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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

**Name:** Kat      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Jenkins      , Glendale, CA 91205

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### Comments:

Independent police oversight is needed because of what happened to Anthony McClain. He was killed at La Pintoresca park which is a park for children. I play with children up there all the time. Little children, most of them are 5 years old or younger. Because this is where their parents socialize, some of these children are up at the park late and that is not our place to judge. What is our place to judge is PPD coming up to a neighborhood park and spraying bullets into an area where there are frequently children.

I know Nafissa Kaba's son who was pepper sprayed by PPD the night Anthony was killed, he's TERRIFIED to go back to the park. I've talked to all of the children that were there, and I've been with the kids when I myself could still see Anthony's blood on the grass where he was killed and his memorial now sits.

PPD could've killed a child. And they ABSOLUTELY traumatized every child that frequents La Pintoresca park.

Police oversight is needed to provide checks and balances to PPD's overpolicing of Northwest Pasadena.

PPD is endangering the lives of the children in this community, period.

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police actions such as excessive force, racial profiling or other abuses as written by the Pasadena chapter of the NAACP and NDLO.

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**Name:** Rosa Candida Ramirez  
**Email:**  
**Phone:**  
**Address:** Pasadena, California 91106

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### Comments:

Hello my name is Rosa Candida Ramirez. I am a District 5 resident and Pastor in Pasadena that has carefully been following the McClain case. I watched the edited video of the Pasadena Police killing Anthony McClain and am horrified at the way officers handled the case. Was it necessary for the officer to shoot Anthony, especially in a residential neighborhood? Pasadena prides itself on being a city that values are: responsiveness, honesty and integrity, accountability, excellence, open, clear and frequent communication, innovation, diversity and inclusiveness. If that's the case, where's the video of the officer finding the gun that Mr. McClain reportedly pulled out during the deadly pursuit? Why did police insist upon handcuffing Anthony while he was wounded and keeping him in a position known to restrict breathing? Why does the body camera footage of the officer who killed Mr. McClain start after the officer fired his weapon? With my community, I demand our city council approve for an 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, bans on members with conflicts of interest and an enforceable disciplinary role. Please act now.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Sonja K Berndt    **Email:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

I want to thank the City Council for listening to public comments and suggestions for improving the police oversight proposal currently be considered and for revising that proposal to include having the City engage the Independent Police Auditor out of the City Attorney's Office and to include subpoena power within the IPA's authority. I respectfully request that the Council consider the questions and concerns in the letter I submitted (and which is scanned into the public file on this agenda item) in providing direction to the City Attorney to draft an ordinance. While it may not be possible to resolve these issues, I understand the Council will be seeking the best oversight model possible at this time. To the councilmembers who continue to seek delays in implementing civilian oversight of the Police Department claiming that the current proposal is being rushed for political reasons, please stop. Your motivations are suspect since you have received large campaign donations and endorsements from the Pasadena Police Officers Association. Please put YOUR politics aside and YOUR police bias aside and work with the other councilmembers who are diligently seeking to move the City forward on oversight of the Police Department. Thank you.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

**Name:** Jerlisia Farmer  
**Email:**  
**Phone:** 213-  
**Address:** Ter, Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

Mayor Tornek, City Council,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee. An Independent committee will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. Offer involved shootings appear to be the norm, when it comes to African American men. Anthony McClain and now a young man shot 7 times in the back as he walked away from the Wisconsin police. His children were in the car and he was unarmed. These 2 men are current reasons why Independent Police oversight is needed. Give your African American people some Hope. This proposal is a step in the right direction. Each member of our City Council should stand on the right side of history. Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Thank you

Jerlisia Farmer

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Vinshanisha			-
Cleveland-Farmer			Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I have watched the McClain videos on the PPD website. I worry about my husband and 4 year old son. I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee and trust the Public Safety Committee's decision. As many of you know, Councilman John Kennedy envisioned a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago. The committee will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable.

Everyone, citizens as well as members of the police department, are safer when there is independent police oversight.

This proposal is a step in the right direction. Stand on the right side of history! Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Thank you,

Nisha Cleveland-Farmer

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Treasure Sheppard                      **Email:**                      **Address:** Pasadena, CA  
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### **Comments:**

Greetings Mayor & Councilmembers,

It is with pain, frustration, and a broken heart that I write this message to you all. As a lifelong resident of Pasadena, I know all too well the feeling of uncertainty felt when dealing with the PPD. It literally feels like a 50/50 game of life or death, service or disservice, humane or inhumane practices that I did not sign up for. I acknowledge that many of the officers in the PPD are law-abiding, kind, and focused on the true duties of their profession; yet, I cannot say that about all of the PPD and that is a tough pill to swallow since this has remained the same for the past 30+ years. In recent years, our city has been haunted with entirely too many incidents that have required a third party to weigh in. That is a problem in and of itself, but in order to attempt to fix that the City Council must vote in favor of the Community Police Oversight Commission and Independent Auditor. Then, we can begin the real process of healing the divide in police/community relations within our city. Please don't let another death occur before you take action.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Kenichi  
Yoshida

**Email:**

**Address:**  
Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

To the City Council members, my name is Kenichi Yoshida, an immigrant, husband, father, Higher Ed administrator and a faith leader of Pasadena. Through the Clergy Coalition Community, I was made aware of the Police shooting and killing of Mr. Anthony McClain the day after the incident. As I stood and prayed with the other clergy members of Pasadena at the very spot where Mr. McClain's body laid bleeding, I was angered and repeatedly asked the question to myself, "WHY??" "WHY another shooting and killing of a black man by the police??" Furthermore, I have watched the video submitted by the Pasadena Police Department. WHY was the trigger pulled so quickly?? WHY did the police who chased Mr. McClain at least order him to drop his weapon?? To me, the SHOOTING was absolutely unnecessary!! Because of this unnecessary, reactive shooting and killing of especially black bodies, I join with many Pasadenans to demand Empowered Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. Regrettably, August 15 is another deadly evidence of PPD's training, policies and procedures. Your decision on this matter is urgent and demanded by the city of which you have been given oversight by its residents. Thank you.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Christopher D. Nolan			, Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

As an African-American, 20-yr Pasadena resident, I submit these comments with extreme concern. I'm tired of seeing people who look like me unnecessarily shot and killed by officers we pay to protect and serve us.

I was re-traumatized as I watched PPD video of Anthony McClain shot in the back as he ran from police, and bleed out on our city's sidewalk. I watched in anger over the lack of will of our city to establish civilian oversight of our Police Department. Angry that we must rely on pro-law enforcement biased investigative systems. Angry that family members will likely NOT see justice for Anthony. Angry because this reveals the MY LIFE DOES NOT MATTER HERE. The killing of Anthony McClain has again revealed the deadly inadequacies of our current policing system, and it must change.

Empowered Oversight of PPD must be established now, and it must include investigatory authority, subpoena power, policy review/reform authority, appropriate funding, multi-faceted training (including civil rights), bans members with conflicts of interest, has enforceable disciplinary power, and is housed in a conflict-of-interest-free structure. The current revised proposal does not provide all of these elements.

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IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. Please do the right thing.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** chiara      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
tellini                     CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

The Shooting of Anthony McClain can never be justified in my opinion. On Aug 15th a black man was treated differently from the rest of us. As a passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over, he was asked to exit the vehicle. That is unusual. He was on probation we have learned, so that might have explained his fleeing the officers that have a history of harassing black members of our community, however it does not explain or justify the police officer shooting him the back. That is unusual. The footage that was released is edited and narrated to suggest an answer to all of our questions, but it is not raw, or convincing or excusable in this time of racial unrest. An independent oversight to the City Manager, the Chief of Police, or the Mayor who has a son(now is a department head in Pasadena USD) of his own fired from the LA Police Department for his unnecessary use of force outside of policy. This is unusual. The public no longer trusts your oversight of the PPD and demands a fully independent entity to provide the public with a process that makes them confident and comfortable once again.

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**Name:** Dan Sharp      **Email:**      **Address:**      Pasadena,  
CA 91103

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### Comments:

Our City deserves a Police Department that is open and transparent. While you personally as Councilmembers may not have had negative experiences, and many of those in your district haven't either, the experiences of my neighbors here in Northwest is very different. Please consider the following:

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 semi-annual release of such materials.
2. In case of an officer-involved shooting, release unedited audio and video footage within 24 hours after the incident.
3. Permit Black Lives Matter Pasadena the right to nominate one member of the Oversight Commission. (Proportionately increase the # of appointees if commission size increases)
4. Disqualify nominees or appointees of the Oversight Commission who have financial, personal, political, or other business ties to real estate developers or police unions.
5. 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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<b>Name:</b> Chris	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Hamilton			Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

Good afternoon Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers,

As a young black man living and working in the community, I am concern about my safety. As I reflect on the years of continuously seeing fresh examples of African Americans being killed in racial violence which are followed with a protest asking for Justice. We all watched the inhuman conditions of a black man being murdered by a police officer earlier this year when George Floyd begged for his life: uttering the now famous words: I Can't Breathe". Yet bystanders stood by in shock and watched his execution being performed by an officer pressing his knee against Floyd's neck. I can't help but be in fear of my life. Today, I am asking you to please vote in favor of the Civilian Police Oversight Proposal submitted by the Public Safety Committee Chair Councilmember John Kennedy. PLEASE VOTE YES!!

Thank you!

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Trude      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** (      )  
Todd                                                   Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. After the Officer Involved shooting event of August 15, it is of utmost importance that the Council approve the proposal. There must be some accountability! Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago - now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Our Community is crying for justice!! The Pasadena Police department will appreciate the Civilian Community Oversight and an Independent Auditor – we will learn to work together.

This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a basic platform on which the City Council will be able to improve.

I am hopeful that each member of our City Council will stand on the right side of history. Please vote “YES” for the proposal before you submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

Thank you.

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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
John Lo			, Pasadena, CA 91107

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### Comments:

My name is John Lo. I've been the pastor of Epicentre Pasadena for 18 years and am a board member of the CCC. My Bible tells me to pray for those in authority over me. I have taught our church to do this and I led our church to pray for you, the Mayor, Chief Perez and this meeting yesterday in light of Mr. McClain's death.

In these complicated times, where the role of police is crucial and essential and in which their work has become much more challenging, I believe that a Civilian Oversight Commission and an IPA of the PPD which has independent investigatory, review and reform authority from the City Attorney's office is crucial to restore trust in PPD's role, as well as to help the PPD hear our community more deeply. This conflict of interest must be resolved

I also believe that bringing in non-uniformed personnel to help the police with many of their front-facing roles can bring a helpful de-escalation in situations so that there not be unnecessary officer-involved deaths in our city.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

**Name:** Bob Niemack      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**      .t.,  
Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

Please, please, please, let's get something going on the community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. You know what's happening in your fine city. It's rough out there! Yes, I know you're trying, but how can community members trust what's going on when an officer shoots a fleeing suspect and does not have his body cam turned on?!? Is he saving storage space on his disk?!? When that happens, I need an explanation from someone I can trust, a person who doesn't look at the world from the perspective of "the besieged PD". Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago - now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Our Community is crying for justice!! Let's learn to work together.

Please vote "YES" for the proposal before you submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

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Bob Niemack

Born in Pasadena, educated in Pasadena, living in Pasadena. hurting in Pasadena, mourning in Pasadena, hopeful in Pasadena

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6**

**Name:** Ralph A Frammolino    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

Mayor Tornek deserves the Rube Goldberg Award for his police oversight commission proposal. There are so many moving parts, flashing lights, turning wheels and magical levers that you think something important is being done here. It isn't. As long as you keep everything under the lid of the City Manager's office, nothing will change. We need a charter amendment that will give the commission the power to subpoena documents or witnesses, as well as a direct line to the District Attorney, If the Council adopts this, there will be a lot of busy work and talk, but no meaningful movement toward genuine reform. The Mayor is creating another rubber stamp - and delaying tactic - that benefits the bureaucracy at the expense of the citizens. This is posturing to boost the Mayor's sagging re-election campaign.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6**

**Name:** Jim Reynolds    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

As a long time resident of Pasadena and voter, I implore the members of the Public Safety Committee, particularly Steve Madison and Mayor Tornek, to establish a Civilian Police Oversight Committee. The time for meaningful police reform is now and if the true purpose of law enforcement is to protect and serve the community, then the community deserve to play a role. Thank you.

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**Name:** SANDRA Mitchell      **Email:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

This is a critical time. Lives are valuable. All of them. I'm not a criminal and as a senior citizen, I am afraid of our police. Shouldn't be this way. We need an oversight committee. I'll be more at ease. Thank you

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

**Name:** Robert Born      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** , Pasadena, California 91101

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### Comments:

The Pasadena Police Department must be accountable directly to the community they are charged to serve.

There must be Community Oversight, and it must take place entirely outside the chain of command of the Police Department. The Community Oversight Committee must have an auditor with subpoena power over the Police Department.

The abuse of power and excessive use of force exhibited by police officers in their biased treatment of Black and Brown citizens is not just a problem in far-away cities. It is a problem here in Pasadena, California.

The Pasadena Police Department is structured such that discrimination against Black and Brown citizens has been allowed to continue even after repeated national reckonings. Anthony McClain was not the first casualty of police violence in Pasadena, but the Pasadena City Council has the power to take steps towards ensuring he is the last.

People are dying. Make it stop.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6**

**Name:** Ray Briggs      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**      Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

I am a proud yet concerned member of the Pasadena community. After viewing the various footages which documented the killing of Anthony McClain, I believe that at numerous stages of the event, this could have been avoided. First, the fact that Mr. McClain was a passenger in the vehicle and had committed no infraction of the law, means that there was no justifiable reason that he was asked to exit the vehicle. And even though he attempted to flee the scene, at no point did Mr. McClain appear to pose a threat to the officer. Thus, lethal use of force was unjustified and inappropriate. Our city cannot be a place of peace and safety for all those who live here when such injustice persists with little to no oversight beyond the Pasadena Police Department itself. Therefore, I demand that an independent oversight committee be formed to investigate such incidents involving the police and private citizens. This committee should be comprised of individuals from the various communities that make up the city and not solely be appointees of standing city officials. Moreover, individuals who were formerly involved in law enforcement or the criminal justice system in any capacity should be disqualified.

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