

Martinez, Ruben

From: City Web
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Public Comment; City_Council
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on June 15, 2020 about Agenda Item 14

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Name: William
Paparian

Email:

Address:

Comments:

At the March 5, 2018, City Council meeting Mr. Kennedy said: "I recommend the following steps are taken: . . . (t)hat the City Manager make recommendations to the Public Safety Committee and or City Council on how to increase civilian oversight of the Police Department using the model adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. On November 1, 2016, the County issued a press release. The first paragraph reads as follows: "A new Civilian Oversight Commission, aimed at boosting transparency and increasing trust between communities and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was established today by the Board of Supervisors." The Executive Director of that Commission is attorney Brian Williams, a former assistant city manager and current resident of our wonderful city. Charter Reform is necessary, and we may have an opportunity to place a measure on the ballot in June to enact changes that would allow for similar oversight that exist today with Pasadena's newly enlightened sister agency, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department."

My question for you Mr. Kennedy is: why, after more than 2 years, didn't you as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, ever follow up on that suggestion?

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:25 AM
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Name: Katelin **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Eden Dukes

Comments:

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
CHRISTY ZAMANI			

Comments:

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Like always-The Pasadena Community has been a shining light in showing up, speaking up, and providing solutions for change. It is imperative that we listen and hear the recommendations being made and that we take the necessary steps to ensure the safety and well-being of our Black community.

As someone who works hand in hand with local youth, families, and the various nonprofits, I clearly hear the need and demand for the formation of a Citizens Oversight Committee. I find this to be a small step in the right direction, and a best practice for any conscious, inclusive community that believes in equity and justice.

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Chair, for Partnership for Children Youth and Families

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

Comments:

Civilian Oversight should have REAL POWER. WE have police in our City who have murdered people with no repercussions. Let that sink in. Do you feel the pain of families here?
This Oversight Committee must not be purely symbolic. The Committee needs to have actionable power that sends cases to court for prosecution and conviction.

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Name: Roger Roldan (President of the Pasadena
Police Officers Association)

Email: **Phone:** **Address:.,** Pasadena,
CA 91124

Comments:

As most are aware, the PPOA recently released a statement denouncing the manner in which Mr. Floyd was killed. The statement further highlighted many of the changes implemented over the past two years by Chief John Perez in collaboration with the PPOA and made possible by the support of City Manager Steve Mermell.

The changes included creating the Chief's Advisory Board (comprised of various community advocates), releasing critical incident BWC video, creating a Use of Force Unit to critically analyze all categorical uses of force, partnering with a tech company to develop a web based application to improve decision making during critical incidents with an emphasis on de-escalation, as well as others.

In light of all our efforts and our constant pursuit of excellence, it was disheartening to listen to those that would cast us in the same light as those officers involved in the custody and death of Mr. Floyd. We are better than that and we must not allow the fear of not being "politically correct" to deter us from speaking to that point based on all our ongoing efforts and innovations, especially those of the last two years.

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Name: Sam De Sylva (Vice President of the
Pasadena Police Officers Association)

Email: **Phone**

Address:., Pasadena,
CA 91124

Comments:

(Part 2 of Roger Roldan's comment)

Tragically, there have been instances in Pasadena where lethal force had to be used. Many would try to draw a correlation to Mr. Floyd's death in an effort to push forth their own agenda, not steeped in facts, but driven by emotions, politics, and other motives. Despite all the unrest and negative comments, Public Safety Committee Chair John Kennedy characterized his contacts with the PPD as 99.99% positive. Councilmember Steve Madison spoke out against those comments that paint us with that same broad brush and also reminded all to be "thoughtful" before rushing off to do something. His pragmatic approach asks "What are the policy objectives?"

Despite the condemnation officers are receiving worldwide, the men and women of the Pasadena Police Department are not those persons. We are CA POST Certified and have some of the best training and support of anywhere – period.

We will always respond to calls for help from the community – especially to save lives, protect property etc. Preservation of life shall continue to be a guiding principle in the decision making process of each officer.

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Thank you and God bless.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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To:
Subject:

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

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

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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Item 12 & 14**

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Name: Jill
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CA 91104, Pasadena, CA
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Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

We commend protesters who risk their lives to proclaim, "Justice is more important than life itself." But those who engage in looting and arson are rightly held accountable. Health workers who risk their lives deserve honor, but those who harm their patients are held accountable by malpractice laws.

Mr. Floyd has been referred to as a sacrificial lamb, whose death represents that of many unarmed Blacks shot by police. As a result, the whole world is rising up, crying for accountability as well as justice. Good police deserve our respect, but those who engage in abusive violence need to be held accountable. For this reason, I advocate for:

1. compassionate use-of-force policies viewing everyone as a brother or sister, deserving of life.
2. a system of accountability that equally protects the police and public.
3. a system that recruits police who are quick to listen, willing to put their life on the line, and weeds out all others.
4. a system free from all contributions from the Police or Fire Unions in elections.
5. a commission for truth and reconciliation as part of civilian oversight, to bring heart change, not only policy change