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

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Name:	Email:	Phone: 626-	Address:
Beverly			Avenue, Pasadena, California
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Comments:

I am a long-time concerned Pasadena resident. I too support the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. After the Officer Involved shooting of August, 15, it is of utmost importance that the "basic components" are approved as a starting point. The commission would monitor actions and hold police officers accountable when necessary. The time is now. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee some years ago - now is the time to Vote "YES!"

Our Neighborhoods and the Pasadena Police Department will learn to appreciate Community Civilian Oversight and an 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 forward.

I am hopeful each member of our City Council will vote in favor of approving the proposal by the Public Safety Committee, for a Community Police Oversight commission and Independent Auditor. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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

Comments:

I fully support the creation of an Oversight Committee for the Pasadena Police Department.

In the climate of what is happening in our country and now even in our own city why would we not want 100% transparency? I do not want to see the destruction of my city as we have seen in many cities because the people did not feel that the actions of "those in charge" was just. Pasadena is a beautiful city with many great features. I would not want to see that destroyed.

An Oversight Committee should not be seen as a negative. It is an opportunity to employ another set of eyes to make a call. It is done on my job with an auditor. I also see it as an opportunity to save the city money with fewer lawsuits and payouts...if the police have done their jobs correctly. If we find more often than not that this is not the case then there is a need for further training and discretion in hiring practices.

It is definitely a win/win because we will be closer to the true "truth".

Thank you City Council for hearing me.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: MaryEtta Knox
Email:
Phone: 626-
Address: Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Honorable Council Member Margaret McAustin and City Council Members, I reside in the Historic Highlands neighborhood in the city of Pasadena . I am proud to live in the Historic Highlands where so many neighbors proudly display their support for Black Lives Matter, Immigrants and many other noble causes. My neighbors have big hearts and giving spirits. Council Member McAustin, we are the people you represent. We are believers in treating everyone with dignity and respect and that no one is above the law.

Council Member McAustin, I am requesting that you support the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. My support of a community police oversight commission is in no way a lack of support for our great police department and its leadership. However, I believe that the police department needs to be accountable to the community byway of a community police oversight commission. Since the officer involved shooting on August 15, I feel an urgency in the development of a community police oversight commission. The proposal is what our community needs...NOW! All citizens need to truly feel that every officer is there to protect and serve ALL residents..not just some.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Beverly Boga

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Name: Olden **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** .
Denham Avenue, Pasadena, CA
91103

Comments:

I am submitting this public comment because the City of Pasadena needs an independent auditor plan, not another commission, especially after the shooting of Anthony McClain by the Pasadena Police and how the city, city council and the police department has shown that it will cover up the mistakes of its police, while telling the voters that the proposed Police Oversight plan will provide complete transparency? I think not. The only possible plan that the city council should approve today to place on the ballot for November 3, 2020, is one that does not allow for the influence or authority of the city council, city manager and certainly not the police department. We need an independent auditor plan, like back when a 19 year old Black college student named kendrec Mc Dade was shot down by Pasadena police in 2012, remember that's when the community started to seek out an oversight model and after another killing of a Black man by police we still have no real plan. Pasadena, lets not look like the city of Minneapolis after the death of George Floyd and what that did for race relations, civil unrest and call for defunding of police.

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Name: Anne-Marie Colwell **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Marie Colwell , Pasadena, California
91105

Comments:

My name is Anne-Marie Colwell, I live in District 6. For years we have heard that the Pasadena Police Dept is "working on" their relationship with the Black community of Pasadena. We have waited long enough. I watched the community meeting with Police Chief Perez last week and it was obvious that the message is not getting through - we cannot tolerate or excuse any more profiling and violence against black men by our local police, period. This is not a matter the police can manage by themselves. The fact that the police sent officers in riot gear to disperse citizens at a vigil for Anthony McClain last week tells me that the default response of our police department when dealing with black citizens is still violence and intimidation. 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. Thank You.

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Name: Jeffrey Fenstermaker	Email: \	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91103
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Comments:

I live in northwest Pasadena and was horrified by the action of the Pasadena Police department with Anthony McClain's brutal execution and the subsequent violent tactics used by the Pasadena Police to subdue the rightfully frustrated crowd that gathered at the scene. I have attended several of the more formal protests in Pasadena where the Pasadena Police Motorcycle division did a remarkable job directing traffic and allowing citizens the right to express themselves productively. I even emailed Max Dahlstein the head of the traffic division to thank his officers for the good work they were doing. However, we can't have a double standard where one group of diverse protestors is treated by the police department like a mini Rose Parade marching down Fair Oaks, while a group of predominately black citizens is met with the full force of institutional racism and state sponsored terror, when they gather spontaneously one block over on Raymond after a violent provocation. I am again calling on the City Council to support and pass a civilian police oversight committee with subpoena power. We claim to be better than this, so lets put that into action!

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Name: Candace S **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I'd like to remind the Council of the reason why hundreds of people and I are calling for change and accountability. It's not from a desire for "unity", and it's not because we want to "vent": it's because we are sick and tired of Black people being stopped, harassed, and killed by police in situations that would not happen to people of other races. We are tired of going along with a City that says Black folks deserve this -- inherent in our failure to act when this last came up in 2016 -- pointedly ignoring the last hundred years of slavery, disenfranchisement, redlining, racial covenants, Jim Crow, and mass incarceration.

Do you truly want unity and peace? Listen to the Black and Latinx folks who are telling you that they don't feel safe or valued in this city. Note how the signs refer to the POLICE, not PLANNING: if you're using this moment to bolster homeowners, you're not listening. Then act: Acknowledge harm. Build accountability. Re-evaluate and improve.

This ordinance isn't perfect, but it's a start. Please move to create a Civilian Oversight Commission and an Independent Police Auditor with subpoena power.

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Name: Jim Barry	Email:	Phone: 626-	Address: E. California Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91125
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Comments:

No one thinks having an audit is fun, it's just a reality of an honest, responsible business. I still can't believe we don't have a "Community Police Oversight Commission and Independent Auditor." yet.

Jim Barry

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Name: Darlene
Email: Royal
Phone:
Address: , Pasadena, CA
91104

Comments:

Hello Mayor and City Council,

My heart is heavy. Another officer involved shooting of a Black man. It draws to mind, my son a college educated black man at 6'9" tall. I watched the video. Was Mr. McClain shot because he was black. or because he ran? This always seem to happen to the Black men. In Pasadena, do Black Lives Matter? Their life struggle is a struggle on steroids. This doesn't happen to white men. I ask that you vote for and implement a Pasadena Civilian Oversight commission, asap. Your delay could set us up for another tragic event, piggy backing on something that could have been solved. Don't delay any longer, Vote yes for a Civilian Oversight commission.

Thanks,
D. Royal

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Name: Jahmal M Ellis **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

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Jahmal M Ellis

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Name: Brigid Connors **Address:** _____, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

The disappointing behavior by the Pasadena Police Department surrounding the unnecessary murder of Anthony McClain has made the need for community oversight with subpoena power even more urgent. Up until a week ago, I commended officers for showing up peacefully to BLM protests, choosing not to enforce the curfew when protests went late, and how Chief Perez has actively tried to reform his department. However, the reversal of these peace keeping tactics this week have eroded any trust I had. In the released video, I saw a black man running away out of fear of getting pulled over. If he had a gun, he was clearly trying to dispose of it, not use it. Rather than chasing Anthony, using a taser, or shooting at his leg, the officer shot to kill. Rather than providing life saving treatment, the officers callously proceeded to handcuff a man who was dying. Following this unjustified death, our neighbors were exposed to pepper spray, a chemical weapon banned in war, and tasered by Pasadena Police Department. BLM protestors have been met with officers in Riot Gear, several with obfuscated badge numbers and name tags. These shameful practices have NO place in our beautiful city.

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Name: Shellese Ziegler
Email:
Phone: 626-
Address: St, Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

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Name: Jason Rabinovitch **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

My name is Jason Rabinovitch and I am a Pasadena resident living in District 7. 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 the oversight body also having subpoena power.

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Name: Redell Ellis **Email:** **Phone:** 818- **Address:** 1
South Pasadena, CA
91030

Comments:

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Name: Anita Otaño **Email:** **Phone:** 818- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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 yet another Officer Involved shooting on Saturday, August 15, 2020, 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!"

NATIONWIDE, our Community is crying out for justice and protesting police misconduct! The Pasadena Police department will benefit from a Civilian Community Oversight Committee and an Independent Auditor – we have to 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 that has been submitted to you by the Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

Anita Otaño

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Sandy Lee Schaupp **Email:** **Phone:** 323-252-4105 **Address:** 1480 Armadale Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90042

Comments:

In light of the recent shooting of Anthony McClain I want to urge you to adopt the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights. His death was careless and unnecessary. He was running away in such a body position there is no physical way he could've shot at the officer. It sounds like from your own report he was throwing his gun to the ground so again he was not endangering the officer. This incident once again shows us the great need for this Bill of Rights for this community. Although I don't reside in Pasadena, I have many friends who do who live there and they fear for their lives or the lives of their kids.

It is the responsibility of our Pasadena Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Police Chief to do whatever is possible, within their authority and resources to address the injustices made visible in recent weeks. It is an opportunity to respond to the calls for justice and action rising in communities nationwide and here in our own city.

We are at a tipping point and our communities demand a change for justice. We are tired of seeing our sisters and brothers being killed.

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Name: Shirlette Butler **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council,

Again, I ask that you support the Civilian Police Oversight commission. I must be honest, I have not been able to view the McClain videos in the entirety, they are too overwhelming. I can't understand why the Council will not agree, in the best interest of the Black community. I only mention Black people because we are dying as a result of officer involved shootings more than any other race. It saddens me, that the City Council has chosen to procrastinate for years, thinking that an Oversight commission wasn't necessary. Well, I want to say, it is necessary, and I ask that you vote yes for an independent Auditor and the Civilian Oversight commission.

Sincerely,

Shirlette Butler Elder

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Name: Jonni Sykes-Flemings **Email:** **Phone:** 626- **Address:** St., Altadena, CA 91001

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