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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 12:41 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

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Name: Judy Bain **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Rolling Hills
Estates, CA 90274

Comments:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers:

Although I do not live in your beautiful city, I am a frequent visitor and rely on local government to provide a safe and secure environment. 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.

I urge the 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,

Judy Bain

Rolling Hills Estates, CA

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Brett			, Los Angeles, CA
Shears			90039

Comments:

Hello, Members of the Pasadena City Council,

My name is Brett Shears. I am a stakeholder in Pasadena, active member of the community, and proud graduate of Pasadena City College (Class of 2010).

Giving the People of Pasadena an opportunity to vote on a Charter change is a great first step towards addressing the systemic inequalities in our police system. Voting "yes" today would send a real signal that you are trying to understand the needs of this City, the injustices before us, and the urgency of this moment.

Will a citizen-led commission address all of our policing problems? No, of course not. But, please don't let that strawman prevent you from making the right choice today.

Creating strong civilian oversight of the Police Department is a tangible step the City must take to re-imagine policing and public safety in our community. Moreover, for the commission to work, members should be selected from the community and not be appointed by City staff or Council members. The auditor should have the authority to provide civilian oversight of the department including subpoena power, selecting the commission staff, and reporting to City Council.

I am urging everyone to vote yes on this resolution today. The time is now. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 12:43 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

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Name: Dianne Magee
Email:
Phone:
Address: [REDACTED] Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

To Mayor Tornek and Pasadena City Council Members,
I support the proposal for a Community Police Oversight Commission as described in Agenda Report dated July 22, 2020
from Terry Tornek, Mayor, and John Kennedy, Public Safety Committee Chair, to the Public Safety Committee.
I have great respect for our police force but I also realize that today's police force is expected to deal with a lot more than safety and criminal issues. Indeed, as the Agenda Report points out, there is consideration being given to this topic at all levels of government in this country.
However, civilian oversight must be done carefully and with respect for the police force and all the issues they face on a daily basis. And, similarly, the police force must respect the concerns of the oversight committee. Respect on both sides and a willingness to listen and learn is essential. I feel that this proposal is a helpful one--and it can be undertaken without a lot of delay.
Thank you for your consideration.
Dianne Magee

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Roena Mccurdy **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I encourage you all to keep Pasadena residents in mind. This means bring civilian oversight to Pasadena Police Department, an Independent Police Auditor and a commission that is a reflection of our residents to our city. I have called Pasadena my home for the past 50 years. Despite being a beautiful place to call home, we have had some horrendous incidents that have occurred at the hands of law enforcement including our own Pasadena Officers. Several of these incidents have caused generational trauma that has resulted in the hatred for officers. Lets take the right step and continue to make Pasadena a better place to live for all- a place that we know will conduct investigations that will bring transparency and accountability to our people. As the mother of an African-American son and the grandmother of three African-American boys, this issue is very close to home. I am calling on everyone to do what is right! We need both mayor candidates to be on the same page for Black and Brown lives. Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Gordo, let's not forget that Pasadena has an election coming up.

Which one of the candidates are truly for black and brown people?

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
David			, Pasadena, CA
Wallett			91105

Comments:

Mayor Tornec and the members of the Pasadena City Council. As we all know, there has been a growing divide between our nation's police departments and the communities they serve. I believe that any positive action taken that might decrease this divide should be supported. That is why I urge you, the city government of Pasadena to support the proposal presented by John Kennedy and the Public Safety Committee and create a Public Police Oversight Committee for Pasadena.

Thank you,

David Wallett



Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Sharon Sinclair			Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I support this proposal.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Rev. Angola E. Haynes **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I support the Public Safety Committee's proposal for civilian oversight of the police department.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Danny Parker **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I support the Public Safety Committee's proposal for a civilian police oversight committee. Pasadena residents and Pasadena police officers are both safer with independent oversight that provides needed checks and balances. I believe that public safety is built on a foundation of public trust and community support.

Civilian oversight aligns with how our society functions. We don't allow students to grade their own tests or baseball batters to call their own strikes.

I do not believe that police officers' safety is compromised or integrity questioned by civilian oversight.

I have the utmost admiration and gratitude for the occupational dangers and often thankless job performed by our police officers.

I hope that at this moment of extraordinary challenge, the public good will prevail and that this process is not hijacked by unions or those beholden to unions.

I view the proposed civilian police oversight committee as a good first step towards building essential public trust in our police department. As time and circumstances dictate, this oversight can and should be modified as needed.

Thanks Councilmember Kennedy for your years of leadership on this issue! Your tireless advocacy has served our community well as your committee has created a win-win opportunity.

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Name: Ja Dour Sauls **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I have lived in Pasadena all of my life. I really like Mr. Perez and the officers. I want you all to do what is right for us. I do not like when police are mean to others. Not all police are bad. Bring change and hope to our city. Please do what is right for my friends and I.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 1:29 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on August 3, 2020 about Agenda Item 7, 6

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Name: Donna Sider **Email:** **Address:** , Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

I am a 39 year Pasadena resident. I call upon this Council to reverse the order of agenda items #6 and #7, hearing agenda item #7 FIRST!

This is the ONLY democratic means of presenting given the items' implications.

I call upon the City Council to AMEND the City Charter to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role.

The residents of this City deserve a vote, up or down, on this agenda item! Our residents deserve to know whether their council members support the status quo, or support giving our residents the opportunity to vote this November for effective civilian oversight of the Pasadena Police Department (PPD) through a Charter Amendment. Effective civilian oversight of the PPD is necessary to gain the public trust of not just some, but of ALL our residents. Please adopt the proposed "resolutions related to the submitting of a police oversight measure to voters at the November 3, 2020 general municipal election" and give our voters a chance to pass a measure that will provide effective civilian oversight of the PPD.

Thank you for your moral leadership now!

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Name: Allen Edson **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** [REDACTED] Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am the President of the Pasadena Branch of the NAACP. The NAACP along with our partner NDOLON and our social justice allies are calling for an amendment to Pasadena City Charter. This effort has been supported by the citizens of Pasadena. Now is the time to put it to the vote. Do the right thing and hear the voices of the people. This is a new day in Pasadena and American where the voice of the people is listened to.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Martha Ruffman **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Hello, my name is Martha Ruffman, and I am a resident of Council District 2. My comments refer to agenda item 7 of the August 3rd Pasadena City Council meeting. All police officers need to be accountable to the public. I want to see an oversight body formed with members nominated from a range of constituencies not associated with the Council or City Staff, who already have a relationship with Chief Perez and his officers. 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 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 to amending the city charter to allow a full-time independent Police Auditor position with subpoena power. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Myanna Dellinger			, Los Angeles, CA 90041

Comments:

Hi Councilmembers,

I often visit Pasadena for leisure. I submit the below in my private capacity only. I am not committing myself to any outcome in any way should I become a public servant one day.

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,

Myanna Dellinger, 90041

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Name: David Dellinger **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Los Angeles,
CA 90041

Comments:

Hello Councilmembers,

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. I live just outside the Pasadena boarder in Eagle Rock, but frequently visit Pasadena for shopping and entertainment.

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,

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Jose			Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

If the council is for justice like they say, if the council is for black lives like they say, if the council is for the protection and safety of the most vulnerable residents of Pasadena, there is no reason at all to not support a YES to amend the city charter, create a community civilian oversight commission, and hire a independent police auditor with subpoena power. If the council does not support this, I rather the council be honest with us and say that you are not in support of this because your priority is to protect the rich, mostly white and racist residents of Pasadena. Not saying any of the council is racist but we know what vote racists support. Your vote today will let the people see where you stand. If you are scared to stand up to racists, leave your seat and let someone else do the work.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Leanne Moore			, Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Council Members,

I am a business owner/Real-estate Broker for over 24 years in Pasadena and I host an online talk-show: "Kitchen Talk with Leanne" and as a result I get to see a lot and hear a lot from the community. At this point in our country I hear the community asking for Civilian Police Oversight that is what is good for our City at this point and time. 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!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Ron Carter			, CA 91104, Pasadena, California 91104

Comments:

Good evening Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers. As a business owner in Pasadena, I stand with members of our progressive city to request that each of you please vote in favor of 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.

Let's prepare Pasadena to become a "MODEL" city where members of the police department and the residents of this great city can co-exist in a fair and just manner. This request can be possible if transparency as advocated by an independent oversight over the police department is the order of the day.

Let's continue to uplift up and guide our city with justice and liberty for all of Pasadena's residents. Please vote in favor of the proposal.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Ron Carter
Business owner
Pasadena, 91104

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Albert West **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

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,
Albert West

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Kimberly Isaac **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** [REDACTED] Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Isaac

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Ron Carter			CA 91104, Pasadena, California 91104

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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Ron Carter

Business owner

Pasadena, 91104

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes