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From: Tina Fredericks <1 >
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Flores, Valerie; Gordo, Victor; Bell, Cushon; Porras, Susana
Subject: Endorsement of Patrice McKenzie for Pasadena Police Oversight Committee

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Dear Mayor Gordo, Councilmember Hampton, and Councilmember Kennedy,

I am so proud to endorse community leader and friend, Patrice McKenzie. Ms. McKenzie and I are both products of public schools and we share a passion for education. Both of us are active in the community and crossed paths many times. I was recently elected to Pasadena Unified School Board. I am so grateful for Ms. McKenzie leadership in co-chairing the Measure O campaign team. Their invaluable efforts is a beacon of hope during this time of economic uncertainty. Our district can be assured of improvements in our facilities and technological upgrades for all students in our district especially those from vulnerable communities. Ms McKenzie has a broad network of community connections that make her ideal candidate to serve on the oversight community. She will lead with a broad perspective and serve the commission with integrity and with the needs of the entire community in mind.

Sincerely,
Tina Fredericks
Pasadena resident, wife, mother of 2
Pasadena Unified School District Board member

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From: Ryan Bell < >
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - Public Safety Committee - April 7, 2021

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My name is Ryan Bell and I'm a resident of Pasadena. I've lived her for the past 7 years and current live in District 6. I have also previously lived in District 3. I am a volunteer organizer with the Pasadena Tenants Union and a member of the Northwest Commission.

I am writing today to speak in support of several of the candidates for the three (3) Community-Based Organization positions on the new Community Police Oversight Commission. No doubt there are many excellent candidates but I am writing to offer my personal recommendation for Patrice Marshall McKenzie, Florence Annang, Jasmine Richards, and Juliana Serrano.

It has been my privilege to work alongside the four remarkable women for peace and justice in Pasadena...to make Pasadena a more welcoming home for all residents of the city. Jasmine Richards, as the founder of Black Lives Matter Pasadena has put her own body on the line repeatedly in the defense of her community. She has courageously advocated for justice in cases of police misconduct and abuse. Her work for Pasadena makes her uniquely qualified for a seat on the Police Oversight Commission.

I have had the honor of working with and learning from both Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano in the Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight of the Pasadena Police (CICOPP). The have both given countless hours to the community working for the establishment of this commission. It is in no small part due to their work that we're even having this conversation today. They need to be a part of this inaugural formation of the commission.

Patrice has also been a tireless servant to the community. Whether in her work with NAACP Pasadena or in her capacity as the past president and current civic engagement chair of Alpha Kappa Alpha's Pasadena Chapter, she has the needs of her community upmost in her mind.

I believe each of these women will bring unique skills and perspectives to the Community Police Oversight Commission and I urge you to chose your three from among these excellent candidates.

Sincerely,
Ryan Bell

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From: Flores, Valerie
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Martinez, Ruben; Iraheta, Alba
Subject: FW: Citizen Police Oversight Commission

From: Mayra Macedo-Nolan < >
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:01 PM
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Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers Hampton, Kennedy, and Madison,

Today you are faced with a task of utmost importance to countless residents of our beloved city. Although we often like to think our community is marked by some level of equity, the harsh truth is that people of color remain at the bottom of most societal systems in this country, including in Pasadena, and face barriers to thriving and hardships seldom, if ever, encountered by our neighbors who happen to be white or white-presenting. The fact that policing is one such system in our community has brought us to this point.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and express gratitude form Council Member Hampton’s transparent process for the selection of the District One appointee to this commission. Many people I have talked to have expressed disappointment that other Districts did not employ such an open and pubic process for their appointments. I had the privilege of participating on the selection panel. After an in-depth, honest deliberation session, the selection panel voted almost unanimously to recommend the appointment of Ms. Esprit Jones. One community member who was watching the deliberation, noted in the chat that he felt seen and heard by his community. There was a sense of hopefulness in the chat that I had not seen in chat threads for city and community meetings since we began meeting online. I, too, was feeling hopeful after that process. We need more people to experience hope right now, wouldn’t you agree?

You can bring more hope to vulnerable black and brown people in our city today by ensuring that this commission be populated primarily by people who represent the most negatively impacted residents in our city in regards to policing practices and culture. Additionally, it is imperative that those who are appointed have a track record of continuous service and high levels of participation related to issues impacting said populations, and at least several years of residency (or a combination of service and residency) in this community. Appointees need to have an understanding of how our community works. The need to KNOW this community and BE KNOWN by the community. The aforementioned lacking will produce a less effective commission that may do little towards improving the impoverished state of police-community relations. I urge you to weigh applicants with this criteria in mind.

You have likely received many letters of support for some applicants. I would like to add my recommendation for the appointment of any combination of the following:

-Julianna Serrano: Long track record and extensive understanding of issues faced by vulnerable population in Pasadena.

-Florence Anannng: Lived experience as a black woman, extensive experience working with children and youth, and younger leaders in this community. Ms. Anannng has significant influence both in the immigrant and black communities in Pasadena., as well as with younger and emerging leaders.

-Patrice Marshall McKenzie: Lived experience as an African-American woman. Demonstrated ability to navigate diverse and complex environments Her DEI expertise would be an asset to the commission both for the operation of the commission and recommendations to PPD.

-Cynthis Kirby – although Mrs. Kirby may not share in the racialized lived experiences of people of color, her understanding and experience with unhoused populations and those with mental and emotional disadvantages are important perspectives to include on the commission.

Be assured that you are in my prayers as you navigate this critical moment in the history of our city.

Grace and peace,



Pastor Mayra Macedo-Nolan

Executive Director



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