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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 11:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Dejaun Taylor			Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I am a JPL retiree and support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee. It is important that our "Future" youth of color are protected. This committee will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. Everyone is safer when there is independent police oversight. This proposal is a step in the right direction.

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 civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Dejaun Taylor
Retired JPL

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Vincent Parie			Los Angeles, CA 90009

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. I am the owner of a residential home for at risk young men. As many of you know, Councilman Kennedy envisioned a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago. The Independent Civilian Oversight committee will monitor actions and hold police officers accountable. My goal is to prevent young men from returning to prison or from dying at the hands of the police. 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 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.

Sincerely,

Vincent Parie
Burrough's House of Care

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Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 11:41 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

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Name: Topher Mathers **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please start the process of amending the City charter by putting forward a ballot measure for the November election. We need an independent auditor who has subpoena power, that is not subservient to any other power structure. To have effective oversight and to restore the community's faith and trust in policing the citizens of Pasadena need the opportunity to choose the type of city government they want.

Committee members should not be appointed by City Council members to avoid politicizing their position. Listen to a City Council member who will not be facing re-election. The power of backlash politics that exists in this City could have the effect of undermining the commission now, or in the future. Furthermore, we need to have a stipend for these positions so that serving on the Committee is accessible to all community members, not just those who can afford to take time out of their work and personal schedules to participate and help shape our City.

We are all learning as we go, I believe connecting political power to the commission would prevent us as a City from evolving the commission over time because power does not give itself up easily.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

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Name: Concerned Pasadena Parent **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Councilman Madison, at Saturday's peaceful car parade for effective police oversight, PPD was posted outside your home. That is your right.

Unfortunately, thousands of Pasadena citizens don't have the luxury of utilizing PPD as personal body guards.

Even when facing "routine traffic stops," Black people, not PPD, are expected to do everything right.

Asking for badge numbers or commanding officer's information risks being held in "contempt of cop," subject to arbitrary arrest or excessive force.

Just ask Christopher Ballew, whose request for commanding officer information was answered with "Shut the F*ck Up!" and a beating by officers Lujan and Esparza that resulted in facial laceration and a broken leg. Officers then asserted they feared for their lives.

Councilmembers, we fear for our lives, too. We fear for our CHILDREN'S lives.

We want to live in a community where police protect US, not just each other.

Please protect our children with the same fervor you protect your children, yourself and your home.

Meaningful Police Oversight requires true independence, community input and subpoena power.

It's not too drastic. It's not too soon. You are elected to serve US. Our Demand is Clear: Let Pasadena vote on Charter Amendment for Effective Police Oversight in 2020.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address: POB
Stephanie			, Los Angeles,
Burroughs			CA 90009

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I own a board & care home owner who fosters at risk young men. Our goal is to prevent young men from returning to prison and from dying at the hands of the police. We educate them on how to stay safe when they encounter the police. I support the proposal for a Pasadena civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. The Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight 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, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

I ask that Pasadena City Council stand on the right side of history, protect our future! Please vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Jennifer Collins			Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Collins, and I am a resident of Pasadena City Council District 5, and a business owner in District 3.

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 independent auditor should have the authority to provide 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, amending the City Charter to allow a full-time Independent Police Auditor position with subpoena power.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Carlton			St, Altadena, CA 91001
Walton			

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. 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, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

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 civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,
Carlton Walton

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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name: Community Women Vital Voices	Email:	Phone:	Address: Pasadena, CA 91103
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Comments:

As nonprofit advocating for good policy, we are asking 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!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Donna Perkins **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

"My name is Donna Perkins and I am a Pasadena resident of District 7. I am calling on you to vote YES to put a charter amendment on the November 3 ballot to create a Civilian Oversight Commission with an Independent Police Auditor, with full subpoena powers. It's time to let the people decide on this crucial issue"

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Zayden Wesley Sauls **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

As a 9 year Pasadena African-American resident that resides in district 7, I strongly urge you to our elected officials to vote in favor of changing the charter for Pasadena. By As a youth that identifies as a minority, this means that my peers and I have will have the proper oversight that is needed in order to ensure that our local police department is conducting in a manner that is in the best interest of all residents-especially minorities who tend to have an increased negative experience with officers. Thank you for doing the right thing.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Raul Ibanez **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Ibanez Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Hello, my name is Raul Ibanez resident of district 7 and am calling on city officials of the Pasadena City Council to VOTE YES to amend our city charter - thus putting it on the ballot for Nov 3rd. This will create a civilian oversight commission that is desperately needed, as well as hire an independent police auditor with subpoena power. It is imperative we get this done, as a homegrown product of Pasadena, I have yet to see consistent and tangible, community-driven police accountability.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Banaf Rahimi			, Pasadena, California 91106-1000

Comments:

Please put a charter amendment on the ballot in November. City residents need to have the opportunity to vote for the change that they want to see in their City, specifically regarding police oversight. There have been many protests led by various groups in Pasadena, they all have one common goal, and that is to end systemic racism in Policing.

In order to see meaningful change that the residents can have faith in, we cannot allow our City Council members to appoint committee members to the Police Oversight Committee. We need to take the politicization out of this committee to ensure fair and unbiased oversight. We need an independent auditor with subpoena power. Furthermore, we need to make these positions equitable and accessible to all residents, not just those who can take time from their work and family lives to participate in City government. As such, we need to have a stipend for those who participate in the committee.

Listen to your residents, fight for what they want.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Gloria Davis **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Duarte, CA 91001

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I am a consultant for nonprofits. I have two African American sons, who I am representing. I teach my boys about the police constantly, their life depends on it. That is why the Police Oversight committee is so important. I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. 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, and a platform on which we can continue to build. Thank you John Kennedy, for keeping the hope alive.

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 civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Gloria Davis

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 12:07 PM
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Name: Nicole Klanfer **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

My name is Nicole Klanfer and I am a Pasadena resident and I live in district five. I am also a teacher for LA unified school district and a mother of two Pasadena unified school students. My family has been in Pasadena for three generations after my grandmother immigrated to this country . For three generations my family has attended Pasadena schools, and have participated in Pasadena parks and recreation programs. We love Pasadena.

My family and I and all Pasadena residents deserve to know when an officer uses force unlawfully especially when it causes injury or death to the victim, or when an officer is using racial profiling to harass residents, or when the department is using surveillance technology like facial recognition. Today, that is not case.

We want to trust the Pasadena police and having community oversight will help bridge the gap between Pasadena Police Dept officers and community members.

I am calling on the elected officials of the-Pasadena city Council to please vote yes to amend the city charter putting it on the ballot for November 3 thus creating a civilian oversight commission and the hiring of an independent police auditor with subpoena powers.

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Name: Trevor A Bernard, SR **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Pasadena has been a place that I have called home since I left my birth country of Jamaica over 60 years ago. I strongly urge the Pasadena City Council to amend the Pasadena charter to include an Independent Auditor with subpoena power. By having an auditor that does not report to anyone in the city ensures that information is not altered in any form or a certain outcome isn't influenced. Most importantly, this individual needs to have subpoena power. I commend you all for the work that you all have to do during this pandemic. We are not saying that our local police department is not doing a good job- we as residents want to ensure that justice is served when cases such as Kendrec McDade and Chris Bellew happen. Although for the most part, Chief Perez has done some amazing things since assuming role as chief but we continue to have bad apples that work as officers in Pasadena. By creating a police oversight commission ensures that our residents continue to live in an amazing city. Thank you for doing what is best for Pasadena residents.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Kristin Reutimann **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** , Pasadena, CA
91103

Comments:

Good Afternoon Mayor Tornek and Council members,

As a resident of the City of Pasadena for over the last decade, I speak to you today to urge my full support to establish a community police oversight commission. The call for genuine reform is needed now more than ever.

Pasadena residents who have fallen at the hands of systemic racism, violence and the abuse of power of law enforcement deserve a deeper level of real reform where residents can feel a sense of safety from the establishment of a police oversight commission and an Independent Police Auditor with subpoena power. The key word is independent. How the council engender public trust without full transparency and accountability?

Therefore, I support the submission of police oversight measure to voters at the November 3, 2020 general municipal election.

Thank you.

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Name: Lena **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
L. Kennedy
Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

For over 35 years, I have been in the trenches working for justice and civil rights alongside the former Pasadena NAACP President Mr. John J. Kennedy, and now Pasadena Councilmember, and other members of our community. I ask you today to make the right decision and support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee under the leadership of Chairperson and Councilmember Kennedy.

This is a special time in history, and the struggle for some is not the same for all. Today, I ask you to listen to the struggle that you may not have experienced. Personal prejudices should be set aside in making the decision to support this proposal. No matter the color of your skin – when equality is created for all – we all rise together.

As a member of this community and a member of the NAACP, I ask Councilmembers: Madison, Gordo, McAustin, Tornek, Kennedy, Hampton, Masuda, and Wilson – what will be your legacy in this historic moment? Let your legacy be that you voted for justice! Please vote “YES on Agenda Item #6!”

Thank you!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Darren Bigby **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

The establishment of a civilian oversight function for our police department should not be a controversial issue. Our police department is critical to the success of our community. And given the awesome powers that are entrusted to our sworn officers it seems that it should be more than a right, it should be the responsibility of citizens that make up the Pasadena community to assist in the success of our police department by ensuring that these policing powers are exercised in a manner that consistent with relevant laws, regulations and our community standards.

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.

Respectfully,

Darren Bigby

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Dennis
Hayward /Padena
Black Pages

Email:

Phone:

Address:
Pasadena,
CA 91104

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I am the founder of the Pasadena Black pages. We support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee 100%. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago. This Independent committee will monitor police actions and hold police officers accountable.

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 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.

Sincerely,

Dennis Hayward
Pasadena Black Pages
"Good Trouble"

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Deborah Hooks			, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

"Saving and Changing Lives one at a Time, " I own several male group homes in the City of Pasadena. I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented. As many of you know, Councilman John Kennedy envisioned a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago. The Independent 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, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

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 civilian police oversight committee.

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Sincerely,
Deborah Hooks
C.A.R.E. Foundation

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Name: Damita Smith
Email:
Phone:
Address: , Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago.

We've got to get this committee into operations mode. 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, and a platform on which we can continue to build.

I am hopeful that each member of our City Council will stand on the right side of this historical endeavor and vote in favor of the proposal by the Public Safety Committee for a civilian police oversight committee.

Sincerely,

Damita Smith

Neighbor in Council District 1

91103

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Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Erica			Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I write to you today to urge you to vote in favor of amending the charter and take it the ballot! As a homeowner, lifetime Pasasena resident, small business owner, educator and PUSD parent this matter is of extreme urgency and priority for myself and my extended family of well over 200 Pasadena residents. Police brutality and abuse of power is a humanitarian issue that is long overdue for reform. Pasadena prides itself on being a progressive city yet falls short in this area. It is in the best interest of all you and your constituents to do your part to ensure that the voice of the people is heard. We will not be silent, enough is enough. We demand transparency and justice.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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