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From: Sally Howard <SHoward@allsaints-pas.org>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:13 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Sally Howard
Subject: oversight of police department

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Dear City Council Members,

A growing number of your citizens are fighting for independent, civilian, police oversight with real power - and it can finally come to Pasadena after years of effort with your care and honorable decisions today.

- Pasadena should create a citizen oversight commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process.

- Pasadena should hire an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager (to whom the Chief of Police also reports), who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.

The health and safety of each of us is inseparable from the health and safety of all, as COVID-19 has demonstrated with such brutal clarity. Please vote and work for a healthier, honest, and more just city for all our citizens. It is the only true basis for any lasting peace and prosperity. Make our city an example to the state, nation, and world, of how it can and must be done.

With kind regards,

Rev. Dr. Sally Howard

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From: Fabio Tesei <fabio.italwestfoods@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 10:58 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Police Oversight

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Dear Council,

I have owned a house in North Pasadena for over 20 years. I have very few interactions with the police force, if not with matters that didn't involve me. They were always courteous to me. I have the utmost respect for the tough job the police force has.

This said, we must recognize that the police relationship with many segments of the society has frayed. I hear of too many cases of minorities being disrespected or mistreated in a way that me, a white middle class male , never has.

The job surely attracts people from all aspects of life. Most want to serve honorably all of the citizens. The force should find a way to filter out those who have other agendas and racist tendencies. Those few bad apples taint the entire force, but what is baffling to me is the esprit-de-corps that protects them no matter what. If even the majority of good cops protect those few bad ones don't they become complicit? I hope that the bad apples will eventually be judged by an independent civilian commission.

The police force is unlikely to regain the trust of our minority citizens unless they prove that they can be transparent, fair, not heavy handed.

Regards,
Fabio Tesei
cell 626-482-6352

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From: Jane Ward <janew@ucr.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:32 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: public comment: we need a Civilian Oversight Commission and IPA with subpoena power

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Dear City Council Members,

In light of the terrible and unnecessary murder of Anthony McClain by Pasadena police, I want to begin by stating that I am disappointed that you voted on August 3rd *against* a robust model of police oversight that would have given the oversight commission some actual authority over the police department. The community will continue to demand that its City Council create an oversight commission that does more than make unenforceable recommendations to the police, but holds the police department accountable for its corruption and violence.

In the meantime, I am writing in support of the development of a Civilian Oversight Commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, who are selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process. The City must also hire an independent police auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager, who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes.

Sincerely,
Jane Ward

Martinez, Ruben

From: Remy De La Peza <remy.delapeza@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:37 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment - Aug. 24 City Council Meeting, Item #6

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City Clerk -

I submit the below public comment on agenda item #6, Creation of a Community Police Oversight Commission and an Independent Auditor.

Our City is mourning the tragic and unnecessary death of Anthony McClain at the hands of Pasadena Police. Our country is in the throes of a racial reckoning, too long overdue, inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement and all of us who refuse to accept the continued violence perpetrated against Black people. As a non-Black woman of color, as a registered voter and resident of District 5, as someone who loves the City of Pasadena deeply, I call on you - our elected leaders - to advance structural and systemic changes to what policing looks like in our city.

While I do not believe the current Tornek-Kennedy recommendation embodies that structural or systemic change that I hear so many of us calling for, the creation of an ongoing *community* Commission (vs. the existing advisory bodies that have not been used for years) and the granting of some (albeit inadequate) subpoena power to an Independent Police Auditor are small steps forward given the limitations of the current City Charter. Therefore, I urge the Council to vote to move forward with the recommendation while also acknowledging that this is just the beginning, not the end, of the work for meaningful, effective, transparent, accountable and community-driven police oversight. Please know that myself and my fellow constituents are here to hold you accountable to the responsibilities of the offices you claim to desire so deeply and more importantly, to ALL people of this City. We expect more than this affirmative vote today; we expect you to listen to the concerns and also the solutions that the communities suffering most have to offer up and to take many more actions in the coming days, weeks, months and years to create a Pasadena where Black lives matter.

Thank you,
Rémy De La Peza (she/her/hers)

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Lynndi Scott

Lynndi Scott
SAG-AFTRA

<http://www.lynniscott.com>

<https://resumes.actorsaccess.com/lynniscott>

@LynndiScott

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From: Lynndi Scott <lynndiactor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:36 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: City Council Meeting Aug 24, Agenda Item #6 - comment
Attachments: Pasadena City Council meeting_Aug 24 2020.pdf

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Greetings.

Below please see my comment in regards to your meeting Aug. 24, 2020 @2pm.

I have also attached it as a document so that it is properly formatted for inclusion in your report.

Thank you very much.

Lynndi Scott

Aug. 23, 2020

Re: Monday, Aug 24, 2020 City Council Meeting
Agenda Item #6 - Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department.

Dear Council Members,

My name is Lynndi Scott. I have been a resident in the Pasadena community for over 20 years. I currently live in District 3.

Activists, citizens of our community, have been fighting for independent civilian oversight with "real" power for years. And for good reason! There has been an unprecedented amount of police violence in our community for far too long and it has got to stop. It is an unprecedented public health crisis, just like it was in the 60s, though people continue to ignore and negate this truth.

The duties of police officers are to protect and serve the public, ALL citizens, yet that doesn't hold true. Continually those of us with brown or black skin are being victimized and blamed for whatever the police so choose on any given day. How quick many officers have been to unholster their gun and shoot to kill.

Black lives taken by PPD: #KendricMcDade #AnthonyMcClain #ReginaldThomas

Lives threatened by PPD: #MargaritaPerez #ChristopherBallew

Police officers are more apt to protect their own, most especially when it comes to black and brown citizens. And police unions continue to be a roadblock to reform. Some reforms passed in legislation have been put in place and, the truth is, they don't go far enough. We hear that some police officers feel they are being unfairly targeted. No! Those officers just don't want their actions to be checked. Police officers power cannot continue to go unchecked. That's why there continue to be so many senseless, needless killings and shootings. Pasadena must and can do better.

We deserve better, MUCH better. So I am with my fellow citizens who desire and believe the following:

Pasadena should create a citizen oversight commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process.

Pasadena should hire an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who a) does not report to the City Manager, to whom the Chief of Police also reports, and b) has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.

Respectfully,

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From: Vanessa <nessaly88@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:06 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda #6 Police Oversight

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Dear Council Members & Elected Officials,

The shooting and murder of Anthony McClain last Saturday night, August 15, is an atrocity and blight on our city of Pasadena and highlights the ever-growing urgency of police reform and oversight.

NEVER before have I felt so shaken in my own home than during the shooting and the subsequent aftermath of heavy police activity. It wasn't until later that I would know it was a Pasadena police officer that fired his weapon and killed a man. And then hearing that officers also tasered and maced a growing crowd, including a child... Not only does it show how cavalier they are in who they protect, but that they had the means to take a suspect into custody without firing a deadly weapon, and they specifically chose not to. Yes, not all details are known at this time - but that does not mean individual police officers should be judge, jury, and executioner.

Recently, the neighbors of North Raymond Avenue, where the shooting occurred, gathered together to discuss ways we could build up our community and make it a safer space. THIS IS NOT IT. Our community needs care, not cops. To not immediately see the crime before the human.

The helicopters circling after Sunday night's vigil, officers on loudspeakers from the safety of their cars, officers in riot gear pushing out the peaceful encampment this past week - they all emphasize the divide between the community and the police department. Our citizens are not even allowed to mourn and demand justice without being oppressed further.

Change should have happened long before. There needs to be significant police oversight completely separate from the police force. Who polices the police? Who will hold them accountable for the crimes they commit?

I truly hope all elected officials of Pasadena will listen to our community's outcries and apply meaningful change to better our city.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Lee
District 1

Martinez, Ruben

From: reo fordecor <manicexec@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 6:49 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: police oversight commission

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Hello,

My name is Reo Glancey, and I am a Pasadena resident of Council District 7. I call upon you to create a civilian-based police oversight commission consisting of an independent auditor and representative community members who are selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process. The city-hired Independent Police Auditor should not report to the City Manager, to avoid a conflict of interest as the Police Chief reports to the City Manager. The IPA should be granted subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.

The commission needs to include several voices from our communities that most suffer police violence. It needs to function as a representative body, not a political one. Effective, independent oversight has the potential to hold the Police Department accountable, aid in the appropriate disciplining of officers who violate laws, increase transparency, increase public safety, and build trust. Regulated checks and balances of those who are sworn to serve and protect our community should be a self-evident need, and now is the time for true course correction. Pasadena deserves this.

Thank you for your time,

Reo Glancey

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From: Donna Perkins <perkson2@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 6:06 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Wilson, Andy
Subject: Public Comment on Police Oversight

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To Andy Wilson and to the City Council:

I'm a resident, homeowner and taxpayer of District 6 - zip code 91106.

Pasadena should create a citizen oversight commission over the police that is made up of community members most impacted by police violence and selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process. There should be bans on members with conflicts of interest, or even the appearance of such. Pasadena should also hire an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager (to whom the Chief of Police also reports), who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.

- The IPA needs to be in a city office that's separate from the City Prosecutor's.
- Allow all IPA reports and information to be used in making disciplinary and personnel decisions, except as prohibited by law.
- These new entities also need enough money to get their jobs done.

This is the only way for an oversight commission to be effective. Please do not give us a glorified Complaint Board with no power to act.

I really hope the City Council uses this historical time to develop new ways for creating justice in Pasadena.

Respectfully,

Donna Perkins

Sent from Outlook

Martinez, Ruben

From: Jenifer Morrison <jenifermorrison@fuller.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 4:48 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Comments for Agenda Item 6 - police oversight

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It is crucial to have citizen participation in an oversight committee of law enforcement. I want to live in a community where law enforcement are trusted and respected and ALL citizens feel safe enough to be approached or stopped by law enforcement without fear they might die if emotions, miscommunication or even unlawful activity escalates. I'm happy PPD has adopted new ideas to resolve deeply seeded issues but merely adopting them for "show" is not enough. Put your money where your mouth is, create oversight, relieve pressure of law enforcement to police themselves and let the process be transparent and accessible. Pasadena has nothing to lose by making the hard and brave choice of effective oversight. Wouldn't it be nice to have Pasadena in headlines for effective compassionate policing instead of ANOTHER black man shot in the back while running away? Move beyond the status quo. It's time.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: susan dembowski <susandembowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 4:38 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Tornek, Terry; Masuda, Gene; district1; McAustin, Margaret; Kennedy, John; Gordo, Victor; madison@cityofpasadena.net; Wilson, Andy
Subject: City Council oversight of the Pasadena Police Department

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RE: City Council oversight of the Pasadena Police Department Agenda item No. 6 - August 24, 2002

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As a Pasadena resident I'm concerned that the City Council lacks a meaningful citizen oversight commission with a fair representation of the communities in our city who are most affected by the police's lack of restraint.

Pasadena needs a police auditor who is truly independent of the city manager and who has the subpoena power to give real oversight in the review and investigative process.

We need transparency in the process.

Sincerely,

Susan Dembowski
2080 Lambert Dr.
Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Robin Kinman <rlkinman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 3:35 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Tornek-Kennedy Oversight Proposal

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On Monday, August 24th, the City Council is scheduled to vote on the Tornek-Kennedy oversight proposal. This proposal establishes an auditor and civilian commission. I am proud that our city is taking this important next step, **and it does not go far enough** to ensure complete separation from the police department. Before passing such a proposal I urge you to take the additional steps to make this body completely void of police influence and strictly a civilian commission that represents minority and marginalized groups.

- 1.
2. Pasadena should hire
3. an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager. The IPA must have subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.
- 4.
- 5.
6. No members of the Police
7. Oversight Commission may be appointed by the Pasadena Police Department, any law enforcement agency, or any members of any law enforcement agencies.
- 8.
- 9.
10. Disqualify nominees or
11. appointees of the Oversight Commission who are current or former law enforcement officers.
- 12.

Public trust in Pasadena's government hinges on transparency and accountability. A strictly independent Oversight Commission will strengthen the department's effectiveness and show that the Police Department and the City have the courage to listen to voices of dissent and be made better by them.

I appeal to you to make meaningful action now, to answer the call for justice in Pasadena, and to build trust in our community. **Please delay the August 24th vote until you have a proposal that is truly independent.**

Sincerely,

Robin Kinman
7th district resident

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From: Karen Scauzillo <kscauzillo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 3:56 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Police reform needed NOW

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Pasadena City Council,

I have lived in Pasadena for five years and am a homeowner in Steve Madison's council district.

During my time in Pasadena I have been dismayed by a series of police shootings of unarmed black men and other people of color, as well as abuse of people of color such as the young man beaten and very nearly shot at a gas station for no reason at all.

These incidents have proven to be beyond a doubt that Pasadena should create a citizen oversight commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, selected by the City Council in an open, transparent and public process.

I believe that Pasadena should hire an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager and who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.

I am counting on you all, as our City Council, to do the right thing in your decision about police oversight and take the above steps to bring justice and transparency to our community. One of my major concerns in the election last fall was the undue influence of campaign contributions from police unions and criminal justice interests on our sitting Council members.

Please prove my concerns wrong and vote to truly bring police reform and oversight to our beautiful city.

Thank you,
Karen Scauzillo
330 Cordova St Unit 353
Pasadena 91101

Martinez, Ruben

From: Dr. Brinell Anderson <drbrinellanderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 2:16 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; info@tyron.us
Cc: Bell, Cushon
Subject: Police Oversight Agenda Item 6

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Dear Vice Mayor Hampton and the Pasadena City Council:

With agenda item six, tomorrow our city council has an opportunity to stand for justice and equity. Pasadena needs to create a citizen oversight commission which is made up of community members most impacted by police violence, selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process. Additionally, Pasadena needs to hire an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager (to whom the Chief of Police also reports). The IPA needs to have subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission. This vote is a chance to do what's fair for communities most affected by police violence.

Sincerely,
Dr. Brinell Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

Martinez, Ruben

From: Elise Wetzel <elisewetzel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 1:54 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: andy Wilson
Subject: Pasadena Police Reform

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My name is Elise Wetzel. I am a Pasadena resident who lives in District 7. I thank you for the work you have done to expedite some important reforms to our city policing, but I believe we can go further.

I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and a civilian oversight commission, with subpoena power. There is no ambiguity in the ask to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights. We must bolster the public's confidence in the city's police force. Please move with deliberate speed.

Regards,

Elise Wetzel

Martinez, Ruben

From: Gail Whitacre <dagmemetog@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 12:16 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Officer-involved killing of a black man

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Please take action to protect black members of the Pasadena community from the cultural violence ingrained in your police force. BLACK LIVES MATTER.

Thank you, Gail Whitacre (I live "next door" in the Eagle Rock area).

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Martinez, Ruben

From: Tiffany Mai <xuantiffany@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 11:09 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights

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To whom it may concern,

Good day, my name is Tiffany Mai and I am a resident of South Pasadena, CA. I recently heard of the tragic police shooting of Anthony McClain in Pasadena, and I urge the city to take action in the wake of this injustice.

It is not enough to express sorrow to the McClain family, real change must occur. I urge you to make it happen by supporting and approving the **Pasadena Community Bill of Rights**.

I stand with many others demanding accountability, justice, and an end to the inequity that continues to define every moment of life for Black America.

I urge the Pasadena City Council to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission, with subpoena power.

This is one small step in the right direction, however this effort has a potential impact throughout Los Angeles County. Let's make it clear Pasadena is on the right side of justice and perhaps inspire others to do the same.

Best,
Tiffany Mai
South Pasadena, 91030

Martinez, Ruben

From: Kaci B. <kcinsolidarity@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 11:09 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pasadena Community Bill of Rights

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My name is Kaci. I am a Pasadena resident and I live in district 2. I don't believe the police department nor any police officers should be judge, jury and executioner. The police department has too much money and is too weaponized and it's too easy to use that power to oppress, and sometimes kill, black, brown and poor members of the Pasadena community.

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.

Thank you,

Kaci

Martinez, Ruben

From: Valerie Okorochoa <vgokorochoa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:42 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Anthony McClain

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My name is Valerie Okorochoa and I live in the San Rafael area in Pasadena. I am appalled by the recent shooting by the Pasadena Police Dept of another Black man who was shot in the back after running out of a car. I am aware that the driver was pulled over because he did not have a license plate on the front of the car - I would insist a 50 year old White man would never be pulled over and cited for a missing license plate. This is racial profiling at its worst. We are asking for an independent police oversight panel be assigned to make recommendations to the dept on additional training (with the mentally ill) as well as cultural sensitivity training in an attempt to reduce the number of tragedies like these from happening.

Martinez, Ruben

From: City Web
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Message from Office of the City Clerk Website (submitted anonymously)

Subject Justice for Anthony McClain

Message I am emailing to demand that the names of the officers who killed Anthony McClain be released as well as all, unedited body cam footage from every officer who was present. The officer's who are responsible for ending Anthony McClain's life by shooting him in the back while he was running away must be fire, arrested, charged, and prosecuted for his murder. Along with these demands I am demanding that all charged be dropped against Nafissa Kaba, and that the officers who pepper sprayed children also be fired. Frankly, Chief Perez also needs to resign or be fired. Whatever is not in your power, put the pressure on those who do hold the power.

Do you want us to contact you regarding your comment? No - I want to leave the comment anonymously

Martinez, Ruben

From: Lauren Lo Coco <laurenlololococo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 3:28 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on Monday August 24th

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I am appalled at the heartless and murderous actions by the Pasadena Police Department. What unjustly happened to Mr. Anthony McClain is the exact reason why we are calling for accountability and urging the Pasadena City Council to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena power. No more murdering innocent Black and Brown lives.

Martinez, Ruben

From: Susan Deming <susan@demingcasting.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:10 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Demand for Citizen Oversight of Pasadena Police Department

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I am a homeowner in District 1. The recent shooting of yet another Black man as he was IN RETREAT is an outrage! Basic human decency compels us all to ACT WITH PURPOSE in this moment to radically reimagine and rebuild the concept of public SAFETY for all residents of Pasadena, but particularly our Black sisters and brothers.

I am asking you, our elected official, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and select community members for the commission and grant them subpoena power. There is NO AMBIGUITY in our demand to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights.



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Martinez, Ruben

From: Vanessa Kale <vanessakale@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:06 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Civilian oversight

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Dear City Council Members,

In light of the horrific and unnecessary murder of Anthony McClain by Pasadena police, I want to begin by stating that I am disappointed that you voted on August 3rd against a robust model of police oversight that would have given the oversight commission some actual authority over the police department. The community will continue to demand that its City Council create an oversight commission that does not simply make unenforceable recommendations to the police department, but holds the police department accountable for its corruption and violence.

In the meantime, I am writing in support of the development of a Civilian Oversight Commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, who are selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process. The City must also hire an independent police auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager, and who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes.

Thanks,

Vanessa Kale

Martinez, Ruben

From: dmchaney@chanpasca.com
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:50 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: The time is NOW for REAL Police Department OVERSIGHT

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Pasadena needs REAL Police Department OVERSIGHT:

- Citizen oversight commission made up of community members most impacted by police violence, selected by the City Council in an open, transparent, and public process.
- Independent Police Auditor (IPA) who does not report to the City Manager (to whom the Chief of Police also reports), who has subpoena power to provide true oversight in the review and investigation processes along with the commission.

There is no other way to mend what is broken in this city between its police and its residents. Fix the problem before it becomes worse.

Donna Chaney