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Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:16 AM
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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

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Name: Cori **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Esperanza St., Orange, CA 92867

Comments:

Please ACT NOW to provide effective police oversight that Pasadena desperately needs. Please use your position of authority in your city to do justice for those who need it. Oversight is a reasonable and simple request that will be a step toward restoring harmony to your beautiful city. Please don't delay. We don't want to hear about any more lives being lost at the hands of police.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Paul Slocum			AVE, PASADENA, California 91106-4404

Comments:

My name is Paul. I am a Pasadena resident and I live and work in district 7. Police brutality and racial injustice has gone on for far too long in the city of Pasadena. We must have independent civilian oversight of the Pasadena Police Department NOW. The PPD and the City Council need to be accountable to the citizens of Pasadena, but year after year, we go without real oversight of the police and more lives are senselessly lost. You could have prevented Anthony McClain death, and instead, there has just been infighting and handwringing. 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: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:38 AM
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Name: Samantha **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Robinson Bloom Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Please support the creation of the Civilian Oversight Commission and Independent Police Auditor with subpoena power. Our country must make changes in how we approach managing the peace. This starts at the local level, with how we manage our peace officers. As a homeowner raising a small child here in Pasadena, I am desperate for a future where I can teach her to trust the police, and I don't feel I can teach her that right now. The recent unprovoked shooting of Anthony McClain just blocks from my home, and the subsequent lack of appropriate action from the department, has solidified to me that we must make change. I believe a civilian oversight and independent auditor can help create change and rebuild that trust.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Dan Huynh **Address:** _____, Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Dear city council and mayor,

When hundreds of community comments asked for your support several weeks ago in creating an oversight commission and independent police auditor, we were asking that you ensure these bodies remain impartial to political and police influence. Because we understand that the power to determine who gets policed and how they are policed has always belonged to the city. And while the city will continue to hold such power, these two measures represent and function as a space where the community can begin to trust the process of justice. I hope you understand and trust that you are helping to heal by uplifting the community's demands for 1) a community police oversight commission made up of community-elected commissioners and 2) an independent police auditor with subpoena power. I strongly urge you to accept and support these demands.

How you bring about justice for Anthony McClain, Kendrick McDade, Reginald Thomas, Chris Ballew, and Maragarita Perez will be remembered.

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Name: Alana **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** _____
Dunne Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Hi, my name is Alana Dunne and I am a resident of Pasadena District 2.

It has become clear that like many Police Districts nationwide, Pasadena PD has a problem with the overpolicing of Black communities, unnecessary and extreme violence against Black residents, and a lack of Police oversight.

As our elected officials, we are asking you to create an police oversight comittee with subpoena power, comprised of independent auditors and community members, in line with the Pasadena NAACP's Community Bill of Rights.

The families and friends of Anthony McClain, Leroy Barnes, Kendrec McDade, J.R. Thomas, Paris Holloway, Rashad McCoy, Chris Ballew, and many others deserve justice. We cannot allow Pasadena Police to keep killing our Black neighbors without repercussion.

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Name: Io **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
McNaughton 1 , Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Dear Council Members,

Young black men continue to die needlessly at the hands of police in Pasadena. If the members of the City Council and the Police Department truly believe they are acting for the health and safety of our community, you will take the step today to establish a Community Police Oversight Commission and an Independent Auditor. There is no earthly reason not to do this. It is obvious that the community needs more transparency and participation in the systems of public safety in our city. We are not asking to abolish the police department. We are not asking for anything that professional public servants would not provide willingly if they were truly interested in serving the public.

Thank you,

Io McNaughton

Educator

15 year resident of Pasadena and homeowner

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Name: Terri Ann Johnson	Email:	Phone:	Address: Altadena, CA 91001
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Comments:

To the Pasadena City Council:

Prior to the latest officer involved shooting in Pasadena, I was passive in community matters. But not anymore! The time is now, for a Pasadena Civilian Oversight committee. The City has procrastinated long enough. This proposal is a step in the right direction. I have lived in Pasadena or Altadena my entire life. All of my business is done in Pasadena. My Dad lives in Pasadena. Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a Community Police Oversight commission and Independent Auditor. My Black life depends on it!

Thank you,

Terri

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Name: Petrea **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
B Sandel PASADENA, CA 91104

Comments:

Please support the creation of a Civilian Oversight Commission and Independent Police Auditor with subpoena power. Pasadena has an opportunity to lift itself in the nation's esteem.

I believe that the following language creates a weak rubber stamp for criminal behavior, and I would like to make a recommendation. This language renders a commission useless, and still allows police officers to commit crimes without suffering the consequences.

"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. 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."

Therefore I recommend changing the language to say that the "IPA information and reports may be used EXCEPT WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW."

Thank you.

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Name: James Triplet **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I have lived in Altadena my entire life. We are Neighbors! What happens in Pasadena affects my family. Over time, Pasadena has had way too many officer involved shootings, that never appeared to be fully investigated. As a Black Man, I am concerned for my safety. Our family doctor, dentist, grocery, Target, Marshalls and places to eat are all in Pasadena. We can not avoid Pasadena. You are happy to take our dollars, but yet their is no Police Oversight committee to help us. The Independent Auditor is important to Black/Brown people to have faith in Pasadena's fairness. Vote yes, for the Civilian Oversight committee with an Independent Auditor.

Thanks James Triplet

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Name: Michael
Email: Tulsky
Phone:
Address: Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Good afternoon — my name is Michael, I'm a Pasadena resident, Air Force Veteran, and I live in District 6. I am asking our council members and officials to support the motion to create a Community Police Oversight Commission and Independent Auditor function. I strongly believe this is a step in the right direction for our community. Thank you very much for your time, attention, and hard work.

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Name: Sue Chang **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Pasadena residents need and support the creation of a civilian oversight committee and hiring an independent police auditor. It is a consequence of the repeated violent actions of the Pasadena PD, that Pasadena residents have lost faith and trust in the police. We need an unbiased group with oversight and subpoena power, that reports to the city council and is a conduit to the concerns of Pasadena's residents.

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Name: Clementina Benitez
Email:
Phone:
Address: , Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I live in District #1 and support the proposal for a community police oversight commission. After the Officer Involved shooting in District one on August, 15, it is very important that the "basics" 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. Now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Thank you
Clementina Benitez

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Name: Susan Rickman **Email:** I **Phone:** **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Mayor Tornek and City Council,

I am writing because I support Police Oversight. I am of Asian decent and I have Black and Brown friends. I get household items in Pasadena. I was shocked that a officer involved shooting happened again! A Police Oversight commission is very very important. Do not waste more time, Vote for Police Oversight to protect the lives and civil rights of the citizens of Pasadena. Vote Yes

Thank you
Susan Rickman

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Name: Robyn Javier **Address:** PASADENA, CA 91104

Comments:

I'm a faculty member at Caltech and a proud resident of Pasadena. I love this city. Yet I'm deeply troubled by the lack of accountability when police actions result in the harm or death of a civilian. This is not some intractable national problem — it's happening right here in our own community, and you (yes, YOU!) absolutely have the power to do something about it. Tackling issues of systemic racism and insufficient social services will of course take time, but a crucial first step toward restoring justice in our community is to create a Civilian Oversight Commission and Independent Police Auditor, WITH SUBPOENA POWER. Pasadena residents of all economic and cultural backgrounds have had enough. I urge you, please: take action and support these important reforms.

Thank you,
Dr. Robyn Javier

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Name: James Rickman **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers:

I support the Pasadena Civilian Oversight Commission. There was another officer involved shooting in Pasadena. I've read the paper, but would like a independent review. Minority people have had to fight for fairness forever. What has taken Pasadena so long to get an Oversight committee? Please vole yes for an independent oversight commission with an auditor.

Thank you
James Rickman

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Name: Ajeenah Samad	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91103
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Comments:

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

It is difficult to understand why a civilian Police Oversight committee, isn't established in Pasadena. August 15th wasn't the first officer involved shooting of a person of color. Did Pasadena drop the ball? All lives are important in Pasadena, right? How shameful that many of you felt that Oversight wasn't important, as long as it wasn't your people or family. Support this important cause, Be the City that the World thinks that we are! Vote Yes!

Thank you,
A. Samad

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Name: Laura Brody **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91001

Comments:

We desperately need police oversight now.

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Name: Mary
Christine
Boomhower

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Pasadena,

California 91101

Comments:

My name is Christine, resident of district 6. I urge you to create a civilian oversight committee that allows an independent auditor & community members to check the actions of the police, with supoena power. If the police break the law or violate codes of conduct there should be a way for the community to hold them accountable. I think this is a simple way to ensure the rights and safety of all members of the community, and I am incredibly disappointed my counselmember did not vote for this the first time it was presented.

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Name: David Johnson **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am a Black man who is concerned about the the McClain shooting. Officer involved shootings are why Black men fear the police. The shootings are always justified, the cops are never wrong. If I run from a cop, am I causing my own death. We run sometimes, because we die, for breathing. It is past time for Pasadena to have an Civilian police oversight committee. I ask that you vote Yes for the commission. The time is overdue.

Thanks, David Johnson

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Name: Wendy Roskin	Email:	Phone:	Address: Altadena, CA 91077
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Comments:

Yes, there should be civilian oversight of the police department and its activities; however, the INDEPENDANT Police Auditor should in no way be reporting to the City Manager who is in charge of the police. This is not Independence nor having transparency. The wording should be changed to reflect total independence from any outside influences. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Kamesha Savage
Email:
Phone:
Address: 2511 1st St., Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor & City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a community police oversight commission. After the Officer Involved shooting on Saturday, August 15 with Anthony McClain, we need an Oversight Commission, Now! The commission will monitor police actions, making police conscious of their actions. You all have procrastinated too long. The Black people always seem to continue to suffer. Thank you, Councilman Kennedy for trying to help the council to see into the future. This would have been done already, but here we are, another officer involved shooting. Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a Community Police Oversight commission and Independent Auditor.

Sincerely,
Kamesha S.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Geraldine S. Kennedy			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. 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 Gordon 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 before you submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Kennedy

Council District 1

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Name: Kate **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Kessler Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

My name is Kate Kessler and I am a Pasadena resident of District 6. I am asking the council members to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission WITH subpoena power. The time is NOW for creating a more transparent and accountable police force.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Samantha Bennett			, Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council:

I am writing because it is important to have a Civilian Police Oversight Committee. I have seen the McClain officer involved shooting video and I am troubled. Although I live in Altadena, our Cities are intertwined. So this event of August 15, concerns me. There is no more time to waste, get the job done! Vote Yes, for a police oversight Committee.

Thank you,

Samantha Bennett

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes