

Flores, Valerie

From: Mark Maier
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:20 PM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: Public comment for Public Safety Meeting April 15 Agenda item 1

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To Public Safety Committee Members:

I write in support of Juliana Serrano for a position on the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission. I have worked closely with Ms. Serrano on matters related to public policy in the City. I have found Ms. Serrano to be a level-headed yet compassionate citizen. She is ideally suited for the difficult tasks that lie ahead for this Oversight Commission bringing a much-needed viewpoint as a Latina.

Thank you for this consideration.
Mark Maier

Pasadena 91104

Flores, Valerie

From: Paul J
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:12 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pasadena Public Safety Committee, April 14, 2021 - Support of Florence Annang to the Community Police Oversight Commission

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Mayor Gordo and Council Members Hampton, Kennedy and Madison,

I am writing in strong support of **Florence Annang** to be elected to the Community Police Oversight Commission.

The purpose of the Commission is to enhance, develop, and strengthen community-police relations, and review and make recommendations regarding the ongoing operations of the police department to the chief of police, city manager, and/or city council. By definition the members of the Commission need to be representative of the Pasadena Community and be involved in organizations that are involved in community and police reform.

I have known Florence for over 20 years, first through our Family Foundation's involvement in Harambee Ministries in Northwest Pasadena. I have followed Florence and supported her causes and been inspired ever since. Florence is a tireless and highly influential community leader and representative of the NAACP. Her participation on the Commission would signal true community representation.

Florence has dedicated her adult life to helping underserved youth thrive and pushing the City of Pasadena to realize its full potential of becoming a model community for all. I can think of no one better to serve on the Community Police Oversight Commission. I urge you to support her election.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Johnson
Pasadena Resident

Flores, Valerie

From: Mo Hyman
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:06 PM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: Police Citizens Oversight | Support of Juliana Serrano

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Esteemed City Council Members:

I reside in Mr. Hampton's district, and I also serve the community as the Executive Director of College Access Plan.

I strongly support Juliana Serrano's application to serve on this committee. Given her extensive work on social justice and racial equity in our community and the level of respect afforded her by her peers, there is no one more qualified than she.

Finally, it is essential that our Latinx community is represented on this important body. Please select Juliana Serrano for service.

Monique Hyman

From the Desk of
Lois J Gaston

Duarte, CA 91010

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April 13, 2021

Mayor Victor Gordo and City Council Members,

This is a letter of recommendation in support of Florence Annang, a candidate for the Community Based Organization position on the Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC).

Ms. Annag is an effective, dedicated Executive Board member of the NAACP Pasadena Branch #1054. I have known her in that capacity for more than ten (10) years. She exemplifies the unbiased, well rounded community service volunteer needed to fill this new position.

Florence has earned the respect and trust of much of the Pasadena and surrounding areas' diverse populations, including those of all ages, economic positions, and education backgrounds. Equally important is her relationship with an expanded network of racially diverse individuals and groups who reside, work and/or own businesses in Pasadena and Los Angeles County.

I have worked closely with Florence on the NAACP Pasadena's Executive Board and Finance Committee; observed her planning and organizing skills as a lead coordinator of the Ruby McKnight Williams Committee (our annual major fundraising event); observed her timely actions when she recommended programs that benefited small businesses and the elderly during the current pandemic; and witnessed her lead community-wide rallies that brought citizens and law enforcement together for productive dialogue and follow up that helped bring about peaceful

Ms. Annang is an outstanding NAACP member and will be an ideal CPOC member. She understands the root causes and the devastating effects of social injustice, inequality and bias. She values our citizens and our civil servants. This gives her an advantage that CPOC needs. She is a good listener who is in tune with persons whose voices are often not heard or considered. Flo is well informed and knowledgeable of the governing bodies, elected officials, public and private school administrators, religious leaders and social organization officers.

I highly recommend Florence Annang for this role. She is experienced in team building and communication techniques that help remove barriers of racial, religious, economic, gender and social discrimination through fairness and the democratic process. Please contact me direct at _____ or at _____ for additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lois Gaston

Lois Gaston, NAACP Life Member
NAACP Pasadena Executive Board Member
Pasadena/Duarte ACT-SO Co-Chairperson
Former Mayor City of Duarte

City of Pasadena
Public Safety Committee

April 14, 2021

Dear friends,

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Juliana Serrano's appointment to the Police Oversight Commission as the leader of her sponsoring CBO. We sponsored her because we believe her presence is essential to the commission doing its work at the highest level.

Juliana has years of experience working on the state and local level on police oversight. Her experience is not just in knowledge of the issues but in building strong relationships across the spectrum of residents and public officials in Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley. She is able to synthesize the lived experience of every segment of our city's population with the experience of police and civic officials. She understands both the current complexity and the varied history of policing, both locally and nationally. She is well versed on current movements of reform and the best thinking and practices coming from reform movements across the country.

As a team member, Juliana does not hesitate to acknowledge the limits of her knowledge, asks questions that break open the conversation and names elephants in the room. She is part of and deeply connected with the portions of our community that have experienced the brunt of police violence and will bring those concerns to the table in a passionate, practical and creative form.

Juliana has engaged and will continue to engage this work as a member of the staff of All Saints Church. It is not so important that All Saints be represented at the table – as opposed to some other community of faith – but it is important that her work and All Saints' position in the community has enabled her to build deep relationships across the multifaith and nonprofit communities in Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley. It will not just be All Saints Church that Juliana brings to the table but countless other faith communities and organizations with which she has had and continues to have significant contact ... some of which All Saints founded and many of which All Saints Church is partners in ministry with.

All Saints Church has a generations-long commitment to courageous justice. That is a commitment that we do not hold by ourselves but share with an incredible network of communities and organizations throughout this region. Juliana Serrano has been a primary connecting tissue for that network for more than a decade. She is absolutely necessary for this Commission to do its best work and represent all of Pasadena. Thank you for your consideration of Juliana Serrano for this important position.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Mike Kinman
Rector, All Saints Church

Flores, Valerie

From: director Friends In Deed
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:09 AM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: In support of Juliana Serrano

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Dear City Council,

Now more than ever, the police oversight commission is so vitally important to the safety and security of our community. I can think of no better person to serve on this commission than Juliana Serrano.

Having known her for more than a decade, having worked with her in the community on several issues of justice, I know Juliana to be a fair person, yet firm in her beliefs. She is a listener and a doer. She's not afraid to stand up for what is right, even in the face of pressure. And, she is a Latina woman, which brings much needed diversity to such an important commission.

I strongly and proudly endorse the candidacy of my friend and partner in justice, Juliana Serrano, for the police oversight commission.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater

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Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater
Executive Director, Friends in Deed

Pasadena, CA 91104

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'Doing Together What We Can't Do Alone'

Flores, Valerie

From: Sara Ligorria-Tramp
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:40 AM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: Police Oversight Commission

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I'm writing to make known my support for Patrice Marshal, Julliana Serrano, and Florence Annang as the community based members of the Pasadena police oversight committee. It is vital that the members of the PPOC are rooted in our community, are representative of the people who live in our community, and understand the unique needs of the community. --

Sara Ligorria-Tramp

Flores, Valerie

From: Jeanette Mann
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Flores, Valerie
Subject: Recommendation of Appointment of Juliana Serrano to Pasadena Community Oversight Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Jeanette Mann, and I am writing in support of recommending Juliana Serrano to the City Council for appointment to the Pasadena Community Oversight Committee. I believe Ms. Serrano is very well qualified for a this position because of her background and experience as a woman of color as well as her long history of social justice work as a Senior Associate for Peace and Justice at All Saints Church, and her service to the city and the community on the Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight of the Pasadena Police, on the Pasadena Police Chief's Community Advisory Committee, and on the Executive Committee of Pasadenans Organizing for Progress.

As a former Trustee at Pasadena City College and a long-time active community member, I know how important it will be to have a Latina on the Community Oversight Committee. According to a recent study by UCLA, thirty-five percent of the people arrested by the Pasadena police are Latino; appointing a Latina to the Oversight Committee would send a very strong message to the member of the Latino community that they and their community are valued by the city, that they will be heard.

Several very well qualified women will be considered today by the Public Safety Committee—but I believe that Ms. Serrano is uniquely qualified and urge you to recommend her for appointment to the Pasadena Community Oversight Committee.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Mann

Pasadena, CA 91104