members to undergo Civil Rights & Equity Training and Prison Visits in addition to Police Training
 - Teach the full scope of policing impacts
- Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

Yes