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Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 1:05 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Hermel Bennett			Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council:

I am writing to ask you to vote "Yes", for a civilian police oversight commission. The officer involved shooting videos are disturbing and I am concerned. I am a black women who lives in Altadena. But, our Cities are intertwined. So this McClain event of August 15, troubles me. The time is now, not later, to get the job done. Vote Yes for the civilian police oversight commission.

Thank you,

Hermel Bennett

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: CP **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** CA 91108

Comments:

My name is CP and I am a San Marino resident, close to District 7. I grew up in Pasadena and I consider Pasadena my community. I am asking you, Pasadena's elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected Pasadena 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.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Darla Thompson
Email:
Phone:
Address: , Altadena, CA
91001

Comments:

Pasadena City Council,

I must be honest, but I don't have faith in the police department. Some cops are good and some not so good. When events happen like the one last Saturday, the City must act quick. Talking to the community in person and with the media. The Civilian Community Oversight commission would be a city tool that will make officers be accountable for their actions. . Please vote in favor of the civilian oversight. you no longer have time to hesitate. Vote Yes!

Thanks,

Darla Thompson

lives in Altadena, patronizes Pasadena stores

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Annette Bizal **Email:** **Address:** Burbank, CA 91501

Comments:

My name is Annette Bizal and I reside in Los Angeles County. As our elected officials, I am demanding you form a police oversight body made up 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.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Julian Spratling	Email:	Phone: 866	Address: Pasadena CA 91103
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Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I am a black man and a parent of three teenage boys. I am teaching my children to respect our laws and elders and to honor our faith. I do not want my children to fear for their lives. Therefore, 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! As Councilmembers Steve Madison and Victor Gordo do their best to politicize the civilian oversight issue, the community will no longer sit back and say nothing.

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 and vote YES for the proposal submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

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Sincerely,
Julian Spratling
District 1

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Loara owen			Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I am incredibly saddened and angry that yet another Black man has been murdered by the Police without just cause, and no less, in my neighborhood, where I take take my children to the park and library. The police's actions are responsible for taking my and my children's feelings of safety when we visit our park and library. I can not imagine how the Black community must feel. It is evident from the video edit of the body cam recordings that was released that the turn of events claimed by the Police is completely false, a far reaching lie! Yes Anthony McClain ran, but that does not justify his murder. That officer has no business holding a firearm, nor being in a position of power, if his first instinct is to kill. And this is all on the tail of the vote against civilian oversight of the Pasadena Police Dept. I hope you see now how necessary it is to have civilian oversight. Why is a Black man so threatening that the first instinct is to kill him??? Terry Tornek's response has been incredibly lacking and disappointing. Do better.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Bonnie James **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

My name is Bonnie James and I am a Pasadena resident in district 3. On Saturday, August 15, 2020, Pasadena officers shot Anthony McClain in the back, killing him. The details of his death demand a thorough and independent investigation of the officers involved with Anthony's killing.

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 this ask to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights put forward by NDLO and NAACP.

As a gun violence survivor, I am acutely aware of the trauma that comes with gun deaths. I watched the police camera footage where my neighbors, who were understandably upset after witnessing this incident, get shot with a taser gun and maced. What happened on August 15th was unacceptable and the residents of Pasadena should not live in fear that a traffic violation stop could end in death. For any kind of trust or reconciliation to be built between the community and the police, there needs to be accountability and an independent investigation.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Mrs, Rosalinda Spratling	Email:	Phone:	Address: 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! The time is now, As Councilmembers Steve Madison and Victor Gordo do their best to politicize the civilian oversight issue, the community will no longer sit back and say nothing. 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 submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Rosalinda Spratling

District 1

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Name: Samantha Kinne
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: 2121 [REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am outraged by the way local Police handled the Anthony McClain incident. That night, my boyfriend, the sweetest man was driving from my place to his apartment in Glendale. He has a striking resemblance to Anthony. I walk him to his car and make sure he is home safely because I do not trust our police or my white neighbors. He is afraid to come to my apartment and I completely understand why. It hurts to think of anything happening to him because of judgement from others. He survived racial genocide in Kenya... if he were to be here for a better life only to be killed because he is black? I see the racial injustice every day... and i am white. Anthony did not deserve to die. His kids should still have their father. I worry every time my boyfriend leaves my apartment if that is the last time I will see him.

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.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: China Star Spratling **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena,
CA 91103

Comments:

Hi Mayor Terry Tornek and Councilmembers,

I live in Pasadena and it should be a safe place to live whether your zip code is 91103, 91104, 91105, 91106 or 91107. Shouldn't every resident of this community feel and be safe? I want the Police officers to look at me as a citizen, not a black person who they fear as a threat. The color of my skin should not dictate how you treat me. Look at me as a citizen and a human, don't instantly think danger when you see me. If a non-black person breaks the law and runs, would their life be in danger or would you take another course of action? Would you shot to kill, or would you shot to stop, or would you shoot at all? What is equity and who determines that? I don't have the answers, but a Civilian Police Oversight Committee could evaluate these actions and determine justice and equality. Councilmember Kennedy has been pushing for Civilian Police Oversight for over 5 to 6 years, today is the day to vote "YES" on the Proposal before you. Don't give us a justified "NO" do the Right thing – "VOTE YES!" We cannot wait!!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:

Lorinda
Hawkins
Smith

Email:

Phone:

Address

Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am a concerned Pasadena citizen in District 5. I watched the video of Pasadena Police killing Anthony McClain and I am beyond appalled, hurt and frustrated. Why are officers able to turn on and off their body cams? Why are the vast majority of mass shooters and bombers able to be taken into custody alive while black and brown individuals die from simple traffic stops? 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. 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. The commission and IPA should have explicitly stated authority to both Conduct and Review investigations. The police chief should enact recommendations made by the community oversight board unless such recommendations are deemed illegal. I stand with my community and demand safe, accountable, transparent, community-focused policing. Please act now to provide Pasadenans with an empowered police oversight body before more preventable deaths occur.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Arnold			d, Pasadena, CA
Siegel			91103

Comments:

I am writing again in support of the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee .In light of the Officer Involved shooting on August 15, the time to act is now. Another young Black father is dead, and the investigation is reeling out of control Pasadena can't wait any longer to start to address this issue. Even though Council members Steve Madison and Victor Gordon are doing their utmost to politicize, obfuscate, and delay the creation of the commission, the community will no longer sit back and do nothing. their best to politicize the civilian oversight issue, the community will no longer sit back and say nothing. Now is the time for the council to act on the proposal that Council member Kennedy has been advancing for years.

Our Community is crying for justice!! The Pasadena Police Department, the Police Chief, and the City Manager 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.

Please vote "YES."

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Name: Exola **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Jones Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

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 "basic components" are approved as a starting point. The commission will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. The time is now, the City has procrastinated long enough. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago - now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Everyone, our Neighborhoods, and the Pasadena police department, will learn to appreciate Civilian or Community Oversight and a Independent Auditor.

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

I am hopeful that each member of our City Council will stand on the right side of history. Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a Community Police Oversight commission and Independent Auditor.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Edwina Dunlap			S Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Greeting Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers,

I am part of a family with a rich history and footprint in the Pasadena community and I am asking you to please approve the proposal created by the Public Safety Committee under the leadership of Councilmember John Kennedy. Kennedy has been fighting his entire life for Social Justice and while serving on this City Council for over 5 years, he has been pushing forth the agenda to have a Civilian Police Oversight Committee. As a senior, community volunteer, a black woman, a mother, and grandmother, I ask you in the name of my children to do what is right – hold the Police accountable.

If the City Council wants to hold the police accountable, you have the power to do so by taking responsibility and voting “yes” on the proposal which is before you that was submitted by the Public Safety Committee. Please have the courage to do what is RIGHT!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Jan McFarlane	Email:	Phone:	Address: Street, Pasadena, California 91104
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Comments:

I find it hard to comprehend how stopping a car for a minor traffic violation == and the occupant is so afraid that they run == can justify the use of lethal force by a police officer == taking out a gun and shooting to kill. As a white woman, 77 years old, I grew up in the Deep South in a time when a sign would go up -- regularly -- saying, "A Black man was lynched today." Are we going to have to go back in history and start putting up signs again that say, "A Black man was killed by police today." Enough is enough. How about using strategies for community policing that use common sense and that do not immediately go for physical and lethal violence to deal with conflict. Resorting to brutality as a first response is -- quite frankly -- not very smart, is unimaginative and keeps inciting more violence in return. Thank you for listening.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Leslie Caldwell	Email:	Phone:	Address:
			CA 91106

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 "basic components" are approved as a starting point. The commission will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. The time is now, the City has procrastinated long enough. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago - now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Everyone, our Neighborhoods, and the Pasadena police department, will learn to appreciate Civilian or Community Oversight and a Independent Auditor.

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

I am hopeful that each member of our City Council will stand on the right side of history. Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a Community Police Oversight commission and Independent Auditor.

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Sincerely,

Leslie A. Caldwell

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Wei-min **Email:** **Address:**
Chiu Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Please pass the police oversight structure proposal, amended with the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) subpoena power through the City Attorney's Office, as soon as possible! The injustice of the shooting death of Anthony McClain is known far and wide, and discussed among family, friends, and co-workers in Pasadena. I live and work in Pasadena. This kind of injustice is not acceptable! Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Lindsay Barnett **Email:** **Address:** Monrovia, CA
91016

Comments:

My name is Lindsay Barnett and I'm a Monrovia resident who works in Pasadena District 5. I am concerned about actions I have seen Pasadena P.D. officers take with residents, and I am aghast at the police killing of Anthony McClain, who was shot in the back while running away and presenting no threat to officers. He was a father, family member and friend, and he could be any of us — but of course, we know that Black members of our community are far more likely to be harmed by police than white community members.

I am asking Pasadena's elected officials to take long-overdue action to create an independent oversight police oversight body comprising an independent auditor and members of the community who are unaffiliated with police. This independent body must have subpoena power.

Such an oversight body is absolutely necessary to investigate misconduct like that which resulted in Anthony McClain's senseless killing. We cannot trust the police department to investigate its own staff. For members of the community to be able to trust that they will be protected and their rights maintained, independent oversight is sorely needed.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Name: Tomas J. **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Martin-Mur Street, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

My name is Tomas Martin-Mur and I have been a Pasadena resident since 1999, living currently in District 4.

Enough is enough, The Pasadena Police Department cannot keep on killing African-American people with impunity.

We need a police oversight body with an independent auditor and community members that have the power of subpoena and adequate resources to fulfill their job, especially in reviewing discriminatory enforcement and abuse of force by officers of the Pasadena Police Department.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6. CREATION OF A COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Name: Kate Scharer **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Dear Margaret McAustin and fellow Council Members,

I am a resident of District 2 and am asking you to work together to create an independent police auditor position and institute a Police-Oversight Commission populated by members of the community. I serve on several governing bodies of professional societies and understand that the details can be tricky, if they seem dull to the outside; I am writing to encourage you to develop these positions expediently, but in such a way that they have as much 'teeth' and independence as possible.

From reading newspaper articles on the draft proposal, I favor that they report to the City Attorney, rather than the City Manager, as subpoena power is clearly needed given the power of the Police Department and its union.

In the future I do think the Council should change the City Charter so this group can get results (rather than just make recommendations). However, Anthony McClain's death by Pasadena Police makes it clear that Pasadena must re-think how it spends it spends tax dollars on community and safety.

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Sincerely,
Kate Scharer

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Name: Lugenia **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Anderson St, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City
Councilmember

I support the proposal for a community
police oversight commission and presented by the Public Safety Committee. After the officer
involved shooting event on August 15, it is of the utmost importance that the Council approve the
proposal. There must be some accountability! The time is now. our community is crying for
justice!! Vote "YES"

Sincerely

Lugenia Anderson

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes