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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Steven Gibson      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**      Ave., Altadena, CA 91001

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### **Comments:**

Dear City Council members I want the City of Pasadena to release all records of use of force complaints, investigations, and conclusions made by police or City Council in the past 5 years. Provide a mechanism for regular release of such materials. Also, in cases of an officer-involved shooting, release unedited body-cam footage to the family of the deceased or to the family's legal counsel, within 24 hours after the incident. I want Black Lives Matter Pasadena to have the right to nominate one member of the Oversight Commission. I insist that the City of Pasadena commit to immediately dropping charges against Nafissa Kaba, whose 11-year-old son was maced by a police officer moments after Anthony McClain's death. Thank you for your time and attention to these requests.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Elizabeth Barrios      **Email:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
91104

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### **Comments:**

Mayor Tornek, and members of the City Council,

We have lost another young man, father, brother, friend in our community at the helm of PPD. Per the police department press conference, the sequence in which the video recordings were released, and the heresay, has only echoed the need for the role of an independent auditor. I am asking you, our elected officials to create an oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and community people, with subpoena power and adequate funding. As I and many others have stated before, Pasadena is not an exception to the systemic injustice experienced by Black and Brown people in our Pasadena community. We need change.

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Natalie Dunbar			Pasadena, CA 91104-4008

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### Comments:

Pasadena Community Bill of Rights

George Floyd's killing by Minneapolis police reminds us of Pasadena's own need for police reform, as does yesterday's shooting of another young Black man, Jacob Blake, in Kenosha, WI, who was shot in the back by police SEVEN times in front of his children.

Pasadena has its own list of recent victims of police abuse: Leroy Barnes, Kendrec McDade, J.R. Thomas, Paris Holloway, Rashad McCoy, and Chris Ballew.

The protests happening across the country are a call to action to us ALL. We must do our part to challenge injustice locally, to lift up this movement nationally, and to establish a new path forward.

It is the responsibility of Pasadena's Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Police Chief to do whatever is possible, within their authority and resources, to address these injustices. It is an opportunity to respond to the calls for justice and action rising in communities nationwide and here in our own city.

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Today, we call on you to adopt the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights (<https://bit.ly/pasadena-cbr>).

It is time to rethink the role of police in our community, what we mean by “public safety,” and how the police interact with communities of color.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Theresa Kennedy			l, Pasadena, California 91107

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### Comments:

I'm writing you to encourage you to support the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights and the creation of a civilian oversight committee.. It's clear that there is work to be done in our community to improve police/citizen relations and in particular, outcomes regarding police violence (sometimes deadly) used against our neighbors of color. We are protesting in order to make systemic, bigger changes in how our tax dollars are appropriated for social services, including for the police department. The goal is to find ways to take the burden of servicing all social ills off the cops, and create a new, more transparent system of public safety for all Pasadena residents. It is past time to rethink the role of police and social services in our community, what we mean by "public safety," and how the police interact with us in Pasadena.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Annice Jackson      **Email:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
911103

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. After the Officer Involved shooting event of August 15, it is of utmost importance that the Council approve the proposal. There must be some accountability! The time is now, As Councilmembers Steve Madison and Victor Gordo do their best to politicize the civilian oversight issue, the community will no longer sit back and say nothing. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago - now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Our Community is crying for justice!! The Pasadena Police department will appreciate the Civilian Community Oversight and an Independent Auditor – we will learn to work together.

This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a basic platform on which the City Council will be able to improve.

I am hopeful that each member of our City Council will stand on the right side of history. Please vote “YES” for the proposal submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

Annice Jackson

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Blair Miller      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

Dear Council Members,

As a Pasadena resident who cares about the health and safety of our community, I urge you to support the creation of a Civilian Oversight Commission and an Independent Police Auditor with subpoena power. The events of the last week have shown just how important it is for there to be a credible, fair and open process that the community can trust. Police hold the power of life and death in their hands. Because of this power, the police should have clear rules of engagement that are based in best practices. A transparent system of investigation and accountability is in the best interests of everyone in Pasadena.

Thank you,

Blair Miller

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item Item 6 - Creation of a Police Oversight Commission & IPA**

**Name:** Jasmine Boyle    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

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### **Comments:**

My name is Jasmine Boyle and I have been a youth pastor and resident in Pasadena for more than 10 years.

Anthony McClain was shot in the back and killed while running from Pasadena police officers who made a traffic stop. So many issues with the police response in this situation - overpolicing in certain neighborhoods, body cam turned off, firing without warning, delayed medical response, and more. Our PD needs a community oversight commission that will hold the department accountable for actions like these. We need the strongest response now in support of true public safety, justice, & equity. An oversight commission made up of community members, with an independent auditor (independent from PD & City Manager) with subpoena power. It's just one step in the process of police reform in our community, but it is a significant and necessary one.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

<b>Name:</b> Oliver Stephenson	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b> Pasadena, California 91125
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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of greater police oversight in Pasadena. Specifically I would like to support the amendments to the proposed Community Police Oversight Commission put forward by Black Lives Matter Pasadena, which are:

1. Make available and release to the public all records of use of force complaints, investigations, and conclusions made by the police or the City Council within the past five years and provide a mechanism for regular release of such materials.
2. In case of an officer-involved shooting, release unedited body-cam footage to the family of the deceased or to the family's legal counsel, within 24 hours after the incident.
3. Do NOT grant nomination power to the Chief of Police to appoint a member of the Oversight Commission.
4. Permit Black Lives Matter Pasadena the right to nominate one member of the Oversight Commission (with the right to increase the number of nominees proportionally if the number of the Commission increases)

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5. Disqualify nominees or appointees of the Oversight Commission who have financial, personal, political, or other business ties to real estate developers or police unions.

Thank you for your consideration

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Danny Parker      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
91103

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### **Comments:**

The time for political posturing has passed. Please approve civilian oversight and an independent auditor for our Police Department. As recent events have tragically reminded us, lives are at stake. As always, the time to do the right thing is now. Please allow the substance and merits of this proposal, not protocol or petty personal differences, to guide your vote.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

**Name:** Charles H. Pulliam (YOU MAY READ THIS ONE)  
**Email:**  
**Phone:**  
**Address:** PASADENA, CA 91104

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### Comments:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee presented by the Public Safety Committee. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago. The City Council has considered various oversight proposals – and yet, here we are again reacting to another Police Officer Involved shooting (August 15, 2020.) Now is the time to be proactive and Vote "YES!"

As an African American resident of Pasadena for 56 years, I see the need for Civilian Oversight. Previous Police Chief Bernard Melekian recruited me to attend the Pasadena Citizen Police Academy (aka Community Police Academy CPA). Chief Melikian expressed the need for citizens to have an awareness of police operations – “It is not if an incident occurs, it’s when one occurs”. It was not a knock on fine PPD officers, but factors impacting both his officers and the community. I have a good perspective of both sides of the issue.

Citizens and police department members are safer when there is independent police department oversight. This proposal is a step in the right direction.

Charles Pulliam

Pasadena, CA 91104

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

**Name:** michael  
**Email:** sanders  
**Phone:**  
**Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

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### Comments:

I am Michael Sanders from the 7th District. I'm upset about the wrongful death at the hands of Pasadena Police of Anthony McClain. I am upset at the over response of the police to a traumatized community in mourning, the excessive display of force to peaceful protesters, the slow trickle of information from the PPD and their misrepresentation of facts regarding the shooting. I am requesting that The City Council create a Community Police Oversight Commission, made up of city residents, and hire a paid, full-time Independent Police Auditor. The auditor would have subpoena power, select the Commission staff, and report to the City Council. The Commission's and Auditor's duties would include: holding public hearings, public review of the Department's purchase and use of surveillance technology, and issuing quarterly and annual comprehensive reports on police officers' use of force or threats to use force and on all officers who have had complaints against them for excessive force, racial profiling or other abuses. These reports would include all disciplinary actions against sworn officers, the amounts spent to settle lawsuits against police officers, and the officers involved, reports should be available to the public to the maximum extent permitted by California law.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Curt Gibson      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91001

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### **Comments:**

As a youth pastor and leader in the non-profit sector in Pasadena for 32 years, I'm tired of the narrative of police in Pasadena mis-treating communities of color. As a white person, I know I am treated completely different than the students I've served. Anthony McCain was in and around our programs as a 15-year-old, and watching this video I am reminded of how there are 2 different ways people in Pasadena are treated. I have no concern that anyone will ever shoot me in the back.

Citizens oversight of police must include those most affected by police violence. There must be an independent auditor employed by the City Attorney, independent of any oversight by the City Manager. This oversight committee would be toothless if it did not have subpoena power to gather information during investigations. Low income serving non-profits should have a reserved seat on oversight. There's never been a better time to adjust the city charter. As one who has filed a formal complaint that led to discipline of an officer and change in training protocols, I am shocked at how fast things returned to the state they were before the complaint.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6. Community Police Oversight, Auditor**

**Name:** Julie McKune      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

Anthony McClain, murdered nine days ago, by who? By a woman, NO.

The Pasadena City Council (mostly men) will listen to the voices of our community and then vote. We demand racial justice! All eyes are on the Mayor, City Manager, Pasadena Police Chief, City Attorney, (mostly men) and members of the City Council, mostly men. Will you vote as representatives of your community? Or is it your intention, to act slowly, ..until the community's attention fades away?

I have little respect for officials who misuse/abuse our tax revenue. Body worn cameras belong to us. We purchased them, right? Who decides how many guns, bullets, batons, tear gas, pepper spray, tasers will be on our streets? What does the Pasadena Police Department Budget reveal ? What's being ordered for next year? Do you have a vision of a militarized police force ? How are your plans for the implementation of Restorative Justice Practices? Has your leadership team attended any seminars with Ruth Wilson Gilmore? Are you, not yet ready, to transform criminal justice?

We demand 50% women on the civilian oversight commission. The grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, and daughters are watching you. Be inclusive. Tell the truth. Prevent harm. Earn our trust.

Thank you.

Julie McKune

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

**Name:** Jason    **Email:**    **Phone:**    **Address:**  
Bowie    1    ; Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

Mayor

As a young black man growing up in Pasadena, I have been stopped more than 10 times, for the kind of truck that I drove, I have been talked to with disrespect by the PPD officers. My Mother has gone to the watch commander on my behalf, proving that I owned my truck, Why was I harassed so often by the same officers. I lived in Pasadena for more than 5 years, but broke my lease and moved out of the city when the officer failed to respond to my filed complaint. The watch commander made no effort to solve my issue. It is critical that we develop an police reform commission before we lose another life. At, 39 y/o, I am very fearful to drive in Pasadena. Something needs to be done. An Oversight committee is necessary.

Thank you  
Jason Bowie

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item Item Number 6**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Stephen Watts			PASADENA, California 91101-4001

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### **Comments:**

My name is Stephen Watts, I have been a resident of Pasadena for twenty two years and I'm an African American that has been a victim to PPD's racial profiling and antagonization. It is very clear that our city is in immense pain right now due to another black man's death. The trauma, pain and despair that our community is experiencing from the death of Anthony McClain will have long lasting implications for generations if the leaders of Pasadena do not give justice to Mr. McClain, his family and the NW Pasadena neighborhood. Unfortunately, this has not been the first time PPD has taken away a black man's life from this community. Let Antony McClain be the last time our community suffers trauma and death by the hands of the PPD. There needs to be accountability now. Allow community members to be part of the police oversight committee, grant the committee and IPA subpoena power, and keep the IPA INDEPENDENT of the PD & City Manager. PPD has functioned too long without accountability from the ones they claim to protect and serve.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:**                                    **Email:**                                    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a citizen police oversight commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process; and to hire an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager (to whom the Chief of Police also reports), and who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.

Yet again, one more Northwest neighborhood has been terrorized by police, and one more innocent black man has lost his life at the hands of a police officer. As a white person, a professor at Cal State L.A., a past president of my neighborhood association in District 1, and a frequent user of La Pintesca Library, I have seen over and over the way Pasadena police treat people of color differently than they treat white people. I see it directed at my neighbors, my students, my dear friends, my church members who are people of color. This mistreatment traumatizes all of us and is a blight on all of Pasadena. The time for police reform and for civilian police oversight is long overdue.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Michelle Woo			3, Pasadena, CA 91101

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### Comments:

My name is Michelle Woo and I am a Pasadena resident in District 7. Last weekend, I was devastated to learn of the fatal police shooting which killed 32-year-old Anthony McClain.

That Anthony McClain died at the hands of police in the midst of a community push for a police oversight committee demonstrates the urgency of the task at hand. Each moment you delay in taking an unequivocal stance against police brutality, not only in your words but also your votes, is a moment the life of a fellow citizen, a human with as much dignity and worth as each of you, may be taken away.

Regardless of the nuances of each police shooting, what ultimately allows for the recklessness with which our police shoot Black people is that history has shown time and time again that there are few repercussions for doing so. We cannot allow this devaluing of Black lives to continue I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena power. There is no ambiguity in our ask to align our proposal with the Community Bill of Rights.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item The Untimely Death of Anthony McClain**

**Name:** Allie Altschuler      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena,  
CA 91101

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### **Comments:**

Anthony McClain's death is evidence once again that body cameras are not a sufficient deterrent to police brutality. An officer turning their body camera off during a "routine traffic stop" is admission of malintent. Turning off one's body camera should be grounds for steep and immediate disciplinary action; murdering someone for running away from you should be grounds for murder charges, cop or not. Pasadenans have this false idea of living in an idyllic suburb. We do not. We are not immune, and our officers--for as long as their jobs continue to exist as they currently do--need to be held accountable to the same standards as other citizens when they shoot to kill.

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Mercedes Bowie			Altadena, CA 91001

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and Council:

As a young Women, daughter, sister and cousin of 5 African American men, they have been stopped and harassed by the Pasadena Police. It is imperative to establish a Police oversight committee to have fairness and impartial decisions regarding police reform. Please vote in favor of an Oversight committee.

Thank you,  
Mercedes Bowie

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Banaf Rahimi			Pasadena, California 91106-1000

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### **Comments:**

Anthony McClane should be alive today. He did not need to be shot in the back because of a missing front license plate. I am a resident of district 5, and I am urging you, our elected officials to create police oversight made up of an independent auditor and a community based committee with subpoena power. In order to garner trust among the residents of Pasadena, we cannot have elected officials select committee members, It must be community based to avoid any suspicion of bias within the committee. Furthermore, we DO NOT need armed officers to respond to minor traffic violations. As we have seen in many examples of police violence in our own city, armed officers responding to routine traffic stops can lead to fatal escalation. Engineer our streets to be safer for all road users, especially our Black and brown neighbors. As a minority member of this community, I stand with the under represented voices who demand meaningful police oversight now. We cannot wait for another death at the hands of our own Police department. We need change now.

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