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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
CHRISTY ZAMANI			

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### Comments:

Nonprofits are a great asset to the City of Pasadena in not only bringing millions of dollars in community services to our city, but in developing authentic relationships with youth and families that are built on openness, care, communication, and trust.

As we begin discussing our city budget it is imperative to prioritize a number of issues that are indicated as high needs and requests from our youth:

- Quality, city-wide internet access is an equity issue. Our youth are struggling to get online to access their school work. This is a top priority.
- Expand the Summer Rose program to a year-round program, and expand its funding. This has been requested by youth consistently in the Youth Master Plan.
- Immediately fill the position for the Office of the Young Child.
- Youth Month- has been defunded for more than a decade- it would be nice to have the city invest in this legacy program again.
- Waive all nonprofit permit fees (park, events, fire) for community events.

Programs like Summer Rose and Youth Month have been recognized as Legacy Programs by City Council -they both need your support.

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Christy Zamani, Executive Director Day One  
Chair, Partnership for Children Youth and Families

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

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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12.

**Name:** Dianne Philibosian  
on behalf of coalition of 9 individuals and 12 organizations  
**Email:**  
**Phone:**  
**Address:**

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### Comments:

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Via this brief comment, I call your attention to a letter with attachments regarding the City's Early Child Development Policy passed unanimously by the City Council, March 2015, and the Office of the Young Child. The signatories represent a wide coalition of early childhood experts, advocates, and nonprofit organizations. We request that as part of the budget recommendations you approve filling the vacant position of the Early Child Development Coordinator and continue funding the Office of the Young Child as an essential service and system in our City. During this critical time of pandemic and social unrest, it is necessary that this receive your immediate attention as critical to a total social and racial justice system of the City. We urge you to:

- fill the vacant Early Child Development Coordinator position
- continue funding the Office of the Young Child
- direct staff to provide a detailed report as of June 30, 2020, on the implementation of the Early Child Development Policy, including implementation of the Vision of the Policy and Core of the Master Plan, the Eight Building Blocks.

Thank you.

Dianne Philibosian, Ph.D. on behalf of coalition of 9 individuals and 12 organizations

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Mohammad Tajsar    **Email:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

My name is Mohammad Tajsar, and I am a senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Southern California. The ACLU of Southern California supports the call of many local civil society organizations, organizers, activists, and community members in the city of Pasadena to reject the current proposed budget, and calling for the City Council to shift funding from the Pasadena Police Department. We also join the calls of other community members calling for a 20% reduction of the Police Department's budget into social services and the public health department. In this time of a pandemic, the City can afford to take money out of an already bloated police department budget and reinvest in much needed social services that are desperately underfunded during the extraordinary recession that people are coping with in this time. To be frank, increasing the police department's budget during this time is wrongheaded and tone-deaf given the extraordinary crisis Pasadena residents are facing every day, and given the historically low crime rates that we have enjoyed in recent years across the Southland. The ACLU of Southern California calls for this Council to meet the challenge of the moment and reinvest in the people of this City.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Ashley Carrasco  
**Email:**  
**Phone:**  
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### **Comments:**

As a member of the Pasadena community and someone who works with the youth in our community I know the importance of summer programming and youth engagement. The Summer ROSE Program was a staple in our community, an opportunity for our youth to receive mentorship, training's, and job experience while being able to contribute to their family income. With that being said, I would have liked to see a little more effort and creativity to continue the Summer ROSE Program instead of disbanding it for the summer, If the City will not be hosting a summer ROSE program this year I would like to see those funds be redistributed to local non profits and organizations who are doing the work to engage our youth and do expect Summer ROSE to be back and running next year.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Jazmin Jimenez    **Address:** , Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

As a proud Blair Alum,UCLA Alum, Pasadena resident,and Pasadena employee.I would like to express my strong support for increasing funding for the Summer Rose Program.As a former Summer Rose employee, I have first-hand knowledge of the program and have experienced its benefits.Being placed at Day One,at the young age of 15 allowed me to learn valuable skills, be immersed in a learning environment, and work hand-in-hand with community partners that move our city forward. I was able to form meaningful relationships with the staff,that I can proudly call my second family-they have been instrumental in mentoring me throughout the years.I would have never imagined that joining the Rose Program would have led to the start of my career.I've been employed by Day One as a youth at Blair,while working towards my BA at UCLA,while working towards my masters at UCLA, and after graduation as a professional.Having a full-time job in the city I live in,while making a solid living wage is a gift.It was the Rose Program that started this path for me, and it has the potential to do so for so many other youth.I urge you to invest in this program that has a proven record of success.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Jennifer Jimenez    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

My name is Jennifer Jimenez and as a proud PHS Alum,UCSC Alum,Pasadena resident,and Pasadena employee. I would like to express my strong support for increasing funding for the Summer Rose Program.As a former Summer Rose employee,I have experienced the many benefits that come with being part of the program. I had joined the program to be able to help out my family with the financial hardship we were facing. Apart from earning an income, I was able to develop leadership skills that I would be able to use in my professional career by being placed at Day One. By showing the Executive Director my hardwork and dedication to giving back to a community I grew up in, I was able to become a full-time at Day One. If it wasn't for the Rose Program, I do not know where I would be without great leaders in my community that inspired me to be the best person I can be as a professional. I believe Pasadena Youth should be given the same opportunity as me. I want our youth to grow, learn, and develop valuable skills in the program that would allow them to become great professionals in their future careers.Thank you.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Giovanni Cervantes Robles    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

My name is Giovanni Cervantes and as a proud Pasadena resident, Blair alum, and former Summer Rose employee I fully support increasing funding for the Summer Rose Program. I participated in the program throughout high school and have experienced first-hand its invaluable benefits. Through three different placements in community parks and local non-profits I was able to gain real work experience and learn valuable skills that have shaped me professionally today. The work was fun and I was able to create meaningful relationships with community partners that otherwise I would have never known existed. My work at Day One, during my final year in the program, was the most meaningful. Here I was introduced to a great team of staff dedicated to helping low income communities and at risk youth like myself. The staff there were instrumental in mentoring me and played a major role in my love for helping youth, families, and low income communities. With their continuous help throughout the years, I received my BA from UCLA and have since continued my work in non-profit community mental health. The Rose program was a catalyst to the start of my career and fully support increased funding so students in Pasadena can continue to benefit from it.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Kris                      **Email:**                      **Phone:**                      **Address:**  
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### **Comments:**

The Star News editorial Sunday and Joe Matthew's column recently put it well regarding the Police Dept. budget:

California's police officers' escalating salaries, benefits and pensions are swallowing up municipal budgets...having more than doubled since 1980, with no end in sight. All this in a time of low crime. For starters, redirect the recently approved \$420,000 for upgrading police helicopter surveillance technology of its cameras. The Health Department has been cut by more than \$400,000 in the midst of a pandemic...give the money to them.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Joanne Long      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

I am asking the City Council to reconsider approving the FY 2021 budget today. I do not believe there has been enough time for public comment. You need to engage with Pasadena citizens and listen to what they are telling you and do your jobs. In addition, you need to explain why you are spending millions of dollars to bail out the Rose Bowl Operating Company. Many people, including myself, cannot afford tickets to see a show at the Rose Bowl, so it looks ridiculous to do this while many of your residents do not have jobs, food or healthcare. This year's homeless count showed no change in the number of people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena. So there has been zero improvement in a year. We are in the midst of a pandemic, and our senior facilities are struggling. Why are Pasadena seniors having to be evacuated in the night from a facility where they are dying? Please, I am asking you to reconsider your budget and put the health and well-being of your Pasadena residents before bailing out the RBOC and sending more money to the Police Department that still has not fired the officers that killed Kendrec McDade.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Will Dickson    **Email:**    **Phone:**    **Address:** , Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

I am deeply concerned with the city council's priorities. It appears that somehow you are able to find \$11.5 million to pay the Rose Bowl Operating Company's Debts. However, at the same time, when asked about civilian oversight of the police you suggest that it would be way too expensive. For example, in comments to KPCC radio, committee member Steve Madison suggested that it might cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Really? \$100,000 is less the 1% of 11.5 million. Apparently, you are willing to spend millions on what basically amounts to luxury entertainment for the wealthy. Whereas, you are unwilling to spend the bare minimum to help ensure that vulnerable members of our community are protected from police misconduct and corruption.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

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Francesca			, PASADENA, CA
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### Comments:

I strongly oppose the increase to the police budget. During the caravan a couple of weeks ago city officials said Black Lives Matter, now is the time where you show the citizens of Pasadena if you actually meant that. Defund the police!

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Vincent De Stefano  
**Email:** [redacted]  
**Phone:** [redacted]  
**Address:** [redacted] Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

Pasadena spent nearly half a million dollars on a replacement camera for one of the 4 helicopters. Now we are about to increase the PPD's budget by a 1.5 million. This during a pandemic as we cut the Public Health Department by about the same we spent on the aforementioned camera. Our fine city is already one of the most highly policed cities in Our local. We have a severe homeless problem that is not even being addressed. That 1.5 million for what is the largest part of our budget, the PPD, should be immediately reallocated to serve the needs of our citizens by putting our tax dollars where they best serve our citizens, especially those who are struggling. Put that money and more in better health services, assistance for the unemployed, homeless and financially insecure. It should be used to address the shameful situation in our elder care facilities. Let me close by adding that the reallocation of the 1.5 million should be just the start and the PPD budget should get a serious haircut so it is not our largest expenditure at this time of crisis where our health and wellbeing are at stake

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 and 14**

**Name:** Kimberly Berry    **Address:** Altadena, CA 91001

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### **Comments:**

Over the past two decades, I have lived in both Pasadena and Altadena, have worked in education, from early childhood through higher education. I have seen the devastating impacts of the lack of investment in the community resources that benefit everyone, from schools to social services to mental health to affordable housing and health care. I urge the City Council to adopt a more participatory process in the adoption of the 20-21 fiscal year budget, to hear from all constituents and stakeholders of our amazing local community.

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**Novelo, Lilia**

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**To:** City Web

**Subject:** RE: Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Daniel Fong    **Email**    **Phone:**

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### **Comments:**

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I would like to urge the council to invest into the Summer Rose Program with the operating budget. The Summer Rose Program assisted many of my friends and their families struggling though financial hardships. Aside from gaining valuable professional skills, the Summer Rose Program was a breath of fresh air for many families drowning in debt or unexpected financial burdens. The residents of Pasadena and youth are extremely fortunate to have such a great program available to them. It would be a disservice to roll back such a great program, rather than expand it. Please consider growing and expanding the Summer Rose Program to but not limited in the following areas: Increasing the amount of applications available to students and residents, expanding to PUSD students so that our Altadena neighbors can apply, and redistributing Summer Rose Workers to local non-profits and/or businesses. Thank you.

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

**Novelo, Lilia**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Charles Xu    **Email**    **Address:**

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### **Comments:**

My name is Charles Xu, I'm a resident of Pasadena council district 7 and a graduate student at Caltech. I've also been one of millions of participants in the ongoing national uprising for Black lives and against police brutality and white supremacy. In that capacity, my comrades I have been arrested and held for hours in LA for peacefully defying the unconstitutional curfew there; attacked without provocation with tear gas, rubber bullets, and sonic weapons by Beverly Hills police; and almost run over by white-supremacist terrorists right here in Pasadena. All this has given me just a small taste of the ongoing reign of racist police terror that our Black communities suffer every day.

As such I find it grossly offensive and a slap in the face to this city's working-class communities of color -- especially its Black residents -- that Pasadena city council would consider increasing the Police Department budget by almost \$2 million during an unprecedented economic crisis and devastating austerity for needed services. The moment we are in demands nothing less than the complete defunding, disarming, and disbanding of this gang of unhinged white-supremacist thugs. City council: move with the tide of history or prepare to be swept away.

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

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**Martinez, Ruben**

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**Subject:**

FW: Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 14

## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 14**

**Name:** Adriana Bautista    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

The fact that City Council is passing the 2021 budget at a last minute Special Meeting is very inappropriate. Shame on City Hall for attempting to pass such a huge item at a Special Meeting. It should've been at a regular meeting and with more of a window for comments. I see this as a lack of transparency and as a way for the City to not be opening conversations that pay attention to what is happening in our City, County, and the world in this historic and profound time and space where the world is uniting to the cry of Black Lives Matter. Speak to this matter, as we are watching the live stream. Why are you strategically closing the window by use of a Special Meeting and cancelling all Regular Meetings in this City? We see you and we will vote you out if we need to. This is a shameful continuation of this City's systemically racist past. Either you're with us or you're against us and your lack of transparency in such a simple act of PUBLIC HEARINGS is a stain on this City's reputation. Defund the police - reimagine public safety. Stop increasing the police budget.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

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

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### **Comments:**

I am calling on the city to adopt a budget that reflects the interest of the people. Specifically to NOT allocate anymore funding to PPD for this 2020-2021 fiscal year. For the last 2 week community members have been in the street calling on changes to Public Safety and holding PPD to account. It would be an insult to increase their funding while on May 10th PPD murdered Lloyd Nelson Jr. Moreover it would be a slap in the face of the 84 people who have died from COVID19 in the city to increase PPD spending while this same budget allocates ZERO from the general fund to Public Health and in fact this budget will DECREASE their budget.

This budget does not reflect the needs of our community which is hurting from poverty, public health disparities especially in elder care, school closures, and housing displacement.

Therefore I am calling on the city to adopt a budget that cuts \$22 million from 2020-21 PPD budget so that it goes back to their 2016 General Fund contribution level. This was the same year that a half dozen PPD officers murdered JR Thomas through tazing, hogtying, and compressing his body until he stopped breathing.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

**Name:** Peishi Cheng      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101

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### Comments:

My name is Peishi Cheng. I'm a resident in district 7. I've lived in Pasadena for almost 5 years. I am writing to say I am strongly against the FY2021 city budget and that I am demanding you vote against it.

It's shameless, yet in the end unsurprising, that city council members attended a massive rally outside of city hall supporting Black Lives Matter weeks ago, with Councilmember Kennedy calling for reparations for Black and Indigenous people, and yet are planning to vote on a budget that increases the funding of an institution that brutalizes those same people.

There may have been comments from other Pasadena residents who worry about crime, but the call for defunding police is a call for re-imagining community safety by dealing directly with the root causes of crime. Those root causes are the long history of racism and inequality which leave people without opportunity to flourish. Having police punish people who have already been punished by an unjust society makes me sick, and I wonder why any councilmember would vote to continue that.

I am calling for defunding the police and funding universal needs like education, healthcare, and pandemic recovery.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Brian Biery    **Email:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Mayor/City Council - Please consider and discuss the recommendations listed in the June 11 letter to the Finance Committee from the Partnership for Children, Youth and Families on investments in youth in our community. The majority of these items are low cost or already in the City's budget and will have a significant impact on our families' quality of life. By supporting these recommendations the City Council will demonstrate its commitment to prioritizing the needs of children, youth and families in our city. Of particular significance is the hiring of an Early Childhood Development Coordinator (funded) and the dedication of new funding to support the Summer Rose Program. With the damaging effects of COVID-19 these actions will help to mitigate both a.) coordination of ECE services to meet the needs of essential worker families, and b.) provide youth with employment opportunities during an extremely difficult economic period. In closing, it is essential that the City assign a staff member to work with the Partnership on the implementation of these recommendations as well as to provide future continued engagement with the City on these important issues. Thank you for your consideration!

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## Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12

**Name:** Cristal Oliveros      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** , Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

Good evening to everyone. I was born and raised in Pasadena, CA. During my high school career, I was introduced to the Summer Rose Program. Although I was not a participant, several of my close peers were. Yet, I was able to capture how the Summer Rose Program helped youth in various ways. To some, it became a networking experience. It also helped bring financial relief to students and their families. For some individuals it became an emotional escape away from their households. Simultaneously and most importantly, the Summer Rose Program helped them grow as individuals. While reflecting back, I recognize how much my peers grew each summer due to their participation in the Summer Rose Program. In addition, I observed how the Summer Rose Program helped some of them uncover and strengthened their leadership traits. It would be extremely heartwarming for the Summer Rose Program to be expanded and increase the opportunity for more of our youth to develop their leadership skills. Lastly, working with youth has made me realize how programs like the Summer Rose and many others are vital and essential because they serve as a foundation to help our youth blossom.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Edward J Washatka      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, California 91104

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### **Comments:**

My comments are directed toward the Police Department's submitted budget.

In light of recent events, I feel it is incumbent upon the City Council to reconsider the submitted 2020-2021 Police Department Budget and seek further input from the community.

Residents of various racial, cultural, and economic diversity are demanding a rethinking of how the Pasadena police operate and are held accountable.

There are overwhelming needs for programs that serve individuals and families impacted by poverty and underemployment, public health disparities, affordable housing, eviction notices, and underfunded public education, to name just a few of the gaps between the haves and have nots in Pasadena.

It's time to re-define the role and function of policing and police oversight in the City of Pasadena. What services and functions belong to police agencies and what services and functions are better provided by social and health service professionals?

The community should decide the role and function of police while re-defining the responsibility of elected officials, city staff, and the community in the oversight of policing.

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Once that is determined, the community along with elected officials and the city staff can decide how those operations and oversight can necessarily and sustainably be funded.

Thank you

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

**Name:** Danae Tapia    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

I am calling on the city to adopt a budget that reflects the interest of the people by rejecting PPD's request for \$1.7 Million from the general fund and to instead defund PPD and invest in social support programs that our communities deserve. For the last 2 week community members have been in the street calling on changes to Public Safety and holding PPD to account. It would be an insult to invest more in PPD and show that Mayor Tornek, Vice Mayor Hampton, and Council Members Gordo & Kennedy who spoke at the car march were lying to the people.

The council then needs to redistribute these savings to health and social services that include COVID19 testing, person led contact tracing, rent forgiveness, homeless support, education, the Office of the Young Child, and other needs to bring about public safety and public health during a global pandemic. Sixteen U.S. cities have committed to defunding police departments. Follow the example of Minneapolis councilmember Lisa Bender who said "Our commitment is to end our city's toxic relationship with the Minneapolis Police Department, to end policing as we know it, and to recreate systems of public safety that actually keep us safe."

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**Iraheta, Alba**

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**To:**  
**Subject:**

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RE: Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 & 14

## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12 & 14**

**Name:** Jazmine De La Torre    **Email**    **Address:**

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### **Comments:**

My name is Jazmine De La Torre, I am a resident of Pasadena. I attended Roosevelt, Wilson Middle, Marshall and PCC. I am grateful and feel privileged to work here.

For item #12, I am speaking in support of increasing funding for the Summer Rose Program and the hiring of a Director for the Office of the Young Child.

For item #14, I am in support of the adoption of a Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Today, I am simply going to say that as I was reflecting on what to write regarding these items, I started to feel sadness and frustration. A lot of it has to do with what we are seeing in our country but also locally. I'm sad that the residents of this community **STILL** have to make these asks. We have been here before to talk about the importance of Youth investment. We have been here before to talk about the need for police accountability. I don't know what else we should say, It feels like facts do not have significance, like our experiences don't have weight... It is frustrating. I implore you to consider what you are leaving behind for future generations. Be on the right side of history.

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

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 12**

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### **Comments:**

The community sees what you are doing. You are increasing funding for the Pasadena Police department, in the midst of a national outcry to defund and abolish Police. You are making the choice to double-down on the brutalization of Black people in our city. You choose NOT to build up our communities of color with uplifting programs like schools, parks, housing, and social workers. Instead, you are choosing to use Police to control our communities of color and to murder our Black neighbors. We reject this shameful white supremacy and we reject the gentrification of Pasadena. Now, more than ever, there are inspiring examples of communities who are dismantling Police, and replacing them with programs that actually make our communities safe. Stop pouring our money into Police. We want homes, food, healthcare, mental health care, educational spaces and public spaces. Now and forever, Black Lives Matter.

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

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