

Flores, Valerie

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Councilmembers,

To build trust in the community, the Police Oversight Commission should include the following for the selectees to the 3 Community Seats:

- People of Color with crucial lived experience on issues of policing.
- Organizations that have been doing the work of Police Reform publicly and in the community.
- Organizations that are based in Pasadena

With these considerations in mind, I support the appointment of the following community members to the commission.

Florence Annang (NAACP Pasadena Branch)

Juilanna Serrano (All Saints Church)

Patrice Marshall McKenzie.

Sincerely,
Topher Mathers (District 5)

Flores, Valerie

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Hi Mark,

Please see the comment below:

Good Afternoon Mayor Gordo and Pasadena Public Safety,

We have come along way with bringing about a public safety commission to the City of Pasadena. For the past few months Florence Annang, Juliana Serrano and Patrice Marshall Mckenzie have worked on these issues locally. As a fellow community advocate I have watched and worked along all three ladies tirelessly to organize meetings and educate others. Annang, Serrano and Mckenzie are committed to representing the people of color who have been affected by issues that are associated with police.

I hope that you consider those who have fought on the front line regardless of how mentally and physically draining this can be and not someone who just showed up and is interested in participating because it may be a good look.

Respectfully,

N. Denise Bernard

Flores, Valerie

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To the Public Safety Committee:

I am pleased that the Community Police Oversight Commission is forming, and hopeful that it will increase justice for the people of Pasadena. To this end, I believe the Commission should comprise people who have lived experience with the challenges we face around policing in Pasadena, and a familiarity with the specific issues that led to the creation of the Commission. Appointments should also be made in recognition of the disproportionate burden that policing places on people of color, and the unique and crucial voices of Black and Brown community members who have been most severely impacted. For these reasons and in light of their individual accomplishments and collective efforts toward police reform in Pasadena, I support the candidacy of Florence Annang from our Pasadena NAACP chapter, Juliana Serrano from All Saints Church, and Patrice Marshall McKenzie from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, for Community Based Organization positions on the Commission.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Collins

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Good Afternoon,

Please see the public comment written and submitted by the Collective of the Roses:

In solidarity with the community groups and members that organized and fought for the Community Police Oversight Committee (CPOC), we call on the Public Safety Committee to ensure that the process for selecting the CPOC members is transparent. The members should be selected according to the following:

All three seats go to people of color as Black and Latinx residents have historically and continue to be the target of racially motivated field IDs, searches, and brutality.

That all three seats be representative of organizations and community groups that are based in Pasadena and are accountable to the community.

That all three seats go to those who have been fighting for greater accountability from law enforcement and for community-based public safety.

The Pasadena City Council and Public Safety Committee are failing to meet the moment and blatantly disregarding the fact that the vote to create the CPOC was passed only after the murder of Anthony McClain, a father, son, friend, former PUSD student, and Pasadena community member. Many community organizations and community members have long been calling for accountability of the Pasadena Police, City Council, and all local government officials. This failure is symptomatic of not having community control of public safety. Meeting these basic selection requirements for the three community-based organization representatives should be the baseline if the community is to be convinced that the CPOC will actually be able to hold PPD accountable.

While it remains to be seen, the CPOC has the potential to bring accountability for community members who have been the targets of police violence through beatings, surveillance, and death. We also understand that it is not a means to an end and that the real work will come from the community. Public safety means being protected from the police as well and this power should not reside with the police, but with the people, thus a deeper critical analysis is needed. Police and the prison systems are inherently racist and anti-Black institutions that uphold white supremacy. They are presented as “solutions” to the complex social problems that are created by generations of inequality, land theft, warfare, and exploitation. Ultimately the work for us in Pasadena and beyond is to abolish these

systems by reimagining public safety and building community power to ensure everyone can live and thrive with dignity.