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Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

Name: Candace

Email: c

Address: Pasadena, CA 91101

### **Comments:**

I am a resident of District 6 and I am fed up with the systems that continue to disproportionately hurt and endanger my Black neighbors. I am glad that the city council is finally taking steps to hold our policing system to a higher standard.

I support the formation of a city- and police-independent civilian oversight board as a way to build accountability and trust between the Police Department and the public. As family ties or former employment in the PPD would create a conflict of interest, candidates having such ties should not be eligible to serve on the board. Further, there should be more than three board members who are not appointed by, and tied to council districts. Interactions between civilians and police are not divided equally over all communities or districts. Black and Latinx people are disproportionately impacted by the failures of our policing system in ways that were apparently not visible, or not a priority to other communities until now. As such, they need - and deserve - a louder voice on any board that would identify and address those failures.

Please vote YES on Vice Mayor Hampton's proposal to amend the city charter to allow a full-time Independent Police Auditor position with subpoena power. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item Item #6

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Murphy	(	w	California 91104

### **Comments:**

For the safety of our community

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item #7

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Mattie Betts

Pasadena, CA 91103

# Comments:

I feel very strongly to have a Police Community Oversight Committee!!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No-

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

Name: Joe

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Fenstermaker

Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Council Members -

I am a Pasadena resident, and home owner, who supports community oversight of our police department. As many cities across the country are grappling with police reform, I believe that as a city we can improve on the work started by the remarkable Chief Perez by adding civilian accountability for the police department. Pasadena is doing better then most cities and we need to build on the success already underway in illustrating a long term model for police and community cooperation and collaboration rather then mistrust and violence.

I am calling on the elected officials of the Pasadena City Council to vote YES to amend the City Charter, putting it on the ballot for November 3rd, creating a civilian oversight commission and the hiring of an independent police auditor with subpoena powers. This is important not just now in this moment of focus on the issues of systemic racism and police brutality, but it will insure that in the future we have systems in place to deal with potential problems. Community Oversight will diffuse conflict, save money, and create a stronger bond between the community and the police, who are meant to help those in need.

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

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## Comments:

Although not a resident, I have been a "stakeholder" in this city for over 40 years beginning as a consultant for the city library, assisting in the envisioning of community neighborhood empowerment, educating grandchildren, and partnering in the civic engagement work that is a hallmark of this great city.

This entire nation is poised to re-imagine public safety and I see you as a leader with the approval of this proposal. In short, it is time to examine the public safety structure, to actionalize the motto of the police dept, with evidence that protecting all of the public is its highest priority, and to craft solutions where needed.

Honorable Councilmembers, for five years a proposal for a Civilian Police Oversight Committee has been introduced and failed to pass. Today, I join with Pasadena residents, in urging you to unanimously approve item #6 offered by the Public Safety committee. Councilman Kennedy, your leadership as chair is to be commended. Even though today's proposal may not accomplish all of your long held goals, it is a step in the right direction. Approval sends a signal that healing open wounds caused by racial discord and create pathways to unity in the community.

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Annice

Email:

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Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

Everyone, citizens as well as members of the police department, are safer when everyone knows that there is independent oversight over the police department.

This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build. I urge that each member of our esteemed Pasadena City Council rise to the moment and vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee. Sincerely,

Annice Jackson

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Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

Name: Theresa

Email:

Phone:

Address: Pasadena,

Kennedy

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CA 91107

### **Comments:**

Please commit to more transparency in our policing by forming an oversight committee comprised of civilians and others who are not directly part of the police force. We must act to provide more accountability in our justice system and move forward, in coordination with all members of our community to instill more trust with people of color in particular.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

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Name: Brighid L Connors	Address: ]	Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Council Members, I am a Pasadena resident, home owner, and entrepreneur in John Kennedy's District 3. I recognize the need for civilian oversight of the Pasadena Police Department as one of many steps to help heal wounds caused by systemic racism, especially in my North West Pasadena neighborhood. The effects of blatantly racist housing policies and racially targeted policing of our neighborhood since it was redlined in 1939 has left lasting scars and a dire need for reconciliation. While I believe that Chief Perez has worked to implement police reform, it is important for oversight to be enshrined in the City Charter so that no matter who is in charge, there will be a check on this divisive institution.

I am calling on the elected officials of the Pasadena City Council to please vote YES to amend the City Charter, putting it on the ballot for November 3rd, thus creating a civilian oversight commission and the hiring of an independent police auditor with subpoena powers.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

Name: Riea

Email:

Phone:

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Owens



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Pasadena, CA 91104

## Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

Citizens as well as members of the police department, are safer when everyone knows that there is independent oversight over the police department.

I request that the members of our Pasadena City Council vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Riea Owens

Pasadena, Ca 91104

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item N/A

Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena,
Christopher M			Pasadena, CA 91103

### Comments:

Good evening Councilmembers, I urge each member of the Pasadena City Council to please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

The citizens as well as members of the police department, are safer when everyone knows that there is independent oversight over the police department and this proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Christopher M.

08/03/2020 Item 6 & 7

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

Name:

Email:

Phone:

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Joshua

Horton

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Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Accountability is a foundation for ethical equality. The city counsel must vote to provide civilian oversight and increased accountability of the Pasadena PD not just for its citizens (specifically Black and Latino citizens) but also for the benefit of the PPD themselves. Oversight and accountability benefit everyone except for those who wish to operate without it. Anyone with civil motives will thrive with increased accountability.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

Name:

Mindy

Email:

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Address:

Pasadena, CA 91104-

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Pfeiffer

### Comments:

My name is Mindy Pfeiffer, and I am in District 5. I am writing in reference to agenda item 7 of the August 3rd Pasadena City Council meeting. It is my belief that all police officers need to be accountable to the public. I think it is important that there be an independent civilian oversight committee that is not linked to the police department in order to insure that when matters are looked into there is no bias. Creating strong civilian oversight of the Police Department is a necessary step that the city of Pasadena must take in order to to reform and improve how police duties and public safety are performed in our community. The community police oversight commission should not be selected or appointed by city staff or council members. Rather, it should come from the citizens of Pasadena. The auditor should have the authority to provide civilian oversight of the department, including subpoena power, selecting the commission staff, and reporting to the City Council. It is for the above mentioned reasons that I am calling on all City Council members to vote yes on amending the city charter to allow a full-time Independent Police Auditor position with subpoena power.

Thank you

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

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Rancho Palos Verdes,

CA 90275

### Comments:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

Everyone, citizens as well as members of the police department, are safer when everyone knows that there is independent oversight over the police department.

This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

I know Councilmember Kennedy through my involvement and leadership membership with Women In Leadership Vital Voices organization in Pasadena. I have witnessed first hand Councilmember Kennedy's diligent and common sense approaches over multiple issues. I trust that his work is always driven by his desires to come up with the best possible solution for all residents of Pasadena.

Therefore, I urge that each member of our esteemed Pasadena City Council rise to the moment and vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Jacintha Knapp

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

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Phone:

Pasadena, CA

Carter

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## **Comments:**

Dear Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I am a black woman, a mother, and a wife of a pastor. I want more accountability and oversight of the police and I want to know I can trust them to protect and serve the community. I am asking you to support the proposal presented by the Public Safety Committee for civilian police oversight. I understand the importance of oversight and I am asking you to think of what the Hon. John Lewis fought for his entire life. Here is your opportunity to honor him and his commitment to this great country by voting YES.

There is more to be done and I pray all the Civil Rights groups including the NAACP will work with the Council to continue the effort and development of this proposal which is the first step in the right direction. Your vote will create a platform that we can continue to build on.

Again, please vote in favor of the proposal presented by the Public Safety Committee under the leadership of Chairperson Kennedy.

"If you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have a moral obligation to do something about it." John R. Lewis

Shahidah Carter 91106

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Olivia

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, Pasadena CA USA, CA

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### **Comments:**

I am writing to express my support for establishing a Police Oversight Committee in Pasadena. I grew up believing that police officers were people who I could trust to protect me and provide safety if ever I were in trouble. That trust in police generally, however, has been violated by police brutality and a lack of accountability. Current oversight is subject to a conflict of interest wherein police leadership are in a position where they may feel more inclined to "protect" their officers rather than the people they are supposed to serve. As such, I whole-heartedly support the proposition of establishing an Independent Police Auditor. We expect justice in our courts to be carried out by an impartial jury, and in the event of personnel complaints, officers should be investigated by an impartial actor as well. I also think it is important to have a Commission who "receive[s] community feedback... and refer[s] them for further review." If the police are to be considered a part of the community, then they must at least hear (and hopefully listen) to the voices of that community. I look forward to seeing this committee come to fruition.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

Name: Camille

Camille Email:

Phone:

Address:

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Altadena, CA 91001

### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

Everyone, citizens of Pasadena, Altadena and surrounding communities as well as members of the police department, are safer when everyone knows that there is independent oversight over the police department.

This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

I urge that each member of our esteemed Pasadena City Council rise to the moment and vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Camille Dudley

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From:

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Sunday, August 2, 2020 9:30 PM

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, Pasadena, CA 91101

### **Comments:**

Police oversight by an independent commision is essential for addressing the issues of police violence and discrimination against black Pasadena community members. I support a police oversight measure being available to voters in November as an important but not sufficient step in addressing racism and overuse of force by police.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

From:

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

Name: Sandi

Email:

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Address:

Hamilton

LOS ANGELES, CA

90008-1707

## Comments:

I am in anticipation of becoming an Pasadena/Altadena resident once again. I have a 31 year old son who resides in Pasadena.

Therefore, I am in full support of Pasadena having an Oversight Committee, I believe that such will improve public safety, public transparency and improve police department accountability. Having an Oversight Committee in place will further enhance community engagement, while keeping a spotlight on the department's practices, policies and procedures. I can only believe that this would be a positive action in a productive direction.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

Name: Joanna Nagata Addr

Address: Pasadena, CA 91107

### **Comments:**

Hello,

Please stop all cruel, inhumane, and unnecessary police practices. This is your chance to look at other communities in which more resources are going to mental health, housing, and education than to police. Let's make Pasadena a safe and wonderful city for all of its residents.

Thank you,

Joanna Nagata

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

Email:

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Siobhan

d., Pasadena, CA 91126

MacArdle

### Comments:

Please establish a Police Oversight Committee in Pasadena! There have been too many people killed by the police in Pasadena without consequences. Kendrec McDades killers still work for the Pasadena Police Department. This is a disgrace.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

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## Comments:

Hello,

I urge each member of the Pasadena City Council to please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

The citizens as well as members of the police department, are safer when everyone knows that there is independent oversight over the police department and this proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build. This is a significant way to rebuild trust between the police department and the community. A more positive relationship is good for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration!

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

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Myra

rnone.

Altadena, California

**Brock** 

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### **Comments:**

My name is Myra Brock, the situation with the Pasadena Police has changed, I constantly worry about any interactions my husband and sons may have with the Pasadena Police. I have three grown Black Sons that reside with me in Altadena. We as a family conduct the majority of our business in Pasadena. I worry like any mother, driving down the street and you see some young man or woman being pulled over anything could happen nowdays, with the Pasadena Police. Under the current situation no mother or father should have to feel like this.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

Name:

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Angela Uriu

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Altadena, CA 91001

## Comments:

Dear Pasadena City Council,

My name is Angie Uriu and while I am a resident of Altadena, both of my children have attended Pasadena City schools since 2010. As I am sure you are all aware, your neighbor city to the north is very much part of the Pasadena community with its residents giving much of their business to Pasadena.

I am calling on the elected officials of the Pasadena City Council to please vote YES to amend the City Charter, putting it on the ballot for November 3rd, thus creating a Civilian Oversight Commission and the hiring of an independent police auditor with subpoena powers.

Angie

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Treasure

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Address:

Sheppard

Pasadena, CA 91101

## Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

As a resident of Pasadena for 30+ years, I am aware of our city's challenge with police accountability and fully support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. Councilman John Kennedy's proposal of this committee is necessary. The committee will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable which is something our police department has lacked for far too long.

Everyone, citizens as well as members of the police department, is safer when there is independent police oversight. The current global climate around police accountability should encourage local change within our city. Let's work to move Pasadena towards the right side of history.

Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Treasure Sheppard