

Martinez, Ruben

From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:39 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; City_Council
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 Public Safety Committee

Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 Public Safety Committee

Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Bradley Boleman			Avenue Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am a Pasadena Resident, I teach dance and yoga. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please Vote to Amend the City Charter

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Vienna **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Natividad v Ave, Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am Pasadena resident for the past 5 years, 33 years old. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the city charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our citizens. This is what the people want and it grants us a feeling of security and stability. Our city should be leading the way on these changes to police oversight. Please vote to amend the city charter!!!!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Vincent Apostol			Ave, Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident, POC business owner, and entrepreneur. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please vote to Amend the City Charter. Power to the people.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Todd Hughes **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Greetings good council members. Please impose The Community Bill of Rights demand number one - civilian oversight of the Police Department. Let Pasadena set the precedent for others municipalities and find itself on the right side of history. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Gennia Cui **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am a Pasadena Resident, homeowner, and parent. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. A committee full of politicians and the police chief is not independent of unbiased. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please Vote to Amend the City Charter.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Catherine O'Neal-Petterson	Email:	Phone:	Address: Ave, Pasadena, CA 91001
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Comments:

Dear Council Members - I am a concerned citizen who believes that we need more oversight for the Pasadena Police Department. I ask that the City Council create a Community Police Oversight Commission made up of city residents. I also ask that you hire a paid, full-time independent police auditor who would have subpoena power, would select staff for the commission, and would report to City Council. The police department has a long history of protecting its own and we need someone who will ensure that there is transparency and accountability.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address: (
Michael Tulsky		n	St., Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Good afternoon, I am a Pasadena resident, student, Field Service Technician, and Air Force veteran. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please vote to amend the City Charter. Thank you.

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Name: Janneke Briggs
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] street, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident, a mother, and a teacher at Jackson Elementary School. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been selected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please vote to amend the City Charter.

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Name: Sarah Cole **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91001

Comments:

I'm a Pasadena resident, mother of 2 and a social worker. The City Council should create a Community Police Oversight Commission, to be made up of city residents, and hire a paid, full-time Independent Police Auditor. The Auditor would have subpoena power, select the Commission staff and report to the City Council.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Akina Cox **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I have been a resident of Pasadena for a decade. Pasadena prides itself on being welcoming to everyone, but sadly, our police department seems not to have gotten the memo. My Black friends and neighbors have been accosted on the street, accused of crimes without any evidence. How can I look them in the eye, when my tax dollars support the officers that killed Kendrec McDade and Reginald Thomas. We need to do better.

I call upon the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please Vote to Amend the City Charter.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Jennifer Collins			Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Good afternoon Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Collins, and I am a Pasadena resident, parent, and business owner. I am calling upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter per the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights. I am calling on you to create a Community Police Oversight Commission, comprising city residents and a paid, full-time Independent Police Auditor. The auditor would have subpoena power, select the Commission staff, and report to the City Council. The current proposal does not grant meaningful power to community members, whom our City Council Members have been elected to serve. Please vote to amend the City Charter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Collins, LCSW

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Claire			, Pasadena, CA
Marco			91107

Comments:

I am a Pasadena Resident, Claire Marco, a parent, proud resident, and engaged citizen. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please Vote to Amend the City Charter. Thank you for your time.

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

Comments:

As a resident of Northwest Pasadena, I've talked with many Black neighbors and friends who have experienced racial profiling such as Council member Hampton describes. I've been saddened and outraged by the deaths of Reginald Thomas and Kendrec McDade that occurred close to my home. I therefore urge you to support a police commission with real authority and subpoena power, as recommended in the June 2020 report of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, This report states that "Civilian Review Boards can be powerful tools in furtherance of police reform, but that to do so they must be vested with sufficient authority, subpoena power, and independence to have any effect." <https://www.usccr.gov/files/2020-06-19-USCCR-Supports-Justice-in-Policing-Act.pdf>. Let the voters of our city decide on whether to approve a charter amendment to make this possible. A police commission could be funded by implementing a program like CAHOOTs in Eugene, OR, that helps the mentally ill, homeless, domestic abuse victims, etc. in a way that is more cost effective and has better outcomes than sending in armed police. Reginald Thomas would probably still be alive if Pasadena had such a program. Let's truly reform our police department so it works for all citizens of our city!

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Name: Elizabeth Elder **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

As a Pasadena resident I ask that you make sure there are community members on the police oversight committee who are truly independent, and represent that community that is being policed.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Elder

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Kathleen Torres
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Pasadena, California 91104

Comments:

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

My name is Kathleen Torres. I am a Pasadena resident, a R.N. and live in Council District 2. I am requesting that the Pasadena City Council amend the City Charter to create a Community Police Oversight Commission with an Independent Auditor and selected community members with an enforceable community role and subpoena power. The current proposal does not go far enough to address community issues and meaningful reform. Pasadenans deserve better. Please Vote to Amend the City Charter.

Thank you for your support of meaningful reform NOW for Pasadenans. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 13. CONSIDERATION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

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

Comments:

When Pasadena Police killed Reginald Thomas in front of his family, the family lawsuit stated “An unknown officer put a knee onto Mr. Thomas’ neck and applied the full weight of his body onto the throat area of Mr. Thomas until he was speechless and finally lifeless, intentionally squeezing the life out of Mr. Thomas.”

Unlike George Floyd’s killing, bystanders did not video Thomas’ killing and officers wore no body cameras. Instead of departmental transparency and accountability, Pasadena taxpayers footed the \$1.5 million settlement bill and officers reportedly received no disciplinary action.

When the Office of Independent Review’s report of Kendrec McDade’s killing by PPD described “repeated tactical errors,” and that neither officer was disciplined, the police union obtained a court order sealing it from public view.

Councilmembers, please do not expect us to believe that PPD will voluntarily cooperate fully with an oversight body lacking subpoena power.

The LA Board of Supervisors recently voted to grant subpoena power to their Civilian Oversight Commission after LAPD repeatedly stonewalled them.

We request fundamental tools to make Pasadena safer for citizens and police officers.

We demand prompt Amendment of the City Charter creating effective community oversight with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Joanne long **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a District 4 resident and I support Civilian Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department.

I am grateful to members of the Public Safety Committee for all of their work to bring this issue back to the full city council.

While I do appreciate the proposal that Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Kennedy have proposed, I agree with Councilmember Hampton that it does not go far enough to address the concerns we all have about the conduct of the police department.

Many people that elected you are telling you they do not feel safe around police officers and worry about the safety of their children and loved ones. This should be a massive concern to all of you. If someone I cared about told me they felt unsafe every time they left their home, I would hope that I would do everything in my power to support them. Civilian oversight would be one step towards showing that you understand their concerns.

I am asking the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power.

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Name: Will Dickson **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, California 91107

Comments:

I am a resident of district 4 and I believe that increased oversight of the Pasadena Police is required through the creation of civilian oversight commission and an independent auditor. I applaud the efforts of Mayor Tornek and council member Kennedy in quickly putting together proposal for these changes. However, I am concerned that the current proposal relies too much on cooperative nature of our current City Manager and Police Chief. If recent events have taught us anything it is that can't always rely on our leaders adhering to norms. It is insufficient and even foolish to do so. We need independent checks in place to protect us. We can't and should not rely on always having a cooperative City Manager and Police Chief. I support the proposal by Mayor Tornek and council member Kennedy as an emergency stop gap measure. This is something we can do right now without requiring a charter amendment. That said, also I believe we should plan to go much further. For this reason, I also support the consideration of a charter amendment measure establishing a system of police oversight. This will take time and the former will give us some protections while this happens.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Katie Young			Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident and a high school counselor. I am writing to say that I am disappointed in the council's reaction and actions so far to ensure that our community has oversight over the Pasadena PD. I implore you to create a position for an independent auditor with subpoena power, and to stipulate that auditor be held accountable by a commission of community members -- NOT the police department. Your current proposal does not grant any meaningful authority to the community which you have been elected to serve! Please amend the city charter to ensure we have a community-run commission capable of enforcing disciplinary measures, a commission that it is not just for show. This is a crucial step toward rebuilding a police department that serves and protects everyone in our city. Please listen to the NAACP, as they are acting in the best interest of all Pasadena residents by making police more accountable to communities of color. We must stand up against unjust policies and institutions that have kept people of color unheard, unsafe, and unequal for hundreds of years. Please read the NAACP's declaration of interdependence and community bill of rights, and take their voices seriously.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Mary Molnar **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident, educator, and parent. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter as the Community Bill of Rights asked for and endorsed by POP, CCICOP, IMA and CCC. I am asking for you, our elected officials, who are in place to serve the citizens of this city, to create a police oversight body with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role consisting of: an independent auditor and selected community members. The current proposal DOES NOT grant any meaningful power to our communities. Pasadena citizens want better and we deserve better. We are explicitly expressing our desires and offering ways to improve our city. Please listen to us and vote to amend the Pasadena City Charter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Faith Romasco **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a Pastor at PazNaz, located in District 4. I am a Member of the Clergy Community Coalition and the Racial Justice Coalition of Greater Pasadena. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter to create a Community Police Oversight Commission with a full-time Independent Auditor, who has subpoena power for the sake of transparency and accountability. I ask that appointees to this commission be selected from the community and that the commission reports to the City Council. The current proposal does not grant meaningful power to our communities which Council members have been elected to serve. Creating a commission that cannot impose accountability serves to placate. Pasadena citizens are asking for more from their city than what is currently being put forward. Please vote to amend the City Charter and impose the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights written by NAACP and NDLO, and endorsed by CCIOP, CCC and the IMA.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Topher Mathers
Email: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] Ave, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Pasadena, along with many cities across the nation are looking at ways to regain the public's trust in the way local Police Departments are run.

Here in Pasadena, we have our own history of police use of force, as in the case of Christopher Ballew. The residents of Pasadena, and those who come here for work and recreation are watching what your next steps as our City's leaders will be.

The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to the community. The City Charter must be amended to reflect the will of the people. We need a police oversight body that consists of an independent auditor, and an oversight board with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. We need to re-imagine the role of what the police department is. We need to feel that our police department are our community partners.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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