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

**Name:** Bob Snodgrass      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**      n  
Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

Recent events require additions to my August 1, 2020 comments to this body.

Christopher Ballew was stopped in November 2017 for tinted windows and missing front license plate. He drove from Pasadena into an Altadena gas station and may have been disrespectful to PPD officers. He suffered facial injuries and a broken leg. Did his actions justify the PPD response? No, a citation would have been adequate.

PPD officers stopped another car missing a front license plate on 8/15. Anthony McClain, a passenger in in the car, ran from the PPD and was shot in the back. The PPD shooter only turned his Body Camera on after the shooting. McClain may have had a gun (disputed)- does the gun in the police video have his fingerprints? Nobody claims that he pointed a gun at police.

I foresee continuing distress, litigation and racial tension. The police should not shoot someone running away- they can call the helicopter. Pasadena has an ongoing problem. We need an independent police oversight commission; citizens of all races want it. Amend the charter.

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

<b>Name:</b> Dr	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 818-	<b>Address:</b>
Roseline			5, pasadena, CA
Dauphin			91101

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### Comments:

Letter in support of the Public Safety Committee proposal

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I write this letter in support of the proposal for a Community Police Oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. The recent Police officer involved shooting of August 15th and the community's response to the event highlights the importance of such a commission and the need for swift approval by the Pasadena City Council. Now is the time to ratify the proposal presented by the Public Safety Committee.

A Police Oversight Committee will restore the community's confidence in our Police force, will foster trust in our men and women in uniform and will create a long-lasting partnership which will make our community safer.

Our Community as well as the Pasadena Police department will benefit from the work of the Commission. This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a basic platform on which the City Council will be able to improve.

I urge each member of our City Council to take this bold and crucial step and vote “YES” for the proposal submitted by the Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

Roseline M. Dauphin, M.D

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

**Name:** Zoila Herrera      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**      e,  
Pasadena, CA 91104

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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.

Sincerely,

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Zoila Herrera

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

**Name:** Elena      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**      ..  
Johansen      e'                Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers:

The Community is reeling behind this last Pasadena Officer Involved shooting. I watched videos, and my question is, Would he be dead if he were White, Yellow or Brown? Was skin color a factor in making a deadly decision? I am a Nurse who treats disadvantaged youth. Are the black kids already marked for death, because of their skin tone? Are shoot to kill tactics, used for white people??? For these reasons, a Civilian Oversight Commission is needed immediately in the City of Pasadena! Vote Yes, for the Civilian police oversight commission, with an independent Auditor.

Thank you,  
E. Johansen

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

**Name:** Monette Adams      **Email:**      **Address:** 1. Pasadena, CA 91103

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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.

**PLEASE STOP KILLING ARE KIDS**

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Sincerely,

Monette

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**Name:** Thomas Djan  
**Email:**  
**Phone:** 323-  
**Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

A community with a Police Oversight Committee is a good thing. It monitors the activities of the police in order not to be biased towards minorities, as all of us have seen lately on local, national and international television broadcast. The purpose of the police is to protect, serve and maintain the peace but not to murder minorities with impunity.

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

**Name:** Elizabeth Ray Ellis      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**      St, Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

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Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Ellis

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

**Name:** Marcia A Talbert  
**Email:** [redacted]  
**Phone:** 626- [redacted]  
**Address:** [redacted] Pasadena, CA 91107

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### Comments:

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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.

Sincerely,

Marcia A. Talbert

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

**Name:** Ei Toshinari    **Email:** ei.toshinari@pasadenacalifornia.gov    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91030

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### **Comments:**

My name is Ei Toshinari and I am a South Pasadena resident and I live in district 4.

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 our proposal with the Community Bill of Rights.

How can you let the same injustices and police brutality continue? How are we to accept the same excuse to be used again and again? Make the change happen now!

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

**Name:** Gloria      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**  
Yourse Leufroy                street, Pasadena, CA  
91103

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### Comments:

I fully support the creation of an Oversight Committee for Pasadena Police. I believe that we all have a responsibility to advocate for transparency. I want a fair, impartial and just approach to evaluating the actions of both our police and our citizens. There have been far too many gray areas of action in past cases. Why would we not want to be certain that we are holding the right parties accountable? Please vote for an Oversight Committee. Thanks

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**Name:** Ben V    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

My name is Ben V. As a resident of north Pasadena, I am deeply concerned and saddened about the reports of Mr. McClain's murder.

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. 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. August 15 showed us, again, the deadly results of PPD's training, policies and procedures. 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.

Power to the people.

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

**Name:** Kyle      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**  
Leufroy      Pasadena, California 91103

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### **Comments:**

I am in support of an Oversight Committee for the Pasadena Police Department. I am a young African American male. I grew up in Pasadena and encountered the Pasadena Police many times over my teen years while hanging out with my friends from St Francis High School. More often than not I was approached because I was in old town Pasadena with my white friends. Firstly, I should never have been approached as I was not doing anything inappropriate. Secondly, I should not have been questioned more vigorously than my white counterparts. I personally would be a lot more comfortable knowing that if things had gone "south" there would be a committee to give me a fair and reasonable chance at evaluating the "truth".

I 100% support an Oversight Committee.

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

**Name:** Letitia M Uko  
**Email:**  
**Phone:** 626-  
**Address:** Dr, Pasadena, CA 91107

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Sincerely,

Letitia M Uko

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

**Name:** Rudy Leufroy      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**  
Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

I am in support of a Pasadena Police Oversight Committee.

I am African American male with two young college graduates. I believe that I have done my part to groom responsible and productive citizens. Things happen and not always so good when it comes to interactions with others. I would like to know that my kids have not put themselves in a position to "fear for their lives" when dealing with the Police. I am of the opinion that if we all know that there are consequences for outcomes that the actions would sometimes be different. An Oversight Committee may be the answer to making certain that the correct party is held accountable for their actions. I support an impartial third eye with no invested or political interest to make the call.

Thank you.

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**Name:** Maxwell Millar-Blanchaer    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

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### Comments:

I am writing because the recent actions of the Pasadena Police department surrounding the murder of Anthony McCain have been completely unacceptable and I would like the vote on the civilian oversight committee be postponed until it better reflects the needs of the community. To this effect, I would like to see the following amendments included:

- No current or previous law enforcement officers should be allowed on the committee. How can one take seriously a police civilian oversight committee that includes police on it?
- Law enforcement should not have the ability to appoint or nominate anyone to the committee. Again, law enforcement should not have the ability to oversee themselves.
- All available footage of any event where law enforcement uses force should be made public within 24 hrs. The public needs the ability to hold their own police department accountable.

I am seriously concerned about the police department's ability to continue functioning within the community without serious oversight. Their actions have completely eroded my trust in their effectiveness.

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

**Name:** Heavenly Hughes      **Email:**      **Phone:** 480-      **Address:** Altadena,  
CA 91001

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### **Comments:**

Police are human, understood. Humans such as police officers must be held responsible and accountable for their mistakes and bad choices. When will the officers responsible for the murder of Anthony McClain be charged and prosecuted. Also, what action of accountability would the Civilian Oversight Committee have in an officer involved fatal shooting in a case such as Anthony McClain's Murder?

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