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From: City Web
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 7:02 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 1(4) & 6

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Phyllis Chestang			Altadena, California 91003

Comments:

1(4) RE: AGENDA ITEM #1 (4) for the \$1,966,000 INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENTAL FTE BY SIX (6) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT. PLEASE APPROVE THIS ITEM #1 AND HIRE WITHIN 30 DAYS OR LESS.

WILL THIS EPIDEMIOLOGY ANALYST JOB BE REMOTE ASSIGNMENT DUE TO COVID19?

WILL THE THE PASADENA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OR THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DIVISON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CITY OF PASADENA CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWING AND MAKE THE HIRING DECISIONS?

I ALSO SUGGEST THE JOB REQUIREMENT FOR THE EPIDEMIOLOGY ANALYST MUST INCLUDE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE. I SUGGEST THAT THE SALARY SHOULD BE IN A MORE COMPETITIVE RANGE OF \$97, 506 TO \$116, 816.

ITEM #6

I SUGGEST THE POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT AUDITOR AS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED AND INSTATED WITHIN 30 DAYS OR LESS.

I ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE SALARY SHOULD BE \$91,000 TO \$117,000. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE CONCERNS OF ALL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA.

NOTE: THESE JOBS ARE NOT LISTED ON YOUR HR SITE & SHOULD BE ADDED.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 7:05 PM
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Name: Duy Nguyen **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91030

Comments:

The people deserve an open and transparent investigation into the death Anthony McClain. To shoot an unarmed man fleeing from you is completely unjust. Justice for Anthony McClain NOW.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Michael Warner			

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. A twelve member commission working similar to the Code Commission, meeting in four or six member panels. The commission will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. The City has procrastinated long enough on this issue.

Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Community Police Oversight Commission many years ago - now is good time to support this motion.

Everyone, in our city and the Pasadena Police Department, should appreciate for a civilian community police oversight commission.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Warner

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 8:42 PM
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Name: Stephanie **Email:** **Address:**
Bolton Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Hello,

I want to urge this body to support the creation of a community police oversight commission. If there was any doubt before, the events of this week demonstrate that Pasadena is not immune to acts of violence and abuse of power from the people who are meant to protect us. Citizens deserve the right to ensure that officers of the law are not above the law and that the laws work to protect all of us.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Rachel Abelson			PASADENA, California 91106-4404

Comments:

I've lived in Pasadena for nearly 40 years, and both my spouse and I work in the city as well. I'm writing to oppose placing the independent auditor for police oversight under the City Manager's office. Doing so would negate the very independence of this auditor and will forever jeopardize their impartiality and their power. I support Vice Mayor Hampton's plan to place this auditor within the City Attorney's office instead. Pasadena has a long shameful history of systemic racism and police brutality. For far too long, the Pasadena Police Department has been left unchecked. The disturbing footage released this week of Anthony McClain's killing underscores the urgent need for independent oversight of use of force reviews. Such independence will never be possible if this auditor is managed by the very same office that oversees the police department.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Margaret Starbuck **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA
91116

Comments:

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to reject the Civilian Oversight Commission proposal put forward by Mayor Tornek. This proposal does not establish an independent investigator, does not give the commission subpoena power, and houses the oversight commission within the City manager's office, which is in the same chain of command as Pasadena PD. I urge you adopt a fully independent civilian oversight commission with subpoena power. With the recent murder of Anthony McClain by Pasadena PD and the subsequent targeting of black lives matter protesters outside of City Hall, the need for an independent civilian oversight commission to hold Pasadena PD has never been clearer.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 10:00 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

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Name: June Diarra **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

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 "basic components" are approved as a starting point. The commission will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. The time is now, the City has procrastinated long enough. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago - now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Everyone, our Neighborhoods, and the Pasadena police department, will learn to appreciate Civilian or Community Oversight and a Independent Auditor.

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

I am hopeful that each member of our City Council will stand on the right side of history. Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a Community Police Oversight commission and Independent Auditor.

Sincerely,

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June Diarra and Family

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Juliet Ryan-Davis **Address:** _____

Comments:

My name is Juliet Ryan-Davis and I am a Pasadena resident.

Pasadena policing needs changes. There has not been enough done to prevent inflation of police power to the detriment of citizens, ending in unnecessary violence and killing on your hands, our public servants. The entire community does not approve.

I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power. There is no ambiguity: align a proposal with the community bill of rights.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 4:00 PM
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Name: Jess T Joswick **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am writing in support of a community police oversight commission and independent auditor for the PPD. The PPD has operated with impunity and immunity in our community for years. Our Black community is overpoliced even as crime decreases. We need an external committee to review actions and hold police accountable. Justice for those killed at the hands of PPD officers must be served.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Maimouna			
Diarra			Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Maimouna Diarra

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Daniel James			Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

My name is Daniel James and I am a Pasadena resident in district 3. On Saturday, August 15, 2020, Pasadena police officers shot Anthony McClain in the back, killing him. The details of his death demand a thorough and independent investigation of the officers involved in Anthony's killing.

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 this ask to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights put forward by NDLO and NAACP.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Carlos Chan **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

My name is Carlos Chan and I grew up in Pasadena.

Growing up in Pasadena as a person of color has been challenging. Over-policing Black people and people of color has gotten exponentially worse throughout the years and the response and demand for a community bill of rights is a culmination of just that.

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 a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 10:12 PM
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Name: Ivie Lewis **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Pasadena Councilmembers;

I viewed PPD videos of the McClain shooting, I am disturbed.. While there are good police, there are not so good or poorly trained officers. When an event happens like the one last Saturday, I would expect the City to act swiftly with the help of a Community Oversight commission & Independent auditor. As a result of councilmember stubbornness, we have yet another Officer Involved Shooting, and no Oversight commission. We're back in the news, in a negative manner. Vote "Yes" for the sake of the City of Pasadena.

Thank you,

Ivie Lewis

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Elisia **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Ligons Farmer Pasadena, California 91103

Comments:

Dear City Council,

I watched Anthony McCain videos posted on the PPD website. I'm frustrated and confused. After watching several videos, I can't imagine doing the job of a police officer. Between a wounded citizen and the various groups of people, it was overwhelming to watch. Again a black man shot and again, black people angry and frustrated. We are back at the, Why?? The McClain officer involved shooting event, should be the first reviewed by the Community Oversight Commission. The time is Right Now. Do not waste another minute for your own underlying agendas. Vote, "Yes" the entire City is counting on You.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Elsa **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** _____
DeSantiago , Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Mayor Tornek and City Council,

Thank you for posting videos of the McClain officer involved shooting, I am saddened by the event. Was this shooting justified? The Police Oversight Commission is needed immediately! I have three kids and are Hispanic, we want oversight and trust. A vote yes, will let me know, that you care about Pasadena residents as a whole.

Elsa DeSantiago

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Ana **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Whilchez Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Mayor Tornek and Council:

The latest Officer Involved shooting is overwhelming. We must get the proposal approved, today. If you had acted years ago, the commission would have been on track, signed and in place for the Anthony McClain shooting. Don't let police unions control your vote. Stand on the right side of history. Vote Yes for a civilian police oversight committee.

Ana Whilchez

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Jermon Farmer			, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Mr. Mayor, Councilmembers,

I couldn't believe it, another Officer involved shooting. The Civilian Police Oversight committee isn't even in place. I am a black man with a son and a daughter. I am concerned that the City Council has procrastinated for years. So, here we are, again, Black& Brown people angry, frustrated, and confused. This always happens to us! Can we trust the city council to pass the Police Oversight commission? Most of you have taken money from the Police union, prove that you work for the citizens and not the union. Vote in favor of a police oversight committee.

Thanks,

Jermon Farmer

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Akelbu-
lan Cultural
Center
Email:
Phone:
Address: Pasadena,
CA 91103

Comments:

Greetings,

As the ACC Director, I have observed a community with anger, frustration, and disenchantment. I reviewed the videos several times. The traffic stop of Anthony McClain occurred two doors north of the Akelbu-lan Center. And the officer involved shooting happened across from the Center. This week nonresidents have protested with total chaos. The voices are loud, there is littering, profanity, and disrespect for the community. The police have not patrolled on a regular basis. La Pintoresca park is ground zero for the McClain protests. The city council should visit the area as a group, to advise the community that a positive change is being developed. It is time for the City Council to come together for the good of the city. I would like to join the Civilian Oversight committee, as a community member. The loss of this man's life saddens me. I pray that you vote Yes for the Civilian Oversight Committee with an Independent Auditor.

God Bless,

Dianne Lewis - Director

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Leah Mendelson **Address:** , Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

As a Pasadena resident, I support civilian oversight of the police department and, specifically, the creation of a Civilian Oversight Commission and Independent Police Auditor with subpoena power.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Caldwell

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: J. Doyle **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
District 4 CA 91107

Comments:

Dear City Council,

It is time to part ways with City Manager Steve Mermell. He has shown that he is not capable of managing the police dept, securing adequate resources for the health department in the middle of a pandemic, understanding the definition of affordable housing, or pushing Pasadena Water and Power to end its use of fossil fuels.

We cannot move toward a 21st century Pasadena with a manager that does not share the vision of its council or its residents. Mr. Mermell has stated that Pasadena cannot provide \$89,000 in Covid relief to small business owners. He is unaware that 95% of African American businesses are single-employee (primarily from lack of capital) and did not qualify for Covid-relief. He wants to deny funds after spending \$300K on body cameras that officers “allegedly” do not use. Why not fire the officer for not following protocol?

Maybe the officer did have his body camera on. Maybe the footage was conveniently deleted. We will never know because there is no oversight and clearly Steve Mermell does not get this.

The police budget is \$90 million, \$15 million in insurance and he feels the city does not have \$ to help in the middle of a pandemic.

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Name: Carolyn **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
A Jacobson Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Since whoever hires these bad actors can't vet well enough, we need real civilian oversight and an independent auditor to hold these bad, racist, trigger happy cops accountable, and make sure they can't be rehired somewhere else. They shouldn't be above the law. These cowards give the PD and all good cops a bad name. Enough with empty words from politicians.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes