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Dear Community Police Oversight Commissioners and staff,

As longtime Pasadena residents and proud parents of a 1st grader at San Rafael Elementary School, we are writing to request additional information regarding department protocol and procedure during the incident at San Rafael Elementary on Sunday, August 14th. Specifically, we have the following questions:

- **How was the caller's report transmitted to the officers who responded on site? Was the report of trespass shared verbatim with the responding officers?**
- **Why did PPD staff handcuff a custodian who did not match the description of the caller and was compliant with their direction? Why was a pat down not sufficient?**
- **After apprehending the school custodian, did the PPD officers on site search the school grounds for a person who matched the caller's description (white, female/male, backpack)? If not, why not?**
- **In reports of alleged trespass, does PPD staff ever observe a site before directly engaging members of the public in the manner exhibited on 8/14?**
- **Does PPD staff moderate their response for service to school sites outside of school hours? (e.g, a Sunday on a closed campus)**
- **Are PPD's non-lethal weapons designed to look similar to lethal weapons? How can members of the public distinguish between the two? Has there been study of the efficacy and impact of these models versus others?**
- **Has the City followed up with the person who called in the alleged trespass to request additional details? Has this caller placed other requests for service at the campus?**
- **In cases of mistaken detention, does the Pasadena Police Department have a standard operating procedure for apologizing to the member(s) of the public involved? If not, has the department considered such a policy? Are there examples of other public safety agencies that employ such community-repair procedures?**

Even in the best circumstances non-fatal incidents such as the one at SRE can have long-term consequences for members of the public. The

detainment of San Rafael custodial staff by PPD could have resulted in physical injury or tragedy. While officers used non-lethal weapons in this encounter, the interaction impacted the custodian's mental health, and resulted in a chain reaction within the school community that continues to reverberate weeks later.

As members of the San Rafael school community, we hope the Commission will utilize this incident as an opportunity to review PPD protocol and procedure.

Thank you for your service to the community and consideration of our questions,

Wesley and Kristin Reutimann

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