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**From:** City Web  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:18 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 and 13

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

**Name:** Nickella Schlanger      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Avenue, Pasadena, CA  
91104

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### Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident, mother, graduate student, and mental health worker. I'm asking that the Pasadena City Council 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 is well-intentioned, but it lacks the transparency and cooperation necessary to give the people in our community a meaningful voice in understanding the relationship of law enforcement and Pasadena residents. I believe police officers can be a positive and effective presence in the community (I have family members who are police officers and correctional officers), but that requires open dialogue, trust, and a willingness to share information so solutions can be brought forward and implemented that include all invested parties. Please vote to amend the city charter so all voices of Pasadena can be heard as we work to create constructive relationships between police and the communities they serve.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**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:** Sonja K Berndt      **Email:** s.berndt@pasadena.net      **Address:** 1111 N. Verdugo Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107

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### Comments:

I am a longtime resident of Pasadena. During my 31-year career as a state prosecutor, I conducted hundreds of investigations and issued hundreds of investigatory subpoenas for documents and testimony. A glaring deficiency of the Tornek/Kennedy police oversight proposal is the scope and power of the Independent Police Auditor (“IPA”). The IPA is authorized only to “review investigations” of, for example, uses of deadly force to determine if the investigations conducted were complete and thorough. How would the IPA know if the investigations conducted by the Police Department are thorough if the IPA did not conduct them? Moreover, while the IPA could ask the Police Department or City Manager nicely for other documents or additional interviews the IPA deemed critical to an investigation, the City Manager or Police Department can simply say the documents are unnecessary. The IPA has no effective recourse. The result is a deficient investigation, no transparency and, ultimately, no accountability. On countless occasions during my career, the documents most critical to the case were obtained by enforcing subpoenas through court process. There is no adequate police oversight without the ability of the IPA to conduct independent investigations and issue and enforce subpoenas. Thank you.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**From:** City Web  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 6:09 PM  
**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:** Brianna Mireku    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

I have been a Pasadena resident for my entire life and I am currently a college student. The Pasadena City Council needs 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. I believe that the current proposal does not grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve way better . Please Vote to Amend the City Charter.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**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:** Jessica      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Reynoso      :-      --      a      Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident and I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter to create a police oversight body that consists of an independent auditor and selected community members with subpoena power and an enforceable disciplinary role. The current proposal is far too watered down and gives no meaningful power to our community.

I beg you to vote to amend the city charter. I'll be watching and ready to vote you out if you don't vote on the right side of history.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**From:** City Web  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:39 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 Public Safety Committee

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Bradley Boleman			Avenue Pasadena, CA 91101

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### Comments:

I am a Pasadena Resident, I teach dance and yoga. 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

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**From:** City Web  
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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 Public Safety

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Bradley Boleman			Ave Unit 301, Pasadena, CA 91101

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### Comments:

Sample Comment:

\* I am a Pasadena Resident, a dancer, dance teacher and yoga instructor. 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.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**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:** Vienna      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Natividad      v           Ave, Pasadena, CA 91107

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### Comments:

I am Pasadena resident for the past 5 years, 33 years old. 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 citizens. This is what the people want and it grants us a feeling of security and stability. Our city should be leading the way on these changes to police oversight. Please vote to amend the city charter!!!!

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**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:** Christina  
**Email:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Address:** [REDACTED] Place, Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Comments:

I am a Pasadena Resident and parent. 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

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**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

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Vincent Apostol			Ave, Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

I am a Pasadena resident, POC business owner, and entrepreneur. 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. Power to the people.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 26, 2020 9:54 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council  
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## **Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item Agenda 12**

**Name:** Todd Hughes    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

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### **Comments:**

Greetings good council members. Please impose The Community Bill of Rights demand number one - civilian oversight of the Police Department. Let Pasadena set the precedent for others municipalities and find itself on the right side of history. Thank you.

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

**Name:** Gennia Cui    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

I am a Pasadena Resident, homeowner, and parent. 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. A committee full of politicians and the police chief is not independent of unbiased. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please Vote to Amend the City Charter.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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

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

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### Comments:

My name is May Lee, a constituent in Mr Kennedy's district 3. I am urging the council to amend the city charter in order to form an independent police oversight committee that reflects the demands of the public. The community has clearly expressed the need for an independent auditor that is NOT subjected to the approval of the city manager. This auditor should also hold subpoena powers in the course of a criminal investigation. Furthermore, the committee makeup of ONLY 3 public members without council appointment ensures the voice of the community remains at a minority. Such is a direct insult to the outcry of our residents! The current proposal is a blatant display of nepotism, AT BEST! I urge ALL of you elected officials to act in the interest of your constituents! Don't you dare show your faces at a people's rally for black lives then come back to draft a bogus plan that only perpetuates the lack of transparency and racist policing! Our tax dollars deserve far better! The people are watching. This is NOT a temporary moment. It's a revolution! Thank you, Proud Pasadenean!

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: No**

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

**Name:** Catherine O'Neal-Petterson      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
Ave, Pasadena, CA  
91001

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### Comments:

Dear Council Members - I am a concerned citizen who believes that we need more oversight for the Pasadena Police Department. I ask that the City Council create a Community Police Oversight Commission made up of city residents. I also ask that you hire a paid, full-time independent police auditor who would have subpoena power, would select staff for the commission, and would report to City Council. The police department has a long history of protecting its own and we need someone who will ensure that there is transparency and accountability.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 13

## Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 13

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Michael Tulsky		n	St., Pasadena, CA 91105

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### Comments:

Good afternoon, I am a Pasadena resident, student, Field Service Technician, and Air Force veteran. 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. Thank you.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12/ 13**

**Name:** Reo Glancey    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

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### **Comments:**

I'm a resident of District 7. Today I call upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter to create a civilian-based police oversight commission consisting of an independent auditor and representative community members who are granted subpoena and binding disciplinary powers and report to the City Council. Please do not accept the proposed structure for this commission. The proposal calling for only 3 out of the 13 commission appointments to come from the community at large defeats the purpose. Effective civilian oversight has the potential to hold the Pasadena Police Department accountable, aid in the appropriate disciplining of officers who violate laws, increase transparency, increase public safety, and build trust. The current proposal is unacceptable as it doesn't grant any meaningful power to our communities, which Council members have been elected to serve. Our community deserves better, and particularly our neighbors of color deserve better. In this historical moment, our elected officials must do everything necessary to eradicate police injustice. Community regulated checks and balances of those who are sworn to serve and protect our community should be a self-evident need, and now is the time for true course correction. Please vote to amend the City Charter.

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**From:** City Web  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 7:54 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item Police Oversight

## **Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item Police Oversight**

**Name:** Maria      **Email:**      **Phone:** --      **Address:** ' Ahverdyan      --      2F, Pasadena, CA 91105

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### **Comments:**

I am a Pasadena resident who has written to the city manager and council members repeatedly since the start of covid-19 regarding many things. Sadly, this city and it's Councilmembers are terrible at serving the residents of Pasadena in all capacities including the lack of oversight in police. To be clear I am an advocate of abolishing the police. I know they do not prevent violent crimes, they only respond violently to them. In the most densely populated cities violent crimes make on less then 4% of police calls. Police spend the majority of their tome ticketing us, which is particularly embarrassing now when they are handing out tickets with we know we are on the brink of mass eviction and the greatest economic depression ever seen. For now, you need you make amends to establish an oversight committee and as the nation continues to defund and regulate police, take back community funding and find ways to provide ourselves with all the services you are lacking to provide is, I look forward to the abolishment of the Pasadena police department.

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Janneke Briggs			street, Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Comments:

I am a Pasadena resident, a mother, and a teacher at Jackson Elementary School. 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 selected to serve. Pasadena citizens deserve better. Please vote to amend the City Charter.

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

**Name:** Sarah Cole    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91001

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### **Comments:**

I'm a Pasadena resident, mother of 2 and a social worker. The City Council should create a Community Police Oversight Commission, to be made up of city residents, and hire a paid, full-time Independent Police Auditor. The Auditor would have subpoena power, select the Commission staff and report to the City Council.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud:** Yes

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Jennifer Collins			Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Comments:

Good afternoon Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Collins, and I am a Pasadena resident, parent, and business owner. I am calling upon the Pasadena City Council to amend the City Charter per the Pasadena Community Bill of Rights. I am calling on you to create a Community Police Oversight Commission, comprising city residents and a paid, full-time Independent Police Auditor. The auditor would have subpoena power, select the Commission staff, and report to the City Council. The current proposal does not grant meaningful power to community members, whom our City Council Members have been elected to serve. Please vote to amend the City Charter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Collins, LCSW

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 310-	<b>Address:</b> 2870 E. Orange
Claire	clairemariep@hotmail.com	998-7112	Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA
Marco			91107

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### **Comments:**

I am a Pasadena Resident, Claire Marco, a parent, proud resident, and engaged citizen. 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. Thank you for your time.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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

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

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### Comments:

As a resident of Northwest Pasadena, I've talked with many Black neighbors and friends who have experienced racial profiling such as Council member Hampton describes. I've been saddened and outraged by the deaths of Reginald Thomas and Kendrec McDade that occurred close to my home. I therefore urge you to support a police commission with real authority and subpoena power, as recommended in the June 2020 report of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, This report states that "Civilian Review Boards can be powerful tools in furtherance of police reform, but that to do so they must be vested with sufficient authority, subpoena power, and independence to have any effect." <https://www.usccr.gov/files/2020-06-19-USCCR-Supports-Justice-in-Policing-Act.pdf>. Let the voters of our city decide on whether to approve a charter amendment to make this possible. A police commission could be funded by implementing a program like CAHOOTs in Eugene, OR, that helps the mentally ill, homeless, domestic abuse victims, etc. in a way that is more cost effective and has better outcomes than sending in armed police. Reginald Thomas would probably still be alive if Pasadena had such a program. Let's truly reform our police department so it works for all citizens of our city!

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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**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:** Ashley  
**Email:** [REDACTED]  
**Phone:** [REDACTED] 41  
**Address:** [REDACTED] st, Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

My name is Ashley and I am a resident of district one and I would like to request that the City Council amend Pasadena's municipal code in order to establish a community police oversight commission whose members are elected by the community. I also support contracting an outside auditor who once again will be selected by the community.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: No**

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**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; City\_Council  
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## **Public Comment for Meeting on July 27, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Elizabeth Elder    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

As a Pasadena resident I ask that you make sure there are community members on the police oversight committee who are truly independent, and represent that community that is being policed.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Elder

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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