

**CORRESPONDENCE  
RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC  
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF 01/19/2021**

**Flores, Valerie**

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**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old business

**From:** City Web <cityweb@cityofpasadena.net>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 17, 2021 11:27 AM

**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old business

## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old business**

**Name:** Susan Jones   **Email:**   **Phone:**   **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Please let us have the training that will enrich our commission to learn about racial equity and the trauma that both the police and community have to deal with let make a great commission

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** No

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**Entry Submitted:** January 17, 2021 at 11:26 am

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business**

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

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### **Comments:**

We need to ensure that commissioners appointed go through sufficient training in order to bring equitable solutions for a safer Pasadena for all community members. This meeting should not be called old business because there is nothing new that we haven't been asking for at this point. Our demands as a community from October still stand. We need a better transparent process brought forward now. Further discussion about the oversight commission need to be addressed at this time at the Public Safety Committee. The current items on the agenda is the police stats and reports; we need to know this, but it's disappointing that these items are still be silenced. The truth needs to come forward and being transparent needs to begin now.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**Entry Submitted:** January 17, 2021 at 12:38 pm

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business**

**Name:** J    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

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### **Comments:**

I am a resident of District 6. It is bad enough that Steve Madison continually drags his feet when it comes to police accountability. (2014 he was against oversight, 2020 still riding the fence yet is on the Public Safety Committee.) And now progress has seemingly been tabled.

Will it take the loss of more black lives at the hands of PPD for you to take action?

PPD would have you all believe, in spite of it's corrupt past of gun running, that they serve in the interest of public safety. Let's call it what it is: a flat out lie. PPD would have you believe indiscriminately shooting black men in the back as they run away is justified. That is also a lie.

Inherently racist applications of tech including facial recognition and license plate data being given to ICE despite their "commitment" otherwise are also instances in which PPD cannot be trusted. PPD continues to lie again and again. And yet we continue to trust them?

We need an oversight commission that is by the people for the people. We need commissioners who are properly trained in such areas as racial bias - not retired cops or police union reps.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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**Entry Submitted:** January 18, 2021 at 10:31 am

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item OLD BUSINESS**

**Name:** Mary Christine  
Boomhower

**Email:**   **Phone:**

**Address:** Pasadena, California  
91101

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### **Comments:**

My name is Christine and I live in district 6. I am disappointed that the oversight commission is not mentioned in this meeting. Was it approved so Pasadena could appear like they're taking action, while hoping that residents would forget about it and move on? This commission needs to be taken seriously because there is a serious problem in PPD. Why is Pasadena acting like it's justified to shoot someone in the back, in a community of people? Officers involved are still on the job, and we're supposed to feel safer with these cops "protecting" us? PPD also has an inflated budget with more helicopters than many larger cities. This money could be spent helping the community in ways that prevent crime, but instead it's being spent on technology like license plate readers and facial recognition, which is proven to be racially biased. The commission is only a small step towards improving our trust in PPD, and it cannot be swept under the rug. Commissioners need to be trained in racial bias, be representative of the actual community, and empowered to hold PPD accountable (not excops and people with special interests). We need to ensure equitable conditions for everyone in Pasadena.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old business**

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

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### **Comments:**

Good morning,

My name is Jennifer Collins, and I am a Pasadena resident living in District 5.

I'm writing to Pasadena's elected officials to ensure that the people you appoint to the Police Oversight Commission receive sufficient education in trauma-informed care and anti-racist practice. These are essential trainings and I recommend them for all elected and appointed members of our city government.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer L. Collins, LCSW

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**Entry Submitted:** January 18, 2021 at 11:30 am

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item OLD BUSINESS**

**Name:** Hannah "Katie" Young    **Email:**    **Phone:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

My name is Katie Young and I am a Pasadena resident. This is in reference to October agenda items that were left in limbo over the holidays. I am calling on Pasadena elected officials to ensure that any commissioners appointed (and actually any and all city employees) are required to undergo training -- specifically Crossroads Anti-Racism training and Trauma Informed Care Training -- to bring equitable solutions for all members of the Pasadena community. Please know that removing systemic racism from our city's institutions starts with the people we put in positions of power. This is very important work and it is important that citizens and commissioners are informed and aware of how they can break down harmful stereotypes and resolve situations with nonviolence. Thank you.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**Entry Submitted:** January 18, 2021 at 2:16 pm

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business**

**Name:** Ben Vargas    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

My name is Ben Vargas. I am a Pasadena resident in district 1.

In order to help bring equitable solutions for a safer Pasadena, I am calling on Council member Tyron Hampton and all Elected Officials to require that Public Safety Commissioners complete Anti-Racism and Trauma-Informed Care training as part of the Public Safety Committee on-boarding process.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**Entry Submitted:** January 18, 2021 at 7:15 pm



**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old agenda items**

**Name:** Carolynn ghiloni    **Address:** Sierra madre, CA 91024

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### **Comments:**

I am disappointed that the Oversight Commission is not listed as an item here. The selection and criteria and training for this commission are essential. Please adhere to the suggestions from Pasadena's NAACP for trainers as they have a much better pulse on our communities of color. Also, please encourage council members to explain their appointee's (when selected) fit and perspective as it is important to understand who will be on the committee and why.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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**Entry Submitted:** January 18, 2021 at 8:21 pm

**Flores, Valerie**

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**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on January 19, 2021 on Agenda Item Old Business- Police Oversight Commission

**From:** City Web <cityweb@cityofpasadena.net>

**Sent:** Monday, January 18, 2021 10:47 PM

**To:** Flores, Valerie <vflores@cityofpasadena.net>

**Subject:** Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on January 19, 2021 on Agenda Item Old Business- Police Oversight Commission

## **Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business- Police Oversight Commission**

**Select one City legislative body for the comment** Public Safety Committee

**Meeting Date** January 19, 2021

**Agenda Item** Old Business- Police Oversight Commission

**Name** Noelle Ito

**City** PASADENA

**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91101-3478

**Comments (under 200 words)** As a Pasadena resident of District 7, I am calling on Pasadena Elected officials to address the old business from October that is in the last meeting minutes and to require that all commissioners appointed to the Police Oversight Commission go through Crossroads Anti-Racism training and Trauma-informed care training in order to help bring equitable solutions for a safer Pasadena for ALL, in particular black and brown community members.

**I consent to have my comment read out** Yes

**Flores, Valerie**

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**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATION OF CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATION OF CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT**

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

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### **Comments:**

I am a Pasadena resident in Mayor Gordo's former district. I join my community in calling for require training for Community Police Oversight Commission members to include the recommended Crossroads Anti-Racism training and Trauma-Informed Care training (aka Live Above the Hype), These trainings are important and must be part of a commission member's preparation for the role.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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**Entry Submitted:** January 18, 2021 at 10:50 pm

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business**

**Name:** Leah Bartels    **Address:** Glendale, CA 91208

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### **Comments:**

It is vital that the commissioners appointed to the Oversight board have, at the VERY least, participated in Crossroads Anti-Racism training and Trauma-Informed Care training. The whole point of oversight is to break the old patterns and shatter toxic misconceptions that have led to state violence in Pasadena in the first place, and the commission can only advocate for victims fairly if they have a full understanding of systemic abuse. Now is not the time for half-baked measures or throwing a band-aid on it. Pasadena has a body count. Do it right.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business**

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

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### **Comments:**

My name is Claire Marco, and I am a 40-year resident of Pasadena, I live in district 4. I am writing in regard to the Oversight Commission, and the training that will be required of them.

I am calling on Pasadena Elected Officials to ensure that commissioners appointed to the Oversight Commission are required to participate in Anti-Racism training and Trauma-Informed Care training. I feel strongly this will help Commissioners bring equitable solutions for a safer Pasadena. I believe the Oversight Commission was created to guide our City's safety officers perform their duties in a fair and just manner. Let's give them the opportunity to start with the guidance and education necessary to do so.

Thank you for your time.

Claire Marco

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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**Entry Submitted:** January 19, 2021 at 9:51 am

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business**

**Select one City legislative body for the comment** Public Safety Committee

**Meeting Date** January 19, 2021

**Agenda Item** Old Business

**Name** Sonja K Berndt

**Email**

**City** Pasadena

**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91107

**Comments (under 200 words)** I am a longtime Pasadena resident. I am deeply concerned that today's Public Safety Committee meeting does not include any of the promised discussion of (1) appointments of community members to three seats on the Community Police Oversight Commission and (2) training requirements for appointees. These critical issues for our City have not been agendized since the Committee's October 7, 2020 meeting. While an application for appointment to the Community Police Oversight Commission has been advertised, the critical issues of the appointment

process and the training that will be required are apparently stalled in this Committee for unknown reasons. In addition, at the November 30, 2020 meeting, the Committee was supposed to have heard a presentation on the CAHOOTS community-based model of crisis intervention services to persons suffering from mental illness and/or addiction. That meeting got cancelled for lack of a quorum. Please treat these issues with the urgency and priority needed and put them on the Committee's agenda as soon as possible. Thank you.

**I consent to have my  
comment read out  
loud during the  
meeting.**

Yes

**Flores, Valerie**

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**From:** City Web  
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**To:** Flores, Valerie  
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## **Public Comment for Public Safety Committee Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old Business**

**Select one City legislative body for the comment** Public Safety Committee

**Meeting Date** January 19, 2021

**Agenda Item** Old Business

**Name** Topher Mathers

**City** Pasadena

**State** CA

**Zip Code** 91106

**Comments (under 200 words)** Dear elected representatives.

Picking up from last year's unfinished work and in light of the embarrassing shameful event that took place at our Nation's Capitol it is more important than ever to address structural racism and racial bias.

Regarding the establishment of a Police Oversight Commission we must require that all commissioners go through sufficient training including programs such as Crossroads Anti-Racism training and Trauma-Informed Care training.

Thank you.



**I consent to have my  
comment read out loud  
during the meeting.**

Yes

**Flores, Valerie**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item Old business**

**Name:** Florence Annang   **Email:**   **Phone:**   **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

The amount of violence we have seen lately has shown how we cannot keep being reactionary and blaming one population and put on a band aid for a few months but start to invest in our youth and young adults like never before. These are issues that will face our Oversight Commission and it is absolutely necessary for long range planning and dialogue with our local police that the training the commissioners receive not be one sided but community driven. All ask the committee is to discuss and move forward to city council and staff is insuring that the numerous training that the appointed commission members will do will include the Crossroads Anti Racism Training and Trauma training conducted my Above The Hype. To understand the residents of the city at all cultural and economic levels is key to creating a foundation of a solid and trustworthy commission that represents all Pasadena.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on January 19, 2021 about Agenda Item OLD BUSINESS**

**Name:** Elizabeth Barrios **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

Good afternoon, my name is Lisa Barrios and I live in District 3. I am calling on all members of the Pasadena City Council to not lose sight of how important the Community Police Oversight Commission is, even now that the local election is over. The work must continue in order to provide a safe community for all. Public Safety Committee, please ensure commissioners appointed to this commission go through sufficient training in order to help bring EQUITABLE solutions. Trainings including, but not limited to, the Trauma-Informed Care Training led by "Live Above the Hype" and the Crossroads Anti-Racism training. Thank you.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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**Entry Submitted:** January 19, 2021 at 1:56 pm