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Subject: FW: Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on October 7, 2020 on Agenda Item #1

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Select one City legislative body for the comment	Public Safety Committee
Meeting Date	October 7, 2020
Agenda Item	#1
Name	Kenichi Yoshida
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91107
Comments (under 200 words)	I am a Japanese immigrant, a father, husband, faith leader and higher education administrator. I continue to join with Pasadena residents to demand that the selection process for Oversight Commissioners must include representation by African Americans and Northwest & Central Pasadena residents, those who possess most negative perceptions of policing, while it excludes representation by police officers which results in serious conflict of interest. Furthermore, we demand that the Police Oversight Commission should be chosen by community organizations who have demonstrated commitment to police oversight. Thank you.

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Meeting Date	October 7, 2020
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Name	James Farr
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91107
Comments (under 200 words)	Chair Kennedy Mayor Tornek Vice Mayor Hampton Councilmember Madison

Thank you for collectively moving the needle forward on Police Oversight. Today, as you discuss the formation of the Commission and who will serve on it, I implore you to consider appointing a professional with experience in the disability and mental health services.

Prior to the pandemic, it was estimated that 1 in 5 people were diagnosed with a

mental health condition. Since COVID, experts now say that percentage has jumped to 60% of the population suffering from mental health diagnoses.

September 30th was the 4th year since the homicide of Mr. Reginald Thomas Jr. After reading the released "compelled officer" statement from a responding PPD, the public was provided a rare lens into the officer's thinking, behavior and use of force. Not once, did he acknowledge that Mr. Thomas was in crisis and in need of help.

Since the world is reimagining and looking at new normals. It's time Pasadena Police do the same when rolling out on calls for service involving this population. I encourage Chief Perez to consider implementing the San Antonio PD model when responding to calls for service.

The old adage "to a hammer, everything looks like a nail" style of policing needs to seriously be retooled.

James Farr
Chair ADC

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Meeting Date	October 7, 2020
Agenda Item	Oversight Committee Selection Process
Name	Pastor Kerwin Manning
City	Pasadena
State	CA
Zip Code	91104
Comments (under 200 words)	To Our Esteemed Committee: as a pastor, and one responsible for giving an account for others, I understand the importance of your next steps. We've been praying for Civilian Police Oversight for quite a while. Furthermore our citizens have asked for the right to be represented in the process of accountability with the PPD. Our Chief has publicly said that he'd concede to the people's desire, even replacing himself. We may not need a new Chief, but we definitely need an added tier of oversight in a time when people of color are disproportionately being killed at the hands, guns, and knees of police officers. Our own PPD has not been exempt

from these inexcusable practices. Now you must ensure that this new process is not tainted. You **MUST NOT ALLOW** police, past, present, or future to serve on this commission. Doing so would be like the Church allowing priests to monitor and discipline their fellow priests who violate both parishioners and law. This widens the chasm between police and community caused by historical mistrust and verifiable mistreatment of residents of color. Let reasonable, community-minded citizens serve. This **SINGLE** change could save lives and establish **ONE PASADENA**, our ultimate goal.

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Yes