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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

**Name:** Emanuel Najera      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena,  
CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

After the election cycle please have the committee in place after the new city council and Mayor are sworn in. Also please work fast to fill Victor Gordo's seat as soon as possible so each council district have their commissioner in place.

Also please advertise the police oversight commission openings as much as possible.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

**Name:** Topher Mathers    **Email:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

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### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek, Mayor Elect Gordo and City Council

I urge you to move forward with the process of establishing a Police Oversight Commission. The Commission needs to be appointed publicly, not behind closed doors and not at the discretion of individual city council members. We are creating a framework that will out last your time in office and it must be structurally sound and small "D" democratic.

To be eligible candidates who apply to the commission should meet minimum requirements of on going crossroads-training and trauma-training

The structure of the Commission should require that it be racially and economically diverse. A significant stipend should be included to expand the pool of applicants beyond white collar professionals.

Commission meetings should be aired publicly and recorded for accessibility, comments via zoom should be permitted.

The application process should begin immediately and should be established before the new mayor takes office.

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Sincerely,

Topher Mathers (district 5 resident)

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

**Name:** Kelly V.    **Email:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

The Police Union and Officers continue to remain unchecked and are not held accountable for their actions in our community. I request an expedited timeline in the adoption of protocols and that you make public applications available immediately. Application review must be transparent and include members of the community at-large. Police oversight commission candidates cannot be appointed by or affiliated with the Pasadena Police Union or the PPD.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item Public Comment**

<b>Name:</b> Patrice Marshall McKenzie	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>  Pasadena, CA 91107
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### **Comments:**

As a resident of Council district 4, I am writing to urge the Council to release and publicly display applications for the Civilian Oversight Committee of the Pasadena Police Department today. This community has fought extensively to introduce and ratify the establishment of the Oversight Committee. We have worked extremely hard for several years to accelerate this process and do not want to lose time in selecting and seating this committee. The current council members who were courageous enough to vote for Oversight should have the opportunity to select the members of the Civilian Oversight Committee.

It is imperative for all potential appointees to agree to ongoing training in trauma informed care, anti-bias, diversity and sensitivity training as a condition of accepting the invitation to serve on this crucial oversight body.

Any additional delays in recruiting and selecting Oversight Committee will signal a lack of respect for the will of our community voice. I am calling on the entire City Council to be fair, transparent and release this application now to appoint and seat the members of this Police Oversight Committee by November 30, 2020.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9

**Name:** Ana Derby      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena,  
CA 91107

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### Comments:

I am extremely disconcerted by the inclusion of former and current police officers on the future Civilian Oversight Commission. By definition, this commission is meant to be a way for the civilian population to have oversight of the actions of PPD, and I strongly believe that police officers, retired or otherwise, should NOT be eligible to serve on the commission. In section 2.60.040, practicing attorneys are made ineligible, and by the same logic, the conflict of interest which attorneys may have is much greater for police officers. Furthermore, the structure of this commission seems to be composed of 8 members, with a 5-vote majority necessary for the commission to take action on issues of excessive force and the like. On page 1 of the July 8th Agenda Report, it states that the Chief of Police will have the authority to appoint up to 5 PPD officers! How does this make sense!? With 5 police officers serving as oversight to their peers, and 5 votes needed for consensus, the Police Oversight Commission will only serve to further embolden a lack of accountability for police officer's actions. This is an insult to the citizens of Pasadena who demand PPD accountability through oversight.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

**Name:** Carolynn ghiloni    **Address:** Sierra madre, CA 91024

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### **Comments:**

The Police Oversight Commission needs to be appointed with complete transparency. The public deserves to know who appointed whom and the background of the person appointed AND relationship To the person who appointed them. This is essential. There also must be diversity in race, education, age, and economics. There should be Implicit bias , racial diversity, and history of the police and different culture trainings for the commission. They should also cover what is in our contract with the police and why. No one associated with the police union should be allowed.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

**Name:** Ben Vargas    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

Pasadena City Council voted to have a police oversight commission on August 24, 2020. Since that vote was taken, the process has stalled. Pasadena leadership is about to change based on the voice of Pasadena voters. Due to the upcoming shift in city leadership, it is essential that the Commission be in place by November 30, 2020. In order to meet this expedited timeline, it is crucial that the applications for the police oversight commission be distributed immediately.

Transparency is imperative for the police oversight commission. The applications for the commission must be made public. On-going Crossroads Training, as well as on-going Trauma Training must be a requirement for police oversight commission candidates.

Kindly act now to meet the suggested deadline to have the police oversight commission in place by November 30, 2020.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address: :</b>
Jennifer L Collins			ST, PASADENA, CA 91104

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### Comments:

My name is Jennifer Collins, and I am a Pasadena resident and Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I would like to thank the Pasadena City Council for your decision to appoint a Community Police Oversight Commission and Independent Auditor back in August. I join with my Pasadena neighbors in calling on you to prioritize a transparent and community-informed selection process to create this Commission without further delay. Commission appointees must have an understanding of the impacts of trauma, racism, and community violence; they must be aware of the effects of historical and ongoing policing and police violence on the people of Pasadena and specifically on our Black neighbors; they should receive anti-bias training and should not be current or former law enforcement. The Commission should reflect the diversity of our city with respect to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, life experience, and socio-economic status.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Collins, LCSW

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

**Name:** Florence Annang    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

On August 24th, council said yes to a Police Oversight Commission and Independent Auditor since that historic night we have waited over 2 months and kept hearing how much information you needed. we as the community truly hope that today after the staff reports you all will finally move in consensus to the applications going out and a transparent process occurring especially all applications being made public. In the training that will be alongside the police we demand the commission be trained in how diverse our community is and how we have not understood the deep rooted systematic problems and how all who sit in the commission can have new lenses and understanding to work together and advocate for ALL the community mandatory racial equity training and trauma training on going is at the core of a successful commission that people are not there to posture but learn and advocate for the community in all police injustice matters. Justice is a journey and as our elected officials the appointments should be announced by Nov 30th and commission begin to meet early 2021. POP Board Member and NAACP Executive Member. There is a lot of healing to be done let's start today✦✦

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## Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Allen Edson			3, Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

Greetings, Honorable Mayor Tornek, Vice Mayor Hampton and Members of the City Council. I am, Allen Edson, President of the Pasadena Branch of the NAACP. I am providing comment on Agenda Item #9.

The NAACP along with NDOLON and our Community Partners have worked hard for the establishment of a Civilian Police Oversight Committee, beginning in June of this year.

The August 15, 2020, Police shooting of Anthony McClain highlights the need for the elected leadership of the City of Pasadena to select the members of the Oversight committee to provide answers to the community reeling from McClain's death.

The NAACP demands the following:

- To release the application now to appoint and seat the members of the Police Oversight Committee by November 30, 2020.
- All appointees selected to serve on this committee to agree to ongoing training in trauma informed care.
- All appointees selected to serve on this committee receive anti-bias and sensitivity training.

Thank you.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

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

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### **Comments:**

I am writing to demand the council immediately implement a selection process for police oversight commission the centers democracy and community members most impacted by policing. The current ordinance bars practicing attorneys but says nothing about former or current law enforcement, their spouses, or other law enforcement affiliates. Section E also states that selected members will first participate in a ride-along with PPD but there are zero mandates for meetings with families or individuals who been victims of PPD brutality or murder. In its current form the commission is shaped to be an extension of PPD's influence over this council and city decisions.

I am instead calling on this city to look at the model legislation from Chicago entitled the Civilian Police Accountability Council which has been endorsed by over 50 labor, faith, and community based organizations. Members are selected by the community through a local plebiscite and must have at least 2 years of experience with human rights and social justice work. The PPD takes up the majority of our city's discretionary funds and we as the community must have the ability hold them accountable.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

**Name:** Gina Dance    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

My name is Gina and I live in District 3. I join in with my neighbors in calling on you to prioritize a transparent and community-informed selection process to create the Commission without further delay.

I support the need for ongoing training for commission members. The Commission needs to be appointed with complete transparency. The application for commission must be made public and distributed immediately. On-going crossroads training and Trauma Training must be a requirement for police oversight commission candidates.

The commission should represent the diversity of our city i.e. race, gender, sexual orientation, age, life experiences, and socio-economic status. Current and former law enforcement members cannot serve on the commission due to their inherent bias and conflict of interest. This process should be done openly and not behind closed doors. This is an opportunity for City Council to our community members who have a commitment to police oversight and protecting residents of all kind.

Transparency is needed now!

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9 and closed section B**

**Name:** Neftali      **Email:**      **Address:**  
Del Rio      -----      PASADENA, CA 91104-4305

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### **Comments:**

Hello, my name is Neftali Del Rio and I am a resident of Council district 5

I am writing to urge the Council to release and publicly display applications for the Civilian Oversight Committee of the Pasadena Police Department today.

We have worked really hard to move this process forward and do not want to lose the current momentum in selecting and seating this crucial Oversight committee.

We want all appointees who will be selected to serve on this committee to agree to ongoing training in trauma informed care and anti-bias, diversity and sensitivity training.

Any additional delays in recruiting and selecting Oversight Committee will unacceptably silence the voice of our community.

I am calling on the entire City Council to release the application now to appoint and seat the members of this Police Oversight Committee by November 30, 2020. Thank you.

In regards to Section B of closed session, I believe a city manager should be elected by the people, in order to keep democracy alive.

Thank you for your time

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<b>Name:</b> Jill Suzanne Shook	<b>Email:</b> Jill@makinghousinghappen.com	<b>Phone:</b> 626-675- 1316	<b>Address:</b> 1628 N. Garfield Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104, Pasadena, CA 91104
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### Comments:

After walking to the memorial for Anthony McClain almost daily, I am aware of the continued grieving and pain in the community. To bring closure we need to be sure that oversight is as independent as possible. To accomplish that, those selected for the oversight should not be appointed by the City Council until a group of recommended candidates is presented to the Council for final approval. This must be a very transparent process without influence from the City Council, otherwise distrust will continue to grow. Additionally, commissioners must be representative of our racially diverse community and that represents a wide variety of backgrounds and experience, including those with prior complaints about law enforcement. Current and former law enforcement members should not serve on the Commission due to bias and conflict of interest. Thank you. Jill Shook

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Juliana	-		, Pasadena, California
Serrano			91101

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### **Comments:**

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, the time has come to finally make a decision regarding the formation of Pasadena's first Community Police Oversight Commission. Make no mistake - the need for the commission to begin its work is not only important - it is urgent. The community has already waited far too long for this work to begin, I hope that through today's staff presentation and your discussion you can finally establish the criteria for commission appointments. The commission must include seats for those who are most impacted by police violence, Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color, young persons, and women. We do not need or want appointments to include those with law enforcement backgrounds. The public application process for appointments should begin ASAP, so that your selections be declared well before the end of the year, and so that the commission can get started in early January 2021. It is also critical that all commission appointments undergo extensive training in racial equity, and trauma informed care so that they have a comprehensive lens when examining the policies and practices of the PPD. The time is now. Please do not wait any longer to move this action forward.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 9

**Name:** From Florence Annang,  
Kim Douglas, Kris Ockershauser,  
John Jackson and Ed Washatka of  
Pasadenans Organizing for  
Progress and the Coalition for  
Increased Oversight of Pasadena  
Police

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California 91104

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### Comments:

The Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight (CICOPP) and Pasadenans Organizing for Progress (POP) affirms our previous demands that the selection of Community Police Oversight Commission members must be a transparent process that involves individuals most impacted by police violence.

To ensure active engagement by those most impacted, CICOPP and POP propose the creation of a panel composed of representatives from community-based organizations who will interview and nominate the applicants for three community appointed commission members.

CICOPP and POP also propose that each and every candidate nominated to fill the commission positions go through a City Council confirmation process that is entirely transparent including a public meeting.

To ensure the Commission is diverse, the Council and City staff should actively recruit and encourage applications from persons who represent or have demonstrated knowledge of the following communities:

Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color, immigrant, refugee, LGBTQ, youth, faith, business, limited-English speakers, persons experiencing homelessness, or experiencing mental illness or substance use disorders as well as representatives from other communities reflecting the overall demographics of Pasadena residents.

In addition to training prescribed in the ordinance, we recommend the following include Crossroads Anti Racism training and Trauma informed training.

Thank you.

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