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Name: Lydia Breen **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____ **Address:** _____, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

My name is Lydia Breen. I am a resident of District 6. I am saddened by the death of Anthony McClain, and my heart goes out to his family. The video of Mr. McClain's shooting and the efforts to contain the protestors after the shooting only reinforce my belief that there are too many weapons on the streets of Pasadena, and most of those weapons belong to the PPPD.. The Pasadena Police Department is overly militarized.

While I support the proposal to appoint an independent auditor to oversee cases of police abuse, bias and training, the auditor's responsibilities must not stop there. He or she must have subpoena power to demand a complete inventory of the weapons and surveillance equipment held by the PPD. This investigation must start with a request for an inventory of all the military-grade weapons donated to the PPD by the federal government. Across the country, these inventories have been notoriously lax. If we are sincerely interested in civilian oversight, the auditor must also look into the military grade weapons the PPD has at its disposal, ask for justification on their use, and know what happens when they are decommissioned or unaccounted for.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Brenda			Pasadena, CA
Bullock			91103

Comments:

Mayor Tornek and City Council,

My Son has move away from Pasadena because of the continued harassment he has endured. It is imperative that we establish some new rules and accountability for the officers in the community. The police department needs to take responsibility for their behaviors. Therefore we must have police reform and a Civilian police oversight committee.

Thank you.

Brenda Bullock

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Ryan Willison **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Willison Los Angeles, CA 90042

Comments:

My name is Ryan Willison, and I am a resident of Highland Park and frequent patron of Pasadena restaurants and businesses. I was horrified to hear of the officer-involved killing of Anthony McClain and think that police oversight is absolutely vital, as we now have sadly realized too late. What we do in Los Angeles matters nationally, and what we do in Pasadena matters in Los Angeles. You have a chance to lead the way for real reform, which impacts real lives and can stop this endless, preventable cycle of bloodshed. Please search your hearts and do what is right. We do not have to live like this. We do not have to die like this.

Yours watchfully,
Ryan Willison

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Kelley **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

It is crucial to the healthy and safety of not only the Pasadena but the Black community within Pasadena that there be effective police oversight by an independent investigator. The people our community deserves better, Pasadena can do better.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Serge Nelson
Email:
Phone:
Address: , Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers,

Our democracy is controlled by the wealthy elite and some sit on this Pasadena City Council. Politicians who are wealthy and who work for the wealthy need the police to protect them from the people. Take a moment to evaluate which councilmembers on this council received large contributions from the Police Union and which Councilmembers strongly advocate to derail the Civilian Police Oversight Proposal.

We have smart attorneys who sit on this council and they know how to manipulate words, twist and shape the thinking of the hearers, and justify their position – remember they are professionals. Yet none of them walk in my black shoes and know the blight of Black America. Police brutality is real, all officers are not bad, all people are not bad, but that is why we have the law of the land. Let the people play a role and help create a healthy community by establishing this Civilian Police Oversight as presented by the Public Safety Committee Chair Councilmember John Kennedy. Please VOTE Yes, as you may not walk in my BLACKNESS, but I ask you to search your soul and try to feel my pain. VOTE YES!

Thank you!

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Georgia Sanders			, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

My husband & I are longtime residents of Pasadena. Like many, especially since the awful killing of George Floyd at the hands of police, we have become aware of how much reform is necessary regarding policing in our country.

After the horrible killing of Anthony McClain at the hands of police in our own town just over a week ago, we have been carefully watching the interaction between police and city officials in our community.

Frankly, we are pointedly underwhelmed and even alarmed with our cities current situation. We are dismayed that there has not been an appointment of an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) before now. We join w/other voices in the community demanding:

1. A community oversight commission consisting of majority community members most impacted by policing
2. An IPA with full subpoena power, and which is outside of the City Manager and Police Chief's purview
3. An IPA to host public reviews of the police department's purchases and use of surveillance technology

4. An IPA that issues comprehensive reports on police officers' use of force, complaints regarding use of or threats of excessive force, racial profiling, and other abuses.

Action now, no delay acceptable!

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Name: Ira West **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

1. Release all records of use of force complaints, investigations, and conclusions made by police or City Council in the past 5 years. Provide a mechanism for regular release of such materials.
2. In case of an officer-involved shooting, release unedited body-cam footage to the family of the deceased or to the family's legal counsel, within 24 hours after the incident.
3. Do NOT grant nomination power to the Chief of Police to appoint a member of the Oversight Commission.
4. Permit Black Lives Matter Pasadena the right to nominate one member of the Oversight Commission. (Proportionately increase the # of appointees if it increases)
5. Disqualify nominees or appointees of the Oversight Commission who have financial, personal, political, or other business ties to real estate developers or police unions.
6. City of Pasadena commit to immediately dropping charges against Nafissa Kaba, whose 11-year-old son was maced by a police officer moments after Anthony McClain's death.

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Name: Syliva **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Wiggins , Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek & City Council,

I'm extremely concerned about the lack of Police Oversight in our community. The McClain shooting is overwhelming. What do we have in place to protect the African American men? Where is Police accountability. Please vote yes, for an independent civilian police oversight committee.

Thank you,
Sylvia Wiggins

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Name: Julianne Hines on behalf of Planned Parenthood Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley	Email: .. .	Phone: .. .	Address: Altadena, CA 91001
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Comments:

Reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and racial justice are inextricably linked and reflect the communities we serve, our patients and our staff. At Planned Parenthood Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley, we are committed to the internal work to identify and address the historic and systemic racism that permeates all institutions, including our own. We also have a responsibility to recognize and address the disparities people carry that result in health impacts beyond those we can address through medical services and education.

As a public health care provider that has been part of this community for 86 years, we appreciate our working relationship with the City of Pasadena and with our police department. And as in all partnerships, we must be able to have difficult conversations and hold each other accountable in order for our relationship to be productive and rooted in our values. The safety and well-being of our patients and staff is our highest priority, whether that is inside or outside of our health centers.

Therefore, we join the call for accountability and 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.

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Name: David Kahn **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

The killing of another black man by our police department is sickening. Our police system seems to be operating in a military capacity, killing any black men it sees, then asking questions later. I urge the City Council to

- Require at least 2 BLM-Pasadena Appointees to the oversight panel
- Not allow any law enforcement on the panel
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- Release all police camera footage within 24 hrs,

Why are we still letting an agency with such a horrendous record of violent murder oversee itself for its misconduct. What kind of world are we leaving for our children when this murderous department is permitted by our laws and government.

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Name: Rebekah Scheys **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I'm a Pasadena resident, living in district 6, less than two miles from where Anthony McClain was shot. The fact that a Black man was shot and killed by Pasadena police less than ten days ago, that police have no shame in racial profiling and detaining a black man for "a missing front license plate" even now, in the midst of protests against racial profiling and police brutality, speaks to how deep this problem goes. PPD says they have already done the training, but clearly they are not holding themselves accountable enough. Clearly racism is pervasive in the department, and shooting a man as he runs away is considered acceptable by them. The only answer is to fire those officers who demonstrate their inability to keep our community safe, by killing us, and to establish a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community members, in alignment with the proposal made in the Community Bill of Rights. You, as our elected officials, need to better hold the Pasadena police accountable. We need to actively search for examples of bias and racism in the department and root it out, not wait for it to manifest in more bloodshed.

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Name: Peggy Renner
Email:
Phone:
Address: Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

In order to most effectively deal with community oversight of our police, it is crucial 1.that all records of use of force complaints, investigations and conclusion by police of City Council for the last 5 years be made public regularly; 2. body-cam footage of officer involved shooting be given to the family within 24 hours; 3. that the Chief of police not be granted appointment power to the Oversight Commission;4. BLM Pasadena be granted power to appoint 1 member to the committee; 5. disqualify any who conflicts of have financial, personal, political of business conflicts of interest to real estate developers or police unions; 6 drop charges against Nafissa Kaba.

Please show us that you trust we the people as you create this crucial oversight commission.

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Name: Ellen Finkelpearl **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** ; Pasadena,
CA 91104

Comments:

I support the BLM demands in regard to the Police Oversight Committee. The killing of Anthony McClain was completely unjustified and demonstrates that Pasadena police badly need oversight and reform. How could this have happened, especially at a moment where BLM has been calling attention to these abuses nationwide? Pasadena MUST appoint a BLM representative to the oversight committee and MUST separate this committee from the police chief. The Pasadena City Council has the ability to make something constructive come from this horrific abuse of power.

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Name: Corey Harmon **Address:** 2001 7th St, Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

The Pasadena Police Oversight Commission should be made of civilian community members to provide a truly independent assessment of police policies and incidents. There should be no law enforcement officers on the commission and no appointees made by law enforcement. At least one appointee should come from the Black Lives Matter Pasadena organization to ensure representation of the Pasadena black community.

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Name: Topher Mathers
Email:
Phone:
Address: , Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

If civilian oversight was passed several years ago, we wouldn't be in the situation of boiling rage, frustration and distrust we are currently facing. We must now move forward and begin the process of rehabilitating the public's trust in the Pasadena Police Department, and City Council. You must move forward by voting on and approving a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and community members, not selected by City Council, for the commission with subpoena power. A sizable stipend should be included to broaden the ability of those with the least in the City to participate in this process. I believe oversight is about accountability, but we need to enact preventative policies so we're not responding to tragedy, but rather preventing it. Anthony McClain is not the first victim of escalation stemming from a traffic stop. Driving while Black is real, several Council members can attest to this. Removing armed police from responding to minor traffic violations, like not using a turn signal, or making an illegal U-turn, is a preventative measure. Re-imagine traffic safety, create infrastructure so our streets are safe in the first place, and get armed officers out of traffic enforcement.

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Name: Brandon **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Please investigate this heinous action. Clearly there's more to this than initially reported.

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Name: Karlene Brown
Email:
Phone:
Address: , Los Angeles, CA 90019

Comments:

Police are not judge, jury and executioner.

End qualified immunity.

Arrest killer cops.

It's time for a community oversight committee that will hold police accountable, that committee should have the power to exact change.

The alternative is protests and demands to abolish the police. We're done with defunding requests, police have shown they cannot be trusted not to kill black people.

Recognize there's a problem. Acknowledge that Black lives matter and do something positive for the community and people who pay your salaries.

Most importantly, stop killing black people!

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Name: Amanda Devine **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I have watched the video footage that has been released of Anthony McClain's murder. The "gun" the police are referencing is actually a Michael Kors belt buckle that he was pulling up to RUN FASTER. Furthermore, in the video Anthony kicks off his shoes - when have you ever seen someone kick off their shoes right before they're about to reach for a gun and shoot someone? He kicked off his shoes to run faster. He was afraid for his LIFE. He was fleeing and pulling up his sagging pants.

I demand Empowered Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. This oversight must include investigatory authority, subpoena power, policy review and reform authority, appropriate funding, multi-faceted training (including civil rights), bans on members with conflicts of interest and an enforceable disciplinary role. Please do not give us a glorified Complaint Board with no power to act. The Independent Police Auditor should be housed in a separate City Prosecutor's office, not the City Attorney's office due to the grave conflict of interest there.

We have seen what happens when the PPD do things their way - people die & are senselessly traumatized & hurt. Please show us you actually value Black lives and make these changes.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Rollence Patugan **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

It is overwhelmingly concerning to find that a routine traffic stop resulted in a fatality of a citizen of our own. There are two glaring problems with the recent incident:

- 1) The victim of the shooting was running away from police officers at the time he was fatally shot. If the victim was in possession of a firearm which is still debatable, there was no immediate threat to the pursuing officer. Also, an officer firing a weapon in a residential neighbor in the open is negligence. There could have been alternatives, however, this platform is not sufficient to go into those details .
- 2) PPD needs to be transparent on how bodycams operate on patrol. Electronic devices can create a log file that can track actions or behavior such as turning on or off of a device. There needs to be accountability for failing to follow policy at the level of an infraction at minimum.

Victims at the hands of the Pasadena Police Department: Anthony McClain, Christopher Ballew, Kendrec McDade, Reginald Thomas, and Margarita Perez. There is no denying the need of a law enforcement, but we need a police department we can trust that works together with our community.

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Name: Andrea Connell **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

I am in strong support of a Community Police Oversight Commission, including an independent auditor with subpoena power, and comprised of city residents. Police officers work for the people, and must be accountable to the people. Pasadena residents have a right to audit the actions that are being taken on their behalf, and being paid for by their tax dollars.

While I don't live in Pasadena anymore, I still work, shop, and eat here. This oversight commission is a necessary step towards making the city more prosperous, more livable, and more just.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Zsaaleh Rahimi **Address:** Pasadena, California 91104

Comments:

My name is Zsaleh and I am a Pasadena resident. 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.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Karen Hirsch			PASADENA, CA 91103- 2951

Comments:

Dear Council Members,

As a Pasadena resident who cares about the health and safety of our community, I urge you to support the creation of a Civilian Oversight Commission and Independent Police Auditor with subpoena power. After years of inaction on this serious public health and safety issue, now is the time to move our community forward.

Thank you,

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

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek, Vice Mayor Hampton, and Council Members,

As a lifelong Pasadena resident and active community member, I am writing today to ask you 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.

I have always been proud of my hometown, and I feel this effort to support all members of our community with the right to fair and safe policing will only strengthen Pasadena and give us yet another reason to be proud.

Thank you for your time,

Claire Marco

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Name: Johnny DeBiase **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
DeBiase , Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

My name is Johnny DeBiase and I am a Pasadena resident living in District 2. I ask Council Member McAustin and all elected officials to support a police oversight body (with subpoena power) comprised of an independent auditor and community members. This will go a long way toward reducing conflicts of interest and will better our community for all citizens. Thank you.

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Name: Melissa E Griffin
Email:
Phone:
Address: Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Pasadena needs creation of a community police oversight and a truly independent auditor. I appreciate that this proposal seems like it could move forward without delay and that is vital in our community to have police oversight. The concern with the proposal is that it stays heavily tied to city officials and police oversight and brings potential questions about the ability of the auditor to be independent as is desperately needed. Please take action on this obvious need for police accountability in Pasadena. Further I encourage the City Council to begin reimagining the systems needed in our community to help black Pasadena residents thrive; we must remove systems, structures, and barriers that harm black community members in Pasadena. Creation of the oversight committee and a truly independent auditor would be the first step in bringing change to our harmful systems. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes