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

**Name:** Len    **Email:**    **Phone:**    **Address:**  
Tang                                        Rd., Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

I'm writing in support of the civilian police oversight committee. While it may not be the perfect solution, it is crucial and urgent that we act now to rebuild public trust. Failing to pass this would be a massive blow to the idea of police accountability and bring into question whether our city really believes that black lives matter.

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

<b>Name:</b> Pastor	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 626-	<b>Address:</b>
Kerwin Manning			Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

As a pastor to this city I,with others, are responsible for the spiritual health and well-being of our community. Sadly, you are not treating citizens of Linda Vista, Bungalow Heaven, Arroyo Terrace, Craftsman Heights, Chapman Woods, Orange Heights, and Oak Knoll as ONE PASADENA. Recently, Chief Perez(with your backing) declared, “we have to be held accountable as a police department.” He then said(with your approval), “It’s an independent police officer’s decision at that moment”. Does that mean “forget protocol and academy training?” Maybe the Chief and elected officials simply believe, in the words of the 1969 Isley Brothers hit, “it’s your thing, do what you want to do” This is the perception that we have when it comes to these unnecessary deaths due to wild west police tactics towards citizens of color.

No accountability? No protocol?Such policing is not acceptable, inexcusable. Will you still remain complicit, denying the vociferous demands of the community for Civilian Oversight, led by an IA with subpoena power? We are rapidly losing confidence in your ability to lead. We deserve DUE PROCESS for all citizens. McClain,McDade,& Barnes, Black men, never got an opportunity to this right. Please do what we elected you to do, represent us.

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

**Name:** Ferne Hayes      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**      2,  
Pasadena, CA 91106

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### **Comments:**

It's difficult to comprehend that another Black man met his death at the hands of a Pasadena policeman as a result of a missing front license plate!

I would like to discuss issues such as frequent neighborhood-specific vehicle minor infraction stops - is this Pasadena's version of Stop & Frisk? Or debate should police policy allow shooting at someone who is running away from them? Or what are the penalties for turning off a body cam? But what is on the agenda today is creation of a community police oversight commission and independent auditor (IPA) with subpoena power.

Yes, many of the suggested revisions are good. However the IPA must report to someone other than the City Attorney whose job is to defend officers in misconduct cases. Attorney/client privilege should not be allowed to become an issue. The IPA must be able to initiate investigations, not just review those of the police department. Evidence gathered and reported by the IPA should be used in disciplinary or personnel decisions except where prohibited by law. Accomplish this without delay.

And finally, Council members should refrain from accepting campaign donations from Pasadena Police Officers Association. I will not support anyone who does so.

Thank you.

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

**Name:** Breathe Justice      **Email:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
91104

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### **Comments:**

The police killing of Anthony McClain, and resulting community impact illustrate the dire need for effective police oversight in Pasadena.

While many details need to be sorted, accountability and transparency are key.

We commend PPD for releasing officer-involved shooting footage early. However, we denounce the biased manner in which incident videos were released.

Pasadena needs an Empowered Independent Police Auditor to answer questions like:

- Why was the passenger in a traffic stop asked to exit the vehicle?
- Why does Officer #2 BWC footage start AFTER his mortal shooting of McClain?
- Why did police handcuff and keep McClain face-down, potentially accelerating his death?
- Where is the video of PPD finding McClain's reported gun?

Thank you for amending the oversight proposal to grant the IPA subpoena power. This is an important first step.

We have emailed councilmembers 8 detailed ways to improve the oversight proposal:

- Re-establish the City Prosecutor Office; House the IPA within It

- Expressly state the IPA's power to CONDUCT investigations
- Add uses of excessive force to the IPA's investigatory responsibilities
- Amend the disclaimer on disciplinary and personnel decisions
- Ensure robust oversight funding
- Grant an Enforceable Disciplinary Role
- Ensure Civil Rights training
- Restrict board members with conflicts of interest

Please read our email, engage the community, and act to keep All Pasadenans Safe. Lives hang in the balance.

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

**Name:** Regina Major      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
91001-4732

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### **Comments:**

My name is Regina and I am a long time educator, resident of Altadena, alumni of PUSD and a parent.

Effective citizen oversight of the Pasadena Police Department is vital. We can stop the vicious cycle of critical police event, community outrage, and elected official inaction. A community-based commission and independent police auditor with subpoena power would enhance community trust, police accountability and safety. Please do not wait any longer. Enact effective citizen oversight of the Pasadena Police Department now. Especially in lieu of the recent shooting. We need change. For the sake of our children and families, Pasadena City Council - please be the change for racial equality. Thank you and God Bless.

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

**Name:** Chris Walker      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**  
Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

Most middle-class whites have no idea what it feels like to be subjected to police who are routinely suspicious, sometimes rude, belligerent, and brutal. As a black man, we must operate in fear, we run, we get shot, just because the fear is so deeply ingrained in us, we sometimes allow that fear to cause us to run. I support the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. After the Officer Involved shooting on August 15, it is importance that the Council approve the Civilian Police Oversight proposal submitted by the Public Safety Committee and Chair Councilman John Kennedy. Now is the time to Vote "YES!"

The Pasadena Police department will appreciate the Civilian Community Oversight and an Independent Auditor – we will learn to work together. This is a step in the right direction, to improve relationships.

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

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

**Name:** Dianne Magee  
**Email:**  
**Phone:** 626-  
**Address:** , Pasadena, CA  
91105

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers,

I wrote a previous letter to you in support of the creation of a Community Police Oversight Commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. After the recent Officer involved shooting of August 15, 2020, I feel more strongly than ever that there is a need for this Oversight Commission to focus on the causes of these events and ways to prevent them. My proposal envisions an Oversight Commission that includes Council Members and representatives from the Police Dept. We need to hear too from whoever can help us diminish the number of guns available in our community and how to control that. I have enormous respect for Pasadena's political leaders and for the Pasadena Police Dept. I believe that their addressing the violence that is happening here and searching for solutions (and support if needed) are critical parts of the purpose of the proposed Community Police Oversight Commission.

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**Name:** Erica    **Email:**    **Phone:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
G.    91106

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### **Comments:**

We are not confused about our ask today, we need to establish a police oversight commission, led by community members, that is supported by an independent auditor with subpoena power and is tied to real legal consequences for officers that abuse the law and murder those they are supposed to serve and protect. This is a first step towards the application of the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights written by the NAACP and NDLO, which we expect to be at the forefront of the progress that must continue to be made in order to protect the lives of the community you serve. The police killing of Mr. McClain should never have happened and there is definite lack confidence in the transparency of the investigation. We expect there will be consequences for those who use their badge to play judge, jury and executioner, a job they are neither qualified for nor entitled to, as well as consequences for those who obstruct justice and transparency throughout the investigation. We are done seeing our community be targeted, racially profiled, abused and murdered by civil servants who are elected by the people and paid by the people to serve the people.

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

**Name:** George Korzen    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Community Police Oversight in Pasadena is long overdue and should not only be passed today, it should be passed unanimously. Why are we waiting? Mr. Madison suggested in a Public Safety meeting that the council "have a retreat" or that more recent studies should be gathered and disseminated. Everyone should wait just a little longer. Mr. Hampton's new found courage saying that none of this goes far enough is praiseworthy. My question is, where was this courage 2 or 3 or 4 years ago? In debate over cannabis regulation--what became Measure CC--Mr. Gordo recommended passing the proposal and allowed for modifying the language it contained. Is that not possible today? Is that because this is viewed as a less important issue? That one was passed unanimously by the council. Measure I and J to increase the sales tax were also passed unanimously because the council felt a sense of urgency. Both ultimately motivated by fear. The council clearly hasn't had a sense of urgency with Police Oversight it doesn't seem to be motivated by any fear. One can only assume that they would prefer that those two emotions remain within the community affected by any lack of action. Unanimous action.

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**Name:** Marcos      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
91106

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### **Comments:**

My name is Marcos, I was born in Pasadena and I am in the 10th grade at a PUSD high school. It's outrageous that I, as a 10th grade high school student, have to worry about police inflicted injustices in the world around me, when there are grown people with the responsibility to protect us that don't do anything about it and it takes people of younger age to act on it and speak up because nothing is getting done. People of color are being murdered by police and there's little evidence to justify these police actions. The commission would help determine if those actions were justified or unjustified. The police system is a biased system that will always seek to protect itself. We need a sense of justice to our community because right now we feel that there is a lot of injustice and corruption. You are the grown people with the responsibility to protect our community – please make the right the decision.

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

**Name:** Michele Nielsen      **Email:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
91107

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### **Comments:**

I am a white homeowner and attorney living in District 7 and speak to my personal opinion. Anthony McClain should be alive today. This was a routine traffic stop. Running is not a crime. Having a gun on one's person is also not necessarily a crime. Body cameras are insufficient to ensure accountability, as shown by the shooting officer having switched his camera off and the accompanying officer quickly covering his camera when he heard gunshots.

The community deserves to know the identity of the shooting officer, so that we can ensure proper accountability from the Department. That officer murdered a citizen who had not committed any crime. Pasadena is not safe with that officer working here. The shooter's employment must be terminated, at bare minimum. This incident illustrates why we need robust community oversight of the Pasadena Police Department and a shift from funding police to other social services, like a mental health response team. The current proposal, to allow a prosecutor to draft municipal code amendments, does not adequately address Mr. McClain's death or the budget issues it implicates. Pasadena PD stole Mr. McClain from his family and this community. This is unacceptable behavior from supposed protectors. Black lives matter.

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

**Name:** Brinell Anderson    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Today our city council has an opportunity to stand for justice and equity. Pasadena needs to create a citizen oversight commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, public process. Pasadena needs to hire an Independent Police Auditor who does not report to the City Manager (whom the Chief of Police also reports). The IPA needs to have subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission. The protests across the country are a call to action for all. We must do our part to challenge injustice locally, lift up this movement nationally, and establish a new path forward that we can all be proud of. This vote's a chance to do what's fair for communities most affected by police violence. It's the responsibility of our Pasadena Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Police Chief to do whatever is possible, within their authority and resources to address the injustices made visible in recent weeks. It's an opportunity to respond to the calls for justice and action nationwide and Pasadena.

We call on you to adopt the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights.

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

**Name:** Jane Ward    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

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### **Comments:**

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Jane Ward.

In light of the terrible and unnecessary murder of Anthony McClain by Pasadena police, I want to begin by stating that I am disappointed that you voted on August 3rd against a robust model of police oversight that would have given the oversight commission some actual authority over the police department. The community will continue to demand that its City Council create an oversight commission that does not simply make unenforceable recommendations to the police department, but holds the police department accountable for its corruption and violence.

In the meantime, I am writing in support of the development of a Civilian Oversight Commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, who are selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process. The City must also hire an independent police auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager, and who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes.

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**Name:** Randy VanDeventer      **Email:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
91101

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### Comments:

It is with a rapidly decreasing amount of patience and an increasing amount of desperation that I urge the city council to implement a community police oversight commission and independent auditor with subpoena power immediately. Enough tabling of the discussion. Anthony McClain died while our city's leadership tabled this discussion. How many more human sacrifices must be made at the altar of not being too hasty?

A monumental opportunity to show basic care for our neighbors of color in Pasadena stands before this council. Thus far, the majority of you have refused to seize it. Just because the measures that the community is calling for may be unprecedented or uncomfortably significant is no reason to shoot them down. The institution of policing in our country and in this city shows itself time and time again to be little more than a tool of the powerful to preserve and protect a status quo that leaves our neighbors of color vulnerable to violence and death. To do anything aside from implementing an oversight body with actual power of its own is to state with shocking clarity that Anthony McClain's life did not matter. Locate your humanity. Be bold. Enough is enough.

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

<b>Name:</b> Lena	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
L. Kennedy			Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and Pasadena Councilmembers,

Silence is no Option!! We must speak up and speak out - you councilmembers must stand-up and vote for Justice!! You cannot sit on the dais and make up excuses as to why we cannot, you must find a way and say therefore we should!! We have Segregation, determination, demonstration, integration, aggravation, humiliation, evolution, revolution, and where is the control. Yet you have an obligation to the community – right now I feel like we are in a Ball of Confusion with fear in the air, tension everywhere... if I may quote “The Temptations”

I happen to know Councilmember Kennedy very well and I have watched him fight for justice his entire life. Some might say, his proposal is not strong enough, I won't argue that point, but I understand he is trying to get something. I ask you to give us something, Vote Yes on the proposal that the Public Safety Committee and Chair Councilmember Kennedy has presented. This is a start to move the agenda forward. I am prayerful that each of our sitting Councilmembers will cast a “YES” Vote today in support of making change!

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**Name:** Una Lee Jost      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

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### Comments:

In solidarity with movements for Black lives, the family of George Floyd, and all victims of racialized police violence, including victims in our very own City of Pasadena, I urge Mayor Tornek and all Councilmembers to stand on the side of our families and communities in aligning the City's proposal to achieving the demands set forth in the 2020 Policy Platform of the Movement for Black Lives, a coalition of 150 organizations across the U.S. which represents the interests of black communities, including the Black Lives Matter Network, National Conference of Black Lawyers, and Ella Baker Center for Human Rights). (<https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms>)

This includes, as set forth in Movement for Black Lives' "Community Control" plank:

"[P]roviding direct democratic community control of our City's law enforcement agency, ensuring that communities most harmed by destructive policing have the power to hire and fire officers, determine disciplinary action, control budgets and policies, and subpoena relevant agency information."

(<https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/community-control>)

Consistent with M4BL's "Community Control" plank, I also add my voice in support of the demands of our Black and Brown brothers and sisters most harmed by destructive policing in our City presented at the hearing by

(1) Black Lives Matter Pasadena: and

(2) NAACP/NDLON.

Thank you. #AAPIForBlackLives #WeBelongToEachOther

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item voting on the establishment of a police oversight commission**

**Name:** Serina Diniega    **Email:**    **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

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### **Comments:**

Dear City Council Members,

In light of the tragic and unnecessary murder of Anthony McClain by Pasadena police and based on reactions and actions taken by official groups following the beating of Chris Ballew, I am disappointed that you voted on August 3rd against a robust model of police oversight that would have given the oversight commission some actual authority over the police department. The community will continue to demand that its City Council create an oversight commission that does not simply make unenforceable recommendations to the police department, but holds the police department accountable for its corruption and violence.

Thus, I am writing in support of the development of a Civilian Oversight Commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, who are selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process. The City must also hire an independent police auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager, and who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes.

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

**Name:** David Chavez    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Today I writing to state emphatically that the current proposal for police oversight and IPA does not meet the needs of our communities and in fact is a pro-PPOA proposal by not allowing true investigatory and discipline power of policing.

Many people in the Northwest community and beyond are grieving right now due to the murder of Anthony McClain by the PPD who was shot in the back 8 days ago. Furthermore the PPD led by Chief Perez and with support from City Manager Steve Mermell, who both do not live in Pasadena, approved the use of multiple adjacent police agencies to attack residents on August 15th and 16th, and also lay siege to Black Lives Matter Pasadena activists who were protesting in front of city hall on August 20th.

The actions by city officials and the PPD demonstrate that true civilian oversight, an IPA, and the defunding of the PPD are necessary if the Black, Brown, and poor communities of Pasadena are to ever have justice. Yet this proposal does not contain these. We need community voted members, no police members, discipline power, and IPA not tied to City Attorney's office.

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Ryan Bell			Pasadena, CA 91105

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### Comments:

Dear Mayor and members of City Council,

While we have been discussing what can't be done, another member of our community, Anthony McClain, who was a person, a human being who was loved by his family and his friends, was unjustly gunned down by PPD. Then in response to a couple dozen protestors outside city hall this past Thursday night, PPD responded with a massive show of force including officers in riot gear and assault vehicles. Why?

The video released last week does not show what Chief Perez and City Manager Mermell claim it shows. The only guns evident in those videos are the ones in the hands of police officers used to kill Mr. McClain.

The proposal before city council today is not adequate. It does not provide independent oversight and accountability. The key sentence is on page 3 of today's staff report, "Any information obtained or reviewed by the IPA, as well as any reports issued by the IPA, could not be used to impact any disciplinary or personnel decisions." You need to do better to protect our community.

I just heard heard John Kennedy say "our police department does great work day in and day out." This is patently false. Please wake up and stop playing games!

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**Name:** Gina      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena,  
Dance      CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

My name is Gina, and I live in district 3. I have been very frustrated with this city council because of all the decisions and choices you made. As a young Latina, I feel as though the current city council does not value me. Meeting after meeting, my neighbors have asked for a police oversight body with subpoena powers, and for whatever reasons, you all have decided to ignore us. We march in the street, and still, you all ignore us. The current system, the status quo, is not working and not protecting residents. How many other lives need to be lost so you all can wake up? To hear Anthony McClain was taken away from us by the people you all employ is horrific. Anthony McClain died alone and scared because the police decided to murder him. To see police stop by neighbors for suspected crime is not the Pasadena I want to live in, it runs with racial biases. You need to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena power. We need oversight, and we will not forget how you vote on this topic come elections.

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<b>Name:</b> Jill Suzanne Shook	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b> Pasadena, CA 91104, Pasadena, CA 91104
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### Comments:

Dear City Council,

I have been part of teams seeking to bring about police accountability for the past 15 years. I am grateful this day is finally here, yes deeply saddened about the death of one more of our neighbors at the hand of the police, just a few blocks from our home. Today we may finally have some level of accountability if you take heed of the excellent points that Sonja Berndt has proposed in her letter to you, to hire a part time prosecutor and IPA who would work under him/her with authority to the full extent of the law. Our neighbors deserve this investment. The Police Union has invested in many of our City Council members, giving the impression that fair judgement on use of force cannot be truly independent. Now let's invest in our community to rebuilt the trust and prevent further police shootings, that do not appear justified.

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**Name:** Anthony      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Manousos                     Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

I want to thank Mayor Tornek and the City Council for taking seriously the concerns of citizens who want an independent police auditor (IPA) with subpoena power. The tragic killing of Anthony McClain, only a couple of blocks from where Jill and I live, is another indication of the urgent need for a truly independent investigation of this and similar incidents. The slickly produced critical incident report by PPD seems intended to exonerate police, not to impartially present the facts. It begs the question: why did the police shoot a man in the back who is running away? Why did they feel that he was such a public threat it was necessary to kill him? I urge you to approve an IPA as soon as possible, preferably one answerable to a city prosecutor to avoid conflict of interest. How can an attorney hired to defend the city from lawsuits also supervise an IPA who might support taking legal action in response to police misconduct? We need a truly independent IPA to assure the public of impartiality and fairness and to make certain that our police use a minimum of force, and only when absolutely necessary.

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

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