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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25

**Name:** Donna Sider      **Email:**      **Address:** Pasadena,  
CA 91106

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### Comments:

I stand with Breathe Justice 365 in demanding that:

NO current and former police officers or their representatives can participate! Put a period on it.

NO Police Union Funding of council members' campaigns = Blatant conflict of Interest

The Police Oversight Commission should be chosen by community organizations who have demonstrated commitment to police oversight.

Pasadena Communities with the most negative perceptions of policing should have 50% representation on the Commission (African Americans, Northwest & Central Pasadena residents per 2016 report).

The selection process for Commission members must be Transparent, and conducted in full view of the public.

Diverse Composition . 30—40% of the Members shall have lived experience with homelessness, mental health, substance abuse and/or arrest or conviction records. The Board's composition shall be diverse and include .At least two members who are: African American, Latinx or a member of the LGBTQ community.

At least one member who is affiliated with an organization in the field of: Mental Health, Youth

Advocacy.

At least one member with an arrest/conviction record.

In constituting the Board as required above, the Mayor and Council shall ensure that members represent a diversity of age, socioeconomic status, gender, geographic residence, and work experience.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item #25**

**Name:** Jennifer Lee    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

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### **Comments:**

Thank you for your work in creating the Police Oversight Commission! It is imperative that members of the Oversight Commission are nominated by AND represent civic organizations with a vested interest in our city. If we truly want a Commission that builds trust and goodwill between our marginalized communities and police force, we must start with a credible group of nominees. These individuals should have a proven commitment to the well-being of all residents of Pasadena, in addition to believing that we have a transparent and accountable police department. In order to have a non-biased perspective, they should not be current or former law enforcement. If you do so, you risk breached trust with those in our city who desperately want a better relationship with our police department, but need to see it in action and deed, not just in name. Starting this commission off with a commission that does not fully represent all constituents of our city or with a biased perspective will further hinder progress and mutual understanding. Thank you.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item Agenda Item #25**

**Name:** Paul      **Email:**      **Address:**      , Pasadena, CA  
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### **Comments:**

For the trust and security of all of our Pasadena residents, please make sure the process of the police oversight committee is transparent and members are chosen with involvement of community organizations, ones that reflect and understand the issues our communities of color face with police violence. For impartiality, its very important that police officers, former officers or people with direct connections to the department should not be considered as committee members. Pasadena needs to have a fair and equitable oversight of our police which is not compromised by political donations from police unions or even the optics of a conflict of interest by having police connected presence on such a board that is in charge of such a sensitive life and death issue. LA County has prohibited officer participation in oversight committees, lets do the right thing and have authentic checks and balances on our policing here in Pasadena, Thank you! - paul livingstone

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about Agenda Item 25. DIRECT THE  
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COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT  
COMMISSION**

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

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**Comments:**

Councilmembers, walk in the community's shoes for a moment.

You believe you're a victim of police misconduct. You fear complaining directly to the police. You learn of a new, Community-based Police Oversight Commission that investigates cases like yours. Then you realize the Commission includes police officers. You decline to submit your complaint, the issue is never addressed, and PPD continues policies that deepen the police-community divide.

Can you see how installing police officers on the Commission to Oversee the police presents a conflict of interest and sabotages community trust?

Police influence permeates the Oversight Commission via police training, and substantial police union contributions to councilmembers appointing Commissioners. Moreover, the Chief-of-Police has ultimate authority with no obligation to enact Commission recommendations.

To function independently, enhance police-community relations, and build community trust, the Police Oversight Commission must:

- Restrict current and former police officers and their representatives from membership.
- Equitably apply the same restrictions the ordinance places upon attorneys to police officers.
- Prioritize Commission appointment to African Americans, Northwest and Central Pasadena residents— communities most in need of improved police-community relations, per 2016's study.
- Choose Commissioners who demonstrate commitment to police oversight, and strong understanding of the importance of upholding civil rights and civil liberties in policing.

Please Read Our Detailed, Submitted Letters.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25**

**Name:** Sonja K Berndt    **Email:**    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

I am a long-time Pasadena resident and a retired state prosecutor. Thank you for requesting the City Attorney to draft a resolution establishing the process for appointment of members of the Community Police Oversight Commission. Several residents in our City have put forward excellent suggestions for Commissioner qualifications. Above all, the Commission must be made up of persons who believe, and affirm publicly, that oversight of the Pasadena Police Department is necessary. This must be a litmus test. If someone is appointed who believes no oversight is necessary, that person has an ACTUAL bias against the very oversight he or she is supposed to be conducting. Current and former police officers and their family members must be excluded from appointment due to their inherent bias and the fact that public trust in the Commission's work will be impossible with such appointments. Finally, the process for selecting all members of the Commission must be public and fully transparent. This includes members to be nominated by Councilmembers. Councilmembers cannot be permitted to simply appoint campaign donors or friends who lack the knowledge and experience needed to deliberate on, and determine, the critical policing issues that will come before the Commission.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25**

**Name:** Kenichi Yoshida      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

To Council members of Pasadena City, as a Japanese immigrant, husband, father, faith leader, higher Ed administrator and resident of Pasadena, first, I am appalled that the council has yet to arrive at what the resident of Pasadena is urging for with respect to the independent police oversight commission. Second, our demand still remains that: 1) the commission prohibit City employees and current/former police officers from serving on the commission as it immediately creates conflict of interest; 2) communities most negatively impacted by policing in Pasadena, viz., African Americans and Northwest & Central Pasadena residents are adequately represented; and 3) the selection process for Commission members must be transparent, and conducted in full view of the public. I urge the council to address these issues today. Thank you.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25

<b>Name:</b> Pastor Kerwin Manning	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b> Pasadena, CA 91104
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### Comments:

To Our Esteemed Councilmembers: as a pastor, and one responsible for giving an account for others, I understand the importance of your next steps. We've been praying for Civilian Police Oversight for quite a while. Furthermore our citizens have asked for the right to be represented in the process of accountability with the PPD. Our Chief has publicly said that he'd concede to the people's desire, even replacing himself. We may not need a new Chief, but we definitely need an added tier of oversight in a time when people of color are disproportionately being killed at the hands, guns, and knees of police officers. Our own PPD has not been exempt from these inexcusable practices. Now you must ensure that this new process is not tainted. You **MUST NOT ALLOW** police, past, present, or future to serve on this commission. Doing so would be like the Church allowing priests to monitor and discipline their fellow priests who violate both parishioners and law. This widens the chasm between police and community caused by historical mistrust and verifiable mistreatment of residents of color. Let reasonable, community-minded citizens serve. This **SINGLE** change could save lives and establish **ONE PASADENA**, our ultimate goal.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
James Farr	1		, Pasadena, California 91107

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### Comments:

Thank you for collectively moving the needle forward on Police Oversight. Today, as you discuss the formation of the Commission and who will serve on it, I implore you to consider appointing a professional with experience in the disability and mental health services.

Prior to the pandemic, it was estimated that 1 in 5 people were diagnosed with a mental health condition. Since COVID, experts now say that percentage has jumped to 60% of the population suffering from mental health diagnoses.

September 30th was the 4th year since the homicide of Mr. Reginald Thomas Jr. After reading the released "compelled officer" statement from a responding PPD, the public was provided a rare lens into the officer's thinking, behavior and use of force. Not once, did he acknowledge that Mr. Thomas was in crisis and in need of help.

Since the world is reimagining and looking at new normals. It's time Pasadena Police do the same when rolling out on calls for service involving this population. I encourage Chief Perez to consider implementing the San Antonio PD model when responding to calls for service.

The old adage "to a hammer, everything looks like a nail" style of policing needs to seriously be retooled.

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<b>Name:</b> Florence Annang, Kimberley Douglas, Kristen Ockershauser and Ed Washatka representing CICOPP and POP	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>  Pasadena, Ca. 91104, Pasadena, 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 involving 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 candidate nominated to fill the community positions as well as each candidate nominated by the Mayor and City Council members should go through a City Council confirmation process that is entirely transparent and includes a public meeting.

To ensure the Community Police Oversight Commission, as a whole is diverse, the Mayor, Council Members, 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.

Thank you.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25**

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

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### **Comments:**

I am a resident of Northwest Pasadena, where racial profiling and police violence most often occur. I feel that the Police Oversight Commission should not include current and former police officers. Isn't the idea of police overseeing themselves a serious conflict of interest, particularly since Police Unions fund the political campaigns of City Council members? If we want to Police Oversight Commission to be truly independent and credible, it should be chosen by community organizations who have demonstrated commitment to police oversight. Pasadena communities with the most negative perceptions of policing should have the greatest representation on the Commission (African Americans, Northwest & Central Pasadena residents). Finally, selection process for Commission members must be transparent, and conducted in full view of the public. Having an unbiased Police Commission will go a long way toward building trust in police in my community, Northwest Pasadena.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25**

**Name:** Andrea Jennings    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

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### **Comments:**

Thank you for recognizing the great need for the Community Police Oversight Committee.

I believe that it is essential that a representative familiar with the disparities that impact the disability community serves on the Community Police Oversight Commission. I would encourage considering appointing a person who is an experienced professional working in the disability services field.

People with disabilities, including people with invisible or hidden disabilities, in general, are affected disproportionately and are more vulnerable during specific incidents.

As a person who values community engagement, it is heartbreaking, to say the least, that some underrepresented and marginalized citizens in Pasadena do not feel valued, and they feel their voices are not being heard as they contribute significantly to the City in many ways.

The Community Police Oversight Committee is a step in the right direction. This Committee can facilitate the collaboration needed to foster successful solutions and bridge the communication gap.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 25**

**Name:** Jill Suzanne  
Shook

**Email:**    **Phone:**

**Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104, Pasadena, CA  
91104

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### **Comments:**

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

The Police Oversight Commission should Restrict current and former police officers and their representatives from membership.

o Police overseeing themselves = Serious Conflict of Interest.

o Police Union Funding of council members' campaigns = Conflict of Interest and Questionable Selection Objectivity.

o Strong police presence is already built into the oversight model because the Police Chief is not obligated to follow any Commission recommendations.

• The Police Oversight Commission should be chosen by community organizations who have demonstrated commitment to police oversight.

• Pasadena Communities with the most negative perceptions of policing should have the greatest representation on the Commission (African Americans, Northwest & Central Pasadena residents).

• The selection process for Commission members must be Transparent, and conducted in full view of the public. Thank you! Jill Shook

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