

**Flores, Valerie**

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**From:** City Web  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Flores, Valerie  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on October 7, 2020 on Agenda Item 2

## Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on October 7, 2020 about Agenda Item 2

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**Meeting Date**      October 7, 2020

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**Name**      David Chavez

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**City**      Pasadena

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**State**      CA

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**Zip Code**      91103

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**Comments (under 200 words)**      I am writing as a parent of a PUSD student with my disapproval of PPD being placed into middle schools. And I am calling on the public safety committee and city council to intervene and deny the use of grant money to contract PPD for the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program.

There has been over 20 years of peer reviewed research that show that police in schools do not serve as a deterrent to violence or gang affiliation but instead place more young Black, Brown, and poor students into the School-to-Prison Pipeline.

In 2016 a study by criminologist at the University of Missouri St. Louis conducted research using over 7 years of data from the so called "GREAT" program and found it actually putting more young people into the criminal justice system. Even it's origins should call into question the impact of this program. It was created in

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the early 1990s by the Phoenix Police Department and ATF. This is not a student, teacher, or counselor program, but instead a program to criminalize student and community.

Again I call on you to terminate contract with PUSD and PPD and instead invest in counselors, intervention workers, and other supports.

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**Agenda Item** #2

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**Name** Kris Ockershauser

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**City** Pasadena

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**Zip Code** 91105

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**Comments (under 200 words)** Is this the first public presentation of the “GREAT” program? I find it odd that PPD comes to the Committee and the public AFTER the grant was secured, not before. We don’t really know how the program has worked elsewhere.

It doesn’t sound like the kind of change in police work that the protests this summer were all about. Sure, police know about gangs, but are they the best professionals to talk with youth in school about it? Los Angeles Unified has recently said “no” to police in schools because of the “school to prison pipeline.”

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Around 2008, Martin Gordon, Michelle White and I worked with the School Board to remove police from the schools and require administrators to address behavioral problems. Now the PD wants them back. Is this the best use of police? Are they the best professionals to be educating youth about resisting gangs?

Why don't we delay the start to give the public and the Committee time to learn about the pros and cons of police educating, training and monitoring youth.

The "school to prison pipeline" is still a pipeline. Let's make sure we don't start it up again in PUSD schools.

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**Name**      Jasmine Richards

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**City**      Pasadena

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**State**      CA

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**Zip Code**      91104

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**Comments (under 200 words)**      I do not believe police should be in schools. Students need youth counselors and therapists, more after school and youth led school Programs.  
They need people who are well trained for youth, not police who target and profile them.  
Police presence in school is not beneficial for students. It creates anxiety and PTSD  
I was apart of P.A.L League w/Officer Ward and Officer Thompson. They had a positive influence on me. This was a youth program with officers who played basketball with us as well as mentoring program. Instead of funding police, you should give that money to the rose program . So youth can have more summer jobs.

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**Agenda Item** #2 police intervention at middle school

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**City** Pasadena

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**Comments (under 200 words)** I believe the finances proposed should not all just go to police. There are more important need for schools for example: Nurses, psychologists, and nutritionist. #moresupportlesscops

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**Comments (under 200 words)**

This agenda item is disgraceful. Our children DO NOT need cops in their schools, they need healthcare services, nurses, counselors, and so much more. The fact that Pasadena City Council would even suggest that we dedicate more city resources to policing CHILDREN in schools (when they're not even in session in the midst of a global health crisis) baffles me. I urge the city council to redirect their focus and the city's budget to the services that our children desperately need right now. Please do not move forward with increasing police presence in schools, that is the last thing our children need right now. Remember that this is an election year and many of us are watching the actions of city council members and the mayor as you demonstrate your priorities in serving the people of Pasadena. The Pasadena Police force is already over-saturated in funding and highly unpredictable in their use of force. DO NOT succumb more children to the dangers of this police force,



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care for them by providing in-school services that support the healthy development of our children.

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