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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:21 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; City_Council
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

Name: Kathleen Torres
Email: .
Phone: .
Address: Pasadena, California 91104

Comments:

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

My name is Kathleen Torres. I am a Pasadena resident, a R.N. and live in Council District 2. I am requesting that the Pasadena City Council amend the City Charter to create a Community Police Oversight Commission with an Independent Auditor and selected community members with an enforceable community role and subpoena power. The current proposal does not go far enough to address community issues and meaningful reform. Pasadenans deserve better. Please Vote to Amend the City Charter.

Thank you for your support of meaningful reform NOW for Pasadenans. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 13. CONSIDERATION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

Name: Breathe Justice **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

When Pasadena Police killed Reginald Thomas in front of his family, the family lawsuit stated “An unknown officer put a knee onto Mr. Thomas’ neck and applied the full weight of his body onto the throat area of Mr. Thomas until he was speechless and finally lifeless, intentionally squeezing the life out of Mr. Thomas.”

Unlike George Floyd’s killing, bystanders did not video Thomas’ killing and officers wore no body cameras. Instead of departmental transparency and accountability, Pasadena taxpayers footed the \$1.5 million settlement bill and officers reportedly received no disciplinary action.

When the Office of Independent Review’s report of Kendrec McDade’s killing by PPD described “repeated tactical errors,” and that neither officer was disciplined, the police union obtained a court order sealing it from public view.

Councilmembers, please do not expect us to believe that PPD will voluntarily cooperate fully with an oversight body lacking subpoena power.

The LA Board of Supervisors recently voted to grant subpoena power to their Civilian Oversight Commission after LAPD repeatedly stonewalled them.

We request fundamental tools to make Pasadena safer for citizens and police officers.

We demand prompt Amendment of the City Charter creating effective community oversight with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Joanne long **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a District 4 resident and I support Civilian Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. I am grateful to members of the Public Safety Committee for all of their work to bring this issue back to the full city council.

While I do appreciate the proposal that Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Kennedy have proposed, I agree with Councilmember Hampton that it does not go far enough to address the concerns we all have about the conduct of the police department.

Many people that elected you are telling you they do not feel safe around police officers and worry about the safety of their children and loved ones. This should be a massive concern to all of you. If someone I cared about told me they felt unsafe every time they left their home, I would hope that I would do everything in my power to support them. Civilian oversight would be one step towards showing that you understand their concerns.

I am asking the Pasadena 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.

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Name: Will Dickson **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, California 91107

Comments:

I am a resident of district 4 and I believe that increased oversight of the Pasadena Police is required through the creation of civilian oversight commission and an independent auditor. I applaud the efforts of Mayor Tornek and council member Kennedy in quickly putting together proposal for these changes. However, I am concerned that the current proposal relies too much on cooperative nature of our current City Manager and Police Chief. If recent events have taught us anything it is that can't always rely on our leaders adhering to norms. It is insufficient and even foolish to do so. We need independent checks in place to protect us. We can't and should not rely on always having a cooperative City Manager and Police Chief. I support the proposal by Mayor Tornek and council member Kennedy as an emergency stop gap measure. This is something we can do right now without requiring a charter amendment. That said, also I believe we should plan to go much further. For this reason, I also support the consideration of a charter amendment measure establishing a system of police oversight. This will take time and the former will give us some protections while this happens.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Katie Young			Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident and a high school counselor. I am writing to say that I am disappointed in the council's reaction and actions so far to ensure that our community has oversight over the Pasadena PD. I implore you to create a position for an independent auditor with subpoena power, and to stipulate that auditor be held accountable by a commission of community members -- NOT the police department. Your current proposal does not grant any meaningful authority to the community which you have been elected to serve! Please amend the city charter to ensure we have a community-run commission capable of enforcing disciplinary measures, a commission that it is not just for show. This is a crucial step toward rebuilding a police department that serves and protects everyone in our city. Please listen to the NAACP, as they are acting in the best interest of all Pasadena residents by making police more accountable to communities of color. We must stand up against unjust policies and institutions that have kept people of color unheard, unsafe, and unequal for hundreds of years. Please read the NAACP's declaration of interdependence and community bill of rights, and take their voices seriously.

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Name: Mary Molnar **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident, educator, and parent. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter as the Community Bill of Rights asked for and endorsed by POP, CCICOP, IMA and CCC. I am asking for you, our elected officials, who are in place to serve the citizens of this city, to create a police oversight body with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role consisting of: an independent auditor and selected community members. The current proposal DOES NOT grant any meaningful power to our communities. Pasadena citizens want better and we deserve better. We are explicitly expressing our desires and offering ways to improve our city. Please listen to us and vote to amend the Pasadena City Charter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Faith Romasco **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

I am a Pastor at PazNaz, located in District 4. I am a Member of the Clergy Community Coalition and the Racial Justice Coalition of Greater Pasadena. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter to create a Community Police Oversight Commission with a full-time Independent Auditor, who has subpoena power for the sake of transparency and accountability. I ask that appointees to this commission be selected from the community and that the commission reports to the City Council. The current proposal does not grant meaningful power to our communities which Council members have been elected to serve. Creating a commission that cannot impose accountability serves to placate. Pasadena citizens are asking for more from their city than what is currently being put forward. Please vote to amend the City Charter and impose the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights written by NAACP and NDLO, and endorsed by CCIOP, CCC and the IMA.

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Name: Topher Mathers
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: -
Address: [REDACTED] Ave, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Pasadena, along with many cities across the nation are looking at ways to regain the public's trust in the way local Police Departments are run.

Here in Pasadena, we have our own history of police use of force, as in the case of Christopher Ballew. The residents of Pasadena, and those who come here for work and recreation are watching what your next steps as our City's leaders will be.

The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to the community. The City Charter must be amended to reflect the will of the people. We need a police oversight body that consists of an independent auditor, and an oversight board with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. We need to re-imagine the role of what the police department is. We need to feel that our police department are our community partners.

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Name: Adjoa Annang **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** e
Grove, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

In 2016 the city was presented with a proposal and model that was voted down. Today the same 76 page model is being voted on, for the past 4 years we could of had this model with no power and would quickly of realized that it didn't work after Kendric McDade, JR Thomas and ongoing Chris Ballew that the subpoena power that could be created by a memorandum of understanding between community, city and police union would allow us some real dialogue for transparency and accountability and this kind of model will need a charter change to our city and Pasadenas can vote as LA did in 2018 to start without subpoena power it as all models around the country saying without it you have a body of people talking saying nothing let's start with true reform, bargaining power for both sides. People of color are suffering! Now 8 elected officials can be radically lead our city into police reform educating both sides and any form of loss of power will be gained in community trust and growth. The model presented by mayor does not even come close. Please vote on the side of righteousness, communit transparency, accountability for Pasadena.

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Name: John Dailey **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I moved to Pasadena more than a decade ago for a job at Caltech. Pasadena has since become my home and not just a place I live for my job. For the last 8 years I have been a LA Sheriff's department high risk civilian volunteer specialist on one of our local mountain rescue teams where I serve as a mountaineer/rescuer, EMT, operations leader, and trainer. I mention this to emphasize that I am familiar with the trials of responding to emergencies and have sympathy with people asked to do demanding and sometimes dangerous jobs for the community.

It is vital that the public trust those tasked with enforcing law, and without oversight that trust is fragile in good times and absent in rough times. Oversight and accountability is the only way to maintain a stable trust in this relationship.

Please create meaningful oversight for our law enforcement. For both the policed, and the police.

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

Comments:

Mayor and Council,

We are facing unprecedented times. There is civic unrest and people across the nation, and the residents of Pasadena are ready for a change in the way our Police Departments are run. While I like to believe that much of Pasadena PD wants to be community partners, there is a history of unnecessary use of force, as can be seen in the case of Christopher Ballew.

We need meaningful change in Police oversight, and the current proposal is not grant enough power to the community. The City Charter must be amended to reflect the will of the people. We need a police oversight body that consists of an independent auditor, and an oversight board with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role.

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Name: Brighid Connors **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am a white Pasadena resident, artist and caregiver, who understands the need for community oversight of police. I call upon the Pasadena 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 current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better! Please vote to amend the city charter!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Name: Amy Ifurung-Cook **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am a resident of Pasadena District 3 and an attorney. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the city charter to create a police oversight body with a full-time independent police auditor and subpoena power. The current proposal for a police oversight body does not do enough to hold the Pasadena Police Department accountable, and the people of Pasadena deserve better.

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Name: Patrice
Marshall
McKenzie
Email:
Phone:
Address: 1111
Madre Blvd, Pasadena,
CA 91107

Comments:

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

My name is Patrice Marshall McKenzie, resident of Council District 4. I write to express my disappointment in the proposal for a Civilian Oversight committee in its current iteration. I join the chorus of community members who want meaningful Civilian Oversight that includes representatives selected from our community, an independent auditor, subpoena power and disciplinary recommendations that can be acted on within the scope of the law and all applicable policies.

The current proposal does not respect the voice of community members. It is disingenuous that the City Manager and Police Chief, who are city staff members, be granted the authority to appoint members to the committee. The solution to achieving true and meaningful oversight is to amend the City Charter in order to expand the parameters by which a committee can be developed. There is still time to do so before the August 7 deadline. The voices of the community members you were elected to serve have been steadfast in this call for a very long time. Honor your oath of public service and increase the pathway for Pasadena to have true participatory government by voting for a City Charter amendment.

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Name: Jeffrey Fenstermaker **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident, Emmy Award-winning documentary film editor, and home owner in John Kennedy's district, who recognizes the need for community oversight of our Police Department. I call upon the Pasadena 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 current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better! Please vote to Amend the City Charter! Do the right thing so that I don't have to make a documentary about the Pasadena Police Department. Oversight will happen one way or the other.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Julie McKune and Mr. Romero **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

My name is Julie McKune. My family lives in Victor Gordo's district. I am also a member of It's Us Now. I am alarmed by images of heavily armed police patrolling largely peaceful protests across the county – protests focused largely on cases of police abuse.

The Pasadena Police Department has received at least \$650,000 of donated federal military equipment from the 1033 program – a program known to have sloppy invoicing practices. Councilmember Gordo has said “public safety..has to be handled seriously and responsibly.” My question to Councilman Gordo is: what other equipment does the PPD have that we don't know about? And what is it being used for? What kind of training do officers receive to operate this equipment? As recently as June of this year, the city's Finance Department was reprimanded for its failure to properly audit accounting procedure at the Pasadena Police Department. Councilmember Gordo: how can you oversee the justification and use of equipment that may or may not exist? An independent auditor must be appointed to, among other things, oversee procurement of equipment, justification for, training on and policies on its use.

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Name: Rebekah Scheys **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Comment

Hello,

I am a Pasadena resident and a constituent of District 6. I watched the Public Safety Committee meeting last week and was disappointed that the only voice I heard adequately expressing my concerns about the need for clear police oversight and accountability was Vice Mayor Hampton. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the city charter, as was requested in the Bill of Rights put forth by the Pasadena NAACP and others. We are asking for you to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which you, the council members and Mayor, have been elected to serve. Pasadena residents want to see real change in the ways we hold our police accountable, which means that we need more than recommendations committees, which we know have not been heeded in the past. Please vote to amend the City Charter.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 and 13

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Colin Bogart			Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Tornek and Council Members,

I'm a resident of Pasadena in District 1. I wrote to the Public Safety Committee last week and I still agree with Vice Mayor Hampton and groups like that NAACP, NDLON, CICOPP that we need a police oversight commission that has real teeth and true community representation to do its job. If this means the City Charter needs to be amended, then we should do it. I recognize Mayor Tornek and Council Member Kennedy are attempting to make some small gain, rather than nothing at all. Thank you, but it's simply not enough at this stage. The call for police oversight is not a new issue in Pasadena, as you well know, but the time truly is now for real change. With regards to comments that we are rushing the issue, I don't agree. Those who believe we are moving too fast should re-read MLK's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" which is still relevant to this day. If you don't believe the need for change is real, ask your black and brown neighbors. But I think you all know what needs to be done. We need you to have the courage and conviction to do it.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: May Lee **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I do NOT agree with mayor Tornek's proposal, leaving only 3 independent members of the community on this oversight commission without council appointment. This means the community will ALWAYS maintain minority vote against other council appointments that will hold majority of the votes within this commission. Furthermore, the Independent Auditor does not have subpoena power during the course of an investigation, which maintains the lack of transparency that plagued our city. This council has been complacent in the comfort of your seats without much accountability. You can and MUST do better than this perpetual nepotism.

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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; City_Council
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item Community Development Commission: Police Oversight

Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item Community Development Commission: Police Oversight

Name: Lydia Breen **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Apt., Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

My name is Lydia Breen.

I am a resident of Pasadena and member of It's Us Now I would like to highlight a recommendation made by a city-commissioned analysis on police oversight that was included in the June 2020 minutes of the Public Safety Committee. It recommends that an independent police auditor be empowered to oversee donated federal equipment, training and policies regarding its use. Over the past 20 years, the Pasadena Police Department received at least \$650,000 in donated federal military equipment under the LESO program – equipment that comes largely without federal oversight. Critics of the LESO program say its lack of transparency makes community oversight difficult if not impossible. Mayor Tornek and Councilman Gordo believe the current oversight works. If that is the case, provide us with a report on the justification for, the use of, and training on federally donated military grade equipment in this city. The overwhelming deployment such equipment on the streets of Portland and elsewhere does not build public trust. It weakens public safety. Oversight by a independent auditor is necessary. If the city council won't do its job, we will follow up with formal requests for specific information on this equipment.

Thank you.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Michelle Woo			Dr., Cerritos, CA 90703

Comments:

I am a Pasadena Resident and educator. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter as the Community Bill of Rights asked for endorsed by POP, CCICOP, IMA and CCC. I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better.

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Name: Margaret Starbuck **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I work in Pasadena as an arts administrator. I call upon the Pasadena City Council to Amend the City Charter as the Community Bill of Rights asked for endorsed by POP, CCICOP, IMA, and CCC. I am asking you, our elected officials to create a police oversight body consisting of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, whom Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please vote to amend the city charter.

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Name: Dan **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Dear mayor and city council members,

I urge you to vote for meaningful police oversight in the form of a commission as requested by the NAACP, CICOPP, and POP and, other reforms to the Pasadena Police Department.

We need a police oversight body that consists of an independent auditor, and an oversight board with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. Pasadena like many other cities has a history of problematic use-of-force incidents, including a traffic stop that led to the beating of Christopher Ballew.

Over time, the role of a police officer has evolved far from fighting crime and enforcing the law. Police officers are required to spend their time on situations that could be better addressed by specialists in other areas, specialists who would not carry weapons. Homelessness and traffic enforcement are two areas where we should investigate other ways to manage these problems rather than using armed officers.

I know you are concerned about our City budget. Police reform is not a cure-all for our budget woes, but it could be a way to more appropriately meet the needs in our community while conserving scarce City resources.

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