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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 2:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Una Lee Jost			Pasadena, CA, Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Hello, my name is Una Lee Jost and I am a resident of Council district 4.

My comments refer to agenda item 7 of the August 3rd Pasadena City Council meeting.

I call upon this Council to heed the demands of NAACP and NDLOM leaders for creation of a police oversight commission, hiring of an independent police auditor, and granting to both the commission and auditor unfettered subpoena powers:

(<https://www.pasadenanow.com/main/guest-opinion-allen-edson-naACP-and-pablo-alvarado-ndlon-a-message-to-the-political-class-the-time-is-now-for-meaningful-police-reform>)

As public servants sworn to protect and serve all residents, all police officers need to be accountable to the public.

Creating strong civilian oversight of the Police Department is a tangible step the City must take to re-imagine how police duties and public safety are performed in our community.

The community police oversight commission should be selected from the community and not be appointed by City staff or Council members. The auditor should have the authority to provide

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civilian oversight of the department including subpoena power, selecting the commission staff and reporting to the City Council.

I am calling on all City Council members to vote YES to amending the city charter to allow a full-time Independent Police Auditor position with subpoena power.

Thank you,

~ Una Lee Jost

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Angel	Email:	Phone:	Address:
M. Castillo	-----		Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I urge city council to adopt the amendments to the city charter to allow for the adoption of a civilian police oversight board.

The events of the past year, in fact, the past decade, have proven that policing as we think of it in the US is not a system of protecting and serving citizens, but protecting and serving the interests of private property and generating revenue for the city via needless citations and filling prisons with a constant supply of labor to keep them profitable.

I don't believe that a civilian oversight board will solve or prevent these problems, but will increase visibility to civilians of the irreconcilable contradictions between what we WANT police to do and what policing is DESIGNED to do, increasing popular consensus that we need to abolish carceral justice and rethink how we actually provide a sense of safety and security to our communities, as is currently being done in Seattle and Minneapolis.

The reimagining of justice and the abolition of police is inevitable as unrest and outrage at police brutality nationwide continues. Don't stand in the way of history.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Caryn **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Clayton Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

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

This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

I urge that each member of our esteemed Pasadena City Council rise to the moment and vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Caryn
Zip 91104

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: David Chavez **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

The city council has a great opportunity to increase democracy and accountability in the city by supporting Vice-Mayor Hampton's proposal for a charter amendment to implement a police commission and independent auditor. To ensure public accountability and be in-line with other local police commissions our city needs to ensure that subpoena power is guaranteed. It should be entrusted to us as community members to decide this through an election. In addition the proposal should include a publicly elected commission.

In March of this year over 70% of L.A. County voters passed Measure R which added subpoena power to the L.A. Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. In 1990 the people of Long Beach, a council-manager city like Pasadena, voted to amend their city charter to ensure subpoena power and independence for their Citizen Police Complaint Commission.

The proposal by Mayor Tornek and Council member Kennedy falls short of meeting this basic standard of independence and investigatory power that has existed locally for 30yrs. Without independence, power, or a public vote, this body would serve the interests of the Pasadena Police Officers Association instead of the community. The council needs to listen to the growing demands in the name of supporting Black lives.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Carlos Clayton			Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Carlos
Zip 91104

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Name: Kimberly Douglas **Email:** **Address:** , Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

Honorable Council members!

I raise my voice tonight to amplify the words of Council member McAustin "The oversight board should be at least half women...I guarantee you, if we have half women we're going to see lots of different kinds of community policing coming into the fore." . Let me quote it again so you hear, "The oversight board should be at least half women..." The public reporting on last week's council meeting ignored this point.

The need for more women in city governance is about more diversity in such bodies. There is a body of literature on the organizational benefits of diverse representation in decision making bodies. Diversity needs to be broadly conceived to include socio-economic diversity.

So when looking for models of success in times of change, the key is diversity. Industry has noted that groups that represent the full range of social perspective will offer best solutions. Therefore, diversity in this oversight body is key to the success of the endeavor.

The oversight body **MUST** reflect the community and **MUST** comprise 50% women.

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Name: Ella Moran **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** N Oakland Ave,
Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Hello, my name is Ella Moran and I am a teacher, parent, and resident of Council district 3.

You have the opportunity today to help center Pasadena at the forefront of the county and nation in taking steps to rectifying the crisis of police violence in our country. Creating civilian oversight of the Police Department with subpoena power is necessary to re-center public safety at the heart of police duties.

The community police oversight commission should be elected by the community, not appointed by City staff or Council members, have the authority to provide civilian oversight of the department (including subpoena power, selecting the commission staff and reporting to the City Council), and include a full-time auditor.

I call on all City Council members to vote yes amending the city charter to allow a full-time, elected, Independent Police Auditor position with subpoena power.

I would love to teach my students in the fall that Pasadena is actively working to dismantle systems of oppression, rather than that when given the chance it failed to do so.

Thank you.

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Name: Dr. Tyrone L. Skinner
Email:
Phone: -
Address: , Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

I pastor the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Altadena, but I have many congregants who are residents of Pasadena.

Good evening Councilmembers, I urge each member of the Pasadena City Council to please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee and under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember John J. Kennedy.

The citizens as well as members of the police department, are safer when everyone knows that there is independent oversight over the police department and this proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyrone L. Skinner

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Name: Mya Taylor **Email:** **Address:** , S Pasadena,
CA 91030

Comments:

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This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

I urge that each member of our esteemed Pasadena City Council rise to the moment and vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Mya Taylor

Zip code 91030

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Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Anthony **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Manousos Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Thank you for taking seriously the call for a police commission, which has overwhelming public support. As a resident of Northwest Pasadena, where incidents of police violence have taken place, I have heard many stories from my African American neighbors about their experiences with racial profiling by police. I agree with my courageous and conscientious Council member Tyron Hampton and have written several times in support of an independent police commission, as recommended by the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights. I have also expressed my agreement with US Civil Rights Commission that an effective independent police commission needs to have subpoena power. Therefore, I urge you to support a charter amendment that would allow the independent police auditor to have real independence and the power to issue subpoenas. I commend the Council for listening to the people, who have overwhelmingly called for a police commission with subpoena power. Since giving the auditor subpoena power requires a charter amendment, this decision needs to come before the voters. Let the people decide on this vitally important issue.

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Name: Pastor Kerwin Manning	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91104
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Comments:

I Pastor here and have walked with several families directly impacted by police brutality, often due to weak accountability systems and failed protocol. I've personally officiated the funerals of too many who were never afforded due process. George Floyd's death (at the knee of police officers) has created an opportunity for our city to get it right. Furthermore, there is a reason why the names of Barnes, McDade, Thomas and others continue to be spoken in the current protests, because their deaths remind us that Pasadena has not succeeded in offering fair, accountable policing to residents of Color. Sadly, some council members seem to be uninterested in reform due to the financial support you received from the Police Officers Association for your campaigns. This is unacceptable and presents an obvious conflict of interests. I urge you Council, please fulfill your obligation to ALL our citizens. Adopt the community oversight & City prosecutor proposal. While at it, I'd love to hear each of you renounce any future acceptance of funds from the PPOA as a good faith measure. This will help restore the community's faith in you. I personally believe it's possible, but you must act now. Blessings.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Julie Mckune **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

My family and I live in Gordo's district. I am also a member of It's Us Now. We believe government budgets should match people's values, priorities and needs. We are living in a time of extreme duress. So many people are worried about their health care, children's education. They are worried if they will have a job or even a place to live. Black Lives Matter reminds us that – even under normal times – Black and Brown people often don't feel safe from the police. Tensions are high. People have reason to protest. Governments have let us down. You've sent the police to do your job – the job of community builders, people we elected to take on people's very real needs. We don't want police to show up when someone else – a fellow community member, counselor, health professional or educator – is what's needed. Step one Hire a full-time auditor with subpoena power to ensure an accurate inventory of donated military gear as well as training and a justified use. Step two: prioritize you budget to address people's real needs. The police don't decide city budgets. You do. Do your job. Don't hand it over to the police.

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Name: Ed Washatka **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, California 91104

Comments:

Greetings from the road. I'm driving east on route 66 to visit family in Wisconsin. I slept last night in Tulsa, Oklahoma before getting up and driving to the Greenwood Neighborhood District.

It was in this neighborhood where 300 African Americans were brutally massacred in 1921 by white racist residents who turned the neighborhood into a firestorm before razing it to the ground.

While standing at the Corner of Greenwood Ave and Archer St., I talked with several Tulsa residents who told me of Tulsa's ugly racist history. They talked directly in commentaries and observations about systemic racism that thrives covertly and not so covertly in communities and police departments throughout the US.

I told them about Pasadena where today our Mayor and City Council are discussing a motion to put a charter amendment on this November's ballot that would create a citizens police commission who will be supported by an independent police auditor (IPA) reporting to the City Council. They wished me/us good luck.

Pasadena doesn't need good luck. Pasadena needs the Mayor and Council to lead from the front on the issue of police reform. Cause good trouble and put the IPA on the ballot.

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Name: Michael Sinclair **Email:** :

Address: Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

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I urge that each member of our esteemed Pasadena City Council rise to the moment and vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Michael Sinclair

91105

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Andrea Jennings **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91105

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. Many years ago, Councilman John Kennedy envisioned a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee and I feel this is an excellent time to develop his vision and bring it into fruition.

Citizens, as a whole, as well as members of the police department, are safer when there is independent police oversight; such as a committee that will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. Citizens with disabilities would greatly benefit as well with a committee like this in place.

This proposal is a step in the right direction, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

I am hopeful that each member of our City Council will consider each comment with the serious consideration that they deserve.

Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

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Andrea Jennings

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Stacey Smith Williams **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Box 92969,
Pasadena, CA 91109

Comments:

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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Stacey Smith Williams

Box 92969

Pasadena, CA 91109

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Name: Jill Suzanne Shook	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91104, Pasadena, CA 91104
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Comments:

In my own experience I both resist and welcome accountability. We typically think of accountability in negative terms. But we are at our best when we are accountable. An independent police commission is necessary because it is hard for police to police themselves. Police chiefs, no matter how conscientious, feel a certain pressure to be loyal to their officers and may therefore find it difficult to hold accountable those under their command. That's why the task of policing the police should be shared with a truly independent body that has a single purpose: to find out and faithfully report the truth. With an overwhelming number of public comments response last week, asking for true accountability requiring a charter amendment, please allow the public to decide. You owe this to the Police department, to Anya Slaughter, the children of Regional Thomas, all the families of those who have unnecessarily died, and to Reverend Michael Burns, who consistently showed up, calling for truth and accountability. Within a few weeks of Mr. Floyd's death Colorado passed sweeping police reform. Certainly, we can make this happen sooner than later here in Pasadena. There is still time for charter reform. See: <https://coloradosun.com/2020/06/19/colorado-police-accountability-bill-becomes-law/>

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Name: Bridget Landry **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Landry Pasadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Oversight of the police force is appropriate and necessary to improve relations between officers and the public. It protects both sides and encourages use of de-escalation techniques. Please vote in favor of the civilian police oversight committee.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Bridget Landry, 91001

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Allison			Pasadena, CA
Henry			91104

Comments:

Dear Council,

I am a Pasadena resident and urge you to support a charter amendment for the city of Pasadena for the proper police oversight we need. The community recognizes that it is a city charter amendment to appear on the ballot that will provide true accountability.

Tomorrow morning, the LA County Board of Supervisors will take a historic vote to place on the November ballot Re-imagine LA' s charter amendment for LA County, which requires 10% of general county funds to be used for community investment and affordable housing. This happened because people submitted comments, like here in Pasadena, expressing a desire for change. The appetite of the population is changing regarding police accountability, and we see this in the submitted public comment.

The desire for the charter amendment should show you the need for independent, truly independent, police oversight.

Thank you.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Drs. EMMELL and PHYLLIS BEECH			, Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

We strongly urge the City Council to adopt the proposal for the establishment of an Police Oversight Commission under the leadership of Councilman John Kennedy. The proposal must be amended to include the position of an Auditor/Investigator who reports directly to the Commission and NOT to the City Manager. It is IMPERATIVE that such person is INDEPENDENT and report only to the Oversight Commission. Otherwise it could be interpreted as being just another ineffective position with "No Teeth". The person selected must have the legal authority to be effective. After being a resident for over 64 years and involved in many For-Profit and Non-profit administrative positions I am well aware of how effective or non-effective the Police Oversight Commission if it is not given legal authority at the inaugural beginning. THE TIME IS NOW FOR THE PASADENA POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION!!.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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