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To: Anthony Manousos
Subject: RE: Regarding Councilman John Kennedy's proposal re civilian review board. Please use this version

From: Anthony Manousos [mailto:interfaithquaker@aol.com]
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Subject: Re: Regarding Councilman John Kennedy's proposal re civilian review board. Please use this version

Dear City Clerk Mark Jomsky,

Please disregard previous email and send this version.
Dear Councilmember:

We want to commend Councilman John Kennedy for recommending a feasibility study for the creation of a citizen review board. We would like to know if the Safety Committee has meaningful oversight or authority over the Pasadena Police Department, including the power to subpoena and to appoint a special independent investigator. As residents of Northwest Pasadena, we know that many of our neighbors share our concern that the police be held accountable, specially when it comes to racial profiling and excessive force.

We agree with the International Association of Chiefs of Police that the following questions will help with assessing whether a citizen review board is needed:

- Is the community concerned about police misconduct?
- What particular issues are they concerned about?
- Are specific community groups raising issues?
- Is there a consensus among citizens about police misconduct issues?
- Have citizens or citizen groups called for action by the department?
- If so, what action (resolution) are they seeking?

To answer these questions, there needs to be community engagement and discussion, particularly here in Northwest Pasadena.

- See more at:

<http://www.theiacp.org/PoliceServices/ProfessionalAssistance/Ethics/ReportsResources/PoliceAccountabilityandCitizenReview>

Yours in friendship and peace,

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"Common folk, not statesmen, nor generals, nor great men of affairs, but just simple men and women, if they devote themselves ... can do something to build a better peaceful world."--Henry Cadbury, 1947

"The humble, meek, merciful, just, pious, and devout souls are everywhere of one religion; and when death has taken off the mask, they will know one another, though the liveries they wear here make them strangers."--William Penn.

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