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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 17, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 - APPOINTMENTS**

**Name:** Ralph A      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
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### **Comments:**

PLEASE READ ALOUD: Please reject Mayor Tornek's nomination of Josh Hardin to the Human Services Commission. Mr. Hardin was forced to step down from another city commission 3 years ago after pleading guilty to domestic violence. Two other charges - criminal threat, resisting arrest - were dropped. He was also sentenced to 3 years probation, 10 days in county jail, 15 days of community service, 52 domestic violence classes, three AA meetings and was ordered to stay away from his victim (<https://www.pasadenastarnews.com/2016/07/14/pasadena-commissioner-who-alleges-conspiracy-resigns-following-domestic-violence-conviction/#:~:text=A%20>).

Pasadena%20senior%20commissioner%20who,during%20its%20next%20public%20meeting). Since then, Mr. Hardin has shown absolutely no remorse. Rather, he blames his actions on a "conspiracy" and continues to attack others, including the Mayor's front-running election opponent. His nomination is also another example of the Mayor's extremely poor judgment, just like his decision to high-tail it out of town on a sister city/sightseeing trip while his Council colleagues were grappling with a historic pandemic. The Council couldn't stop him from abandoning the city then. But it certainly can stop him from burdening the city with this absurd, ill-advised appointment now - and send a clear message that Pasadena doesn't condone domestic violence or the blatant Big Boss, Back East politics the Mayor practices.

**Martinez, Ruben**

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 17, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

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### Comments:

Reject the Mayor's nomination of Jason Hardin to the Human Services Commission.

Recently an unlikely alliance has occurred between Tornek-Hardin.

-July 14, 2016 Pasadena commissioner who alleges conspiracy, forced to resign after an arrest for Domestic Violence.

-June 16th 2020 Jason suddenly has changed his tune on Tornek.

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-June 18th 2020 Jason submits his application for the Human Services Commission position.

-Aug 9th 2020 Jason starts his attack on Gordo.

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Evidence shows questionable ethics & with what appear to be serious issues. Hardin used his political position to make himself the victim after arrest for domestic violence. He can't control his temper on social media, attacking anyone who disagrees with him. Now Hardin is attacking your opponent, Victor Gordo. Using political influence, Mayor Tornek, just like with developers, the power to appoint people to commissions as a means to pay back a person is abuse of authority is abuse. Power entrusted by voters, used for personal gain, to benefit your election campaign by smearing your opponent in public forums, just like your reward to John Kennedy by appointing him to a paid position to the airport authority & your support of high density developers who have been supportive of your campaigns.

**Martinez, Ruben**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 17, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

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### **Comments:**

Jason Hardin couldn't be a better choice to be on the Human Services Commission. He continually shows up for the community—whether that's educating the community on gang violence; setting an example for all elected officials and future candidates on how to run a transparent campaign for the people; or being one of the only candidates this past primary to stand up to the fossil fuel industry and fight for a livable future for future generations. Not many people can say they are as involved nor committed to lifting up and empowering their community as Hardin is. Hardin is a shining light in the otherwise darkness that is Pasadena politics, fighting for change that benefits those that most need it. He would be a great asset in any capacity to the city, and especially the Human Services Commission. I urge you to appoint Hardin to the commission so he can continue to fight for what the people of Pasadena need and want.

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

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 17, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

**Name:** Monique      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
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### Comments:

A person such as Mr. Hardin with a history of violence should be not appointed to the HRC. Mr. Hardin's belligerence towards those that oppose his views on social media, his personal and vile attacks on current city council members and complete disrespect to our law enforcement by publicly posting "F the Police", shows that he lacks the temperament and professionalism for such a position. Time and time again, Mr. Hardin has shown that he is unable to be level-headed or maintain his composure in a heated debate or adversarial criticism. Instead he retaliates with petty name calling, accusations and profanity.

Who are we suppose to believe is the real Jason Hardin? The charismatic man who was running for Mayor or the belligerent man who thinks that it is acceptable to retaliate towards those he opposes? His social media presence is just as important as his public appearances. It matters and he should be held accountable for those actions.

If we overlook Mr. Hardins recent abhorrent behavior and actions, who and what else will be willing to overlook from the next City Appointment? This position should be filled with a person above reproach. We deserve better. Pasadena deserves better.

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