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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:06 PM
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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

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Name: Anthony McFarland **Address:** Altadena 91001, Pasadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to make it clear that 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. As a pastor and advocate for minority families this has happened one to many times in our community there must be some accountability! 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 – as we will learn to work together. I have researched Civilian Community Oversight in other inner cities throughout our nation and it works. 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 before you are submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

Pastor Anthony McFarland

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Donna Sider **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am writing as resident of 39 yrs, to magnify the voices calling out V Gordo and S Madison who are standing in the way of this much needed PPD civilian oversight by politicizing the issue. We demand an end to allowing those with clear conflicts of interest to detain or try to derail this essential amendment! We decry the disregard of human life as seen once again in the taking of Anthony McClaine's life. We are unified in saying NO MORE!!!

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Madeline Crowley			Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am devastated because of the Pasadena Police killing Anthony McClain. Why did officers, who are supposed to serve and protect, insist on handcuffing Mr. McClain, who was gasping for air, and kept him in a face-down position restricting his breathing? Why did the body camera footage of the officer who killed Mr. McClain start after the officer fired his weapon? I demand Empowered Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. This oversight must include investigatory authority, subpoena power, policy review and reform authority, appropriate funding, multi-faceted training (including civil rights), bans on members with conflicts of interest and an enforceable disciplinary role. The oversight must be actionable. The Independent Police Auditor should be housed in a separate City Prosecutor's office, not the City Attorney's office due to the conflict of interest. The commission and IPA should have explicitly stated authority to both Conduct and Review investigations. You have the opportunity to make a change for the better. We don't have the opportunity to bring back Anthony McClain's life, and that is on all of us. Please provide our community with an empowered police oversight body so that we don't lose another life, another friend, child, parent, neighbor in our community.

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Name: This is a correction to
my earlier submission and
should be read aloud. Edward J
Washatka on behalf of
Pasadenans Organizing for
Progress (POP)

Email:

Phone:

Address:
Pasadena, Ca.
91104, Pasadena,
California 91104

Comments:

Pasadenans Organizing for Progress (POP) reiterates its demand for civilian oversight as presented in the Community Bill of Rights. That demand calls for creation of a community police oversight commission and an Independent Police Auditor reporting to the City Council.

The current recommendation for oversight as presented at today's council meeting is not in alignment with the Community's Bill of Rights. The recommendations for commission appointments and for the IPA reporting to the City Attorney will not provide true independent oversight.

Having the IPA report to the City Attorney will naturally lead to potential conflicts of interest since the City Attorney's function is to defend the City and its various departments.

An IPA reporting to the City Attorney cannot be expected to conduct truly independent work when conclusions of police department culpability might be in conflict with the City Attorney's functional mandate to defend the City?

POP rejects any reporting structure for the Citizens' Police Oversight Commission and the Independent Police Auditor other than directly to the City Council.

POP will keep fighting for true independent police oversight, with real authority to make the necessary changes to accomplish police reform centered on those most impacted by dangerous policing.

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Name: Karen **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
L. Stokes Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

How many questionable police involved shootings must happen before Pasadena acts decisively to create a Community Police Oversight Commission? On August 15, 2020, unfortunately there was another police involved shooting, and the public is once again left with troubling questions regarding how use-of-force is being deployed on the streets of Pasadena. Wouldn't this moment benefit from a functioning Community Police Oversight Commission? It can, if the City Council will finally stop allowing the process to stop the process!

Why the urgency? Because Pasadena is not like the fictional Mayberry, where local law enforcement grew-up in the community, knew the town history and most importantly the townspeople. Rather, Pasadena has taken it's place among the major city centers in the country. As a result, a large percentage of the police force do not live in the city, or really know the people who comprise the neighborhoods that they are hired to protect. In order for accountability and fairness to exist for everyone, a mediating protocol/procedure is required.

I support the proposal for a Community Police Oversight Commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. Please stand on the right side of history and vote "YES!"

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Name: Alma **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** '
M. Stokes Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a Community Police Oversight Commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee.

It is important that we have a Community Police Oversight Commission NOW!! It can be open-ended for additions or subtractions, with more time for consideration. But it must have an independent auditor not connected with the City Manager or City Attorney.

The time is now for justice! The latest officer involved shooting demands it. This is one too many!

Sincerely,

Alma M. Stokes

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Name: CHRISTY **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
ZAMANI Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Adopting a Citizens Oversight Committee should not be a contentious topic. It is merely a small step in the right direction. We have been on this road for far too long, and it has costed us far too many lives. This is not something that can be delayed one more day. We need oversight today. We need oversight now.

Black people deserve to live in a safe community. One where they don't fear police, or feel targeted by the color of their skin. It's imperative that we listen and hear the countless voices that live with this fear on a daily basis. Lets' create a city where everyone feels safe.

As someone who works hand in hand with local youth, families, and the various nonprofits I clearly hear the need and demand for the formation of a Citizens Oversight Committee. If we are the conscious, inclusive community that we believe ourselves to be- than this decision should be an easy one.

I hope you take the time to listen, hear, and act in the best interest of our community – and support a plan that truly advances an equitable and just system in the City of Pasadena.

Christy Zamani

Executive Director, Day One

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Name: Juliana Serrano **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** ,
La Verne, California 91750

Comments:

My heart aches that another Black man died in Pasadena at the hands of our police. As our elected officials, you must take advantage of every tool available to improve police/community relations and garner trust and respect. Listen to your constituents and come to the agreement today that police oversight should come to Pasadena. Create the IPA position that does not report to the City Manager or City Attorney but reports directly to the City Council. Create a citizen commission that made up of community members who are most impacted by policing in our community and vote them into service through a public application, interview and selection process. Please do not stretch this conversation out any further! The time for action is now. We can't lose any more members of our community. The longer you wait to take action - the more responsible you are for the fractures in community.

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Name: Bert	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Newton			, Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Pasadena City Council,

I strongly urge all of the following:

1. 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.
 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
 4. Permit Black Lives Matter Pasadena the right to nominate one member of the Oversight Commission. (Proportionately increase the # of appointees if it increases)
 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.
 6. 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.
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Name: Robert Webber **Address:** _____, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

"Dear City Council Members,

In light of the horrific 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:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Quincy Nolan			Street, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

City Council Members and Mayor Tornek,

I am 15 years old and have lived in Pasadena all of my life. When I was 12 years old I realized I was tall enough to be confused for an adult and be killed by police. I am tired of seeing and hearing about black people being killed by police, including in my own neighborhood. Please use your power to make it stop. You are here to protect us and you are failing. me and my friends should feel as safe as non-black kids do in our neighborhood. My life matters.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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