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**From:** Jennifer Hall Lee <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Recommending Dr. Mikala Rahn for Police Oversight

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Dear City Council members,

I am writing to recommend Dr. Mikala Rahn to the police oversight commission. Dr. Rahn is eminently qualified for this role because of her work with community members as the founder of Learning Works and Community Works - which is deeply significant work, particularly in the area of community policing.

Learning Works is a big part of our community and her work as the founder of Learning Works will be beneficial to the commission.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Hall Lee  
PUSD School Board Trustee, District 2

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Eta Lambda Omega Chapter  
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April 19, 2021

Pasadena City Council  
100 North Garfield Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the members of the Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® I hereby submit this letter of recommendation for Ms. Patrice Marshall McKenzie to serve on the Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) as a community-based organization (CBO) representative. Ms. McKenzie has been an active member of the Pasadena chapter for 19 years and has served in a number of elected and appointed positions including Vice-President and Publicity Chairman and has served on cornerstone committees such as Budget and Finance, Bylaws, Nominating and Civic Engagement. She is also the immediate past President. Ms. McKenzie's deep community roots, extensive community and organizational relationships combined with her professional expertise in public affairs, policy development, consensus building and strategic thinking contributed to her success as a chapter leader.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the oldest Greek-letter service organization established by African-American college-educated women. It was founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University in Washington, DC, with the mission of "serving all mankind." These young women were bold and visionary leaders who had the foresight to build an institution that has the foundational purposes of advancing social, political and economic change. The organization boasts many noteworthy members such as Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Mac Jemison, Toni Morrison, and Phylicia Rashad. Alpha Kappa Alpha is especially proud to have eight members serving in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress as well as our very own Vice President, Kamala D. Harris.

The Eta Lambda Omega chapter has served the Pasadena/Altadena communities since 1960 working to carry out AKA's programmatic vision through the pillars of scholarship, health, economic development, the arts, and civic engagement. We have invested more than \$500,000 into local college bound students since our inception. We will continue to support the development of future leaders and raising the quality of life for our most vulnerable neighbors and community members.

Ms. McKenzie will add value to this commission through her lived experience, professional expertise, as well as her ability to establish and convene strategic collaborations. We believe she will represent Alpha Kappa Alpha and the people of Pasadena most impacted by violence. She has our highest recommendation to serve on Pasadena's Community Police Oversight Commission representing the Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact [akapasadenaz@gmail.com](mailto:akapasadenaz@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Ashley Vickers  
President

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**Fact Sheet**  
**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated**



**Quick Facts**

<i>Founded</i>	<i>January 15, 1908 at Howard University, Washington, DC</i>
<i>Incorporated</i>	<i>January 29, 1913</i>
<i>Mission</i>	<i>"Service to all mankind"</i>
<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Ivy Leaf</i>
<i>Colors</i>	<i>Salmon Pink and Apple Green</i>
<i>Motto</i>	<i>"By Culture and By Merit"</i>
<i>Official Magazine</i>	<i>Ivy Leaf® magazine, first published in 1921</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i><a href="http://www.aka1908.com">http://www.aka1908.com</a> <a href="http://www.aka-elo.org">http://www.aka-elo.org</a></i>
<i>Social Media</i>	<i>Facebook: @akaelo1960   Twitter: @AKA_ELO1960   Instagram: @aka_elo1960</i>

**Brief History of Alpha Kappa Alpha**

Founded in 1908, **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated** is America's first and oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. Headquartered in Chicago, IL, it is one of the world's leading service organizations. Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life and to be of service to all mankind. The Sorority serves all mankind through a nucleus of more than 300,000 women in 1026 in graduate and undergraduate chapters in 55 nations and in all 50 states.

**Brief History of the Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha**

The Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha (named Eta Lambda Omega) was chartered on March 6, 1960 by 32 women and celebrated 60 years of service in the City of Roses in 2020. Since its chartering, the Pasadena Chapter has worked to make a difference in our community and help it to be better because of AKA's involvement. Each year, the chapter donates over \$30,000 in scholarships to college bound students in the San Gabriel Valley with total giving exceeding a half million dollars. The Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has also been home to a number of members who have served locally on boards and commissions in Pasadena and Altadena, led numerous Pasadena community-based organizations, as well as held international leadership positions within the Sorority.

**Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Program Highlights**

The chapter's current membership boasts 125 women who are working to make an impact in the greater Pasadena area by implementing and supporting programmatic and civic activities that include:

- Annual Scholarship Workshop to prepare 250+ students to successfully apply for and win competitive scholarship dollars for college. (now in its 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year)
- Annual Career STEAMposium (500 participants in the first virtual event held March 2021)
- Hosted 10 Consecutive Annual Health Summit events to provide free screenings at Jackie

Robinson Center for 10 years.

- Host Annual Food & Clothing Drives to benefit Union Station Homeless Services
- Support Caregivers & Essential Healthcare employees at Huntington Hospital in 2020
- Women's Hygiene & Diaper Drives
- Convening and Leading Partner Organizations via the NAACP Ad Hoc Committee, Pasadena Good Trouble Alliance to host a 7-part financial literacy workshop series
- Donate 300+ Backpacks Filled w/School Supplies to students at the Annual Holden Block Party & Resource Fair
- Donate 150+ Pairs of Shoes for Underserved Youth via Shoes that Fit Annually
- Host Voter Registration, Voter Educational Workshops, and Voter Outreach activities

The Pasadena Chapter has also been integral in leading the organizing efforts of the Annual AKA Legislative Day at the State Capitol since 1999. Sorority members statewide attend and participate by providing testimony during hearings on bills of interest to the organizations' members and by engaging the legislative staff regarding pending legislation. Alpha Kappa Alpha's interest in the State of California's legislative agenda, its budget and electoral process is buoyed by its desire to have a positive impact on policies affecting the well-being of women, children and communities in which its members reside, and as it pertains to the Sorority's international program initiatives.

### **Alpha Kappa Alpha's 2018-2022 Program Targets**

Alpha Kappa Alpha's current programmatic theme is *Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service*. Led by our International President, Dr. Glenda Glover, the Sorority will have an opportunity to address community needs with programs in five target areas. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is dedicated to implementing programs of service that enhance the social, economic, and educational well-being of the local, national and international communities. Programs remain the heart of AKA. The size and scope of services provided to our communities have grown and significantly improve the quality of life for all who reside within our service areas.



The International Program includes five program targets that are designed to advance the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha with excellence and underscore our commitment to sustainable service. The five program targets for 2018-2022 are:

- Target 1: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action**
- Target 2: Women's Healthcare and Wellness**
- Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy**
- Target 4: The Arts!**
- Target 5: Global Impact**

The Signature Program is #CAP<sup>SM</sup> which is the abbreviation for College Admissions Process. It is designed to assist students in their efforts to enter college by providing a hands-on approach that includes all the steps from researching various colleges to actually completing the application process. In addition to the program targets, the Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service administration is pleased to continue Community Impact Days. Chapters will engage in simultaneous activities that will benefit the community and continue our commitment to lifelong service. A significant feature of this programmatic thrust is the launch of AKA University<sup>SM</sup>! This exciting new platform will serve as the umbrella under which education, training, and leadership development will emerge so that members can enhance their personal development and provide more impactful service to the community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha will continue its focus on education with an emphasis on historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

- Chapters will promote and market historically black colleges and universities and encourage students to attend HBCUs as a sustainability measure. Activities will include researching and publishing information regarding prominent Alpha Kappa Alpha women and other notable individuals who attended HBCUs.
- Recognizing that HBCU funding is one of the primary obstacles that threaten the long-term growth and survival of HBCUs, members will be encouraged to financially support HBCUs. Alpha Kappa Alpha will implement an AKA HBCU Endowment Initiative in partnership with EAF, in which an endowed scholarship will be established at each accredited four-year HBCU. The goal is to stamp the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand of financial support on each HBCU campus to help students remain in school, complete their course of study, and receive their college degrees.

Alpha Kappa Alpha will assist students as they seek admission to college by providing guidance and support in completing the application and enrollment process through the 2018-2022 Signature Program, #CAP<sup>SM</sup>.

Too many African-American high school students lack the basic support needed to navigate through the college admissions process. Through #CAP<sup>SM</sup>, chapters will partner with local high schools and youth groups to bridge the gap between high school and college by demystifying the college application and enrollment process. This educational initiative will extend to all colleges and universities, both HBCUs and non-HBCUs.

#CAP<sup>SM</sup> is a step-by-step approach to facilitate college admission from researching various institutions and submitting applications through completion of the enrollment process. Chapters will assist students in completing college applications, preparing for the ACT and SAT, writing compelling personal statements, identifying scholarships and other financial aid, and compiling a portfolio to track college admission results. Through #CAP<sup>SM</sup>, Alpha Kappa Alpha will improve the trajectory of the lives of talented young people by increasing their potential for success and laying the foundation for positive, productive, and fulfilling lives.

Alpha Kappa Alpha will continue to raise community awareness of critical health issues impacting African-American women. The primary focuses will be breast cancer awareness and prevention, heart health, nutrition and wellness, and care for the caregivers.

- **Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention** will focus specifically on early detection through mammograms to improve the survival rate of women diagnosed with breast cancer. Alpha Kappa Alpha will own a digital AKA Mobile Breast Cancer Screening Unit that will travel to various locations and provide mammogram screening. Chapters will partner with local clinics, rural health centers, and hospitals to emphasize the need for African-American women to receive regular mammograms.
- **Heart Health** remains a focus as the sorority enhances its commitment to healthy hearts through fitness activities and walking. Chapters will be encouraged to form walking clubs and to invite the community to join the walking initiatives.
- **Nutrition and Wellness** will emphasize healthy lifestyles including prenatal, childhood, adult, and senior nutrition programs. The focus will be on structured nutrition initiatives, and chapters will partner with local nutritionists and dieticians to design healthy eating plans and safe diets for longer, healthier living.
- **Care for the Caregivers** places emphasis on taking care of those who take care of others. Chapters will emphasize the need for caregivers to practice preventive healthcare as well as self-care behavior to eliminate the vulnerabilities and risks associated with the stress of caregiving.

Alpha Kappa Alpha will emphasize financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investments, managing debt, and improving credit.

- **Personal Financial Planning and Asset Accumulation.** Financial Freedom Legacy Workshops will be conducted in partnership with local certified financial planners who will share information on saving, investing, and retirement planning. Chapters will train community residents on ways to perform financial assessments to achieve their financial goals.
- **Credit Repair and Monitoring.** This initiative will focus on ways to repair credit and improve credit scores including how to check for inaccurate or outdated information in credit reports, and how to protect against both identity theft and unauthorized credit history use.
- **Entrepreneurship and the Black Dollar 365.** This initiative will highlight and promote successful African-American owned businesses with an aim toward spawning new entrepreneurial ventures in our communities by encouraging intentional support and leveraging the power of the black dollar 365 days a year.
- **Operation AKA Assist.** This initiative will focus on implementing programs to assist those in need in various communities by directing attention to the plight of the homeless, including homeless children, and homeless veterans. Chapters will partner with or adopt a shelter, a transitional home or an organization that provides assistance to these needy populations.

Alpha Kappa Alpha will expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through the exploration of writers, entertainers and various other artists.

- **Salute to the Harlem Renaissance** will celebrate the contributions of African-American artists during the Harlem Renaissance through student research and chapter sponsorship of student talent showcases. This initiative will correlate with HBCUs and African-American culture and will include colleges with art collections.
- **Salute to the Black Arts Movement** will focus on student research and celebration of African-American artists during the Black Arts Movement. Chapters will champion activities that express the movement message and highlight members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority who served as leaders and participants. Activities will include art events, poetry slams, dancing, painting, and performing arts.

Alpha Kappa Alpha will engage in programming designed to enhance the international footprint of the sorority.

- **National Global Impact Day.** Chapters will engage in a community service project that has an international impact and will partner with organizations that make a difference worldwide.
- **Global Assistance Activities.** Chapters will engage in global partnerships that provide assistance to the underserved in international areas populated with people of color. These partnerships include: **Soles 4 Souls.** Chapters will collect gently-worn shoes and transport the shoes to specified locations. Soles4Souls mission is to create sustainable jobs and provide relief through the distribution of shoes around the world.

**Lions Club International.** Chapters will participate in an eyeglass initiative designed to prevent blindness, help restore eyesight, and improve eye health and eye care for millions of people around the world by donating used eyeglasses in partnership with local Lions Clubs.

**Pillowcase Project.** Chapters will continue to use pillowcases to make dresses for little girls and will expand the sorority's efforts to include shirts for little boys. The pillowcase dresses and shirts will be sent to Haiti to provide clothing for children in need.

- **Refugees in America Assistance Program (RAAP).** Chapters will focus on refugees of color in the United States by partnering with organizations engaged in support activities that assist refugees and their families to integrate into American life. This includes literacy classes, educational training, and other necessary transitional support.

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**From:** NWPC Greater Pasadena Area <  
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*Public comment pursuant to Agenda Item 8, APPOINTMENT OF THREE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION NOMINEES TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION*

Thank you, members of Council and Mayor Gordo, for undertaking this important process in such a transparent and thoughtful way. I'd like to add my voice to the many others you've heard in advocating for the appointment of Patrice Marshall McKenzie as a community-based representative for the Community Police Oversight Commission.

There can be no doubt about Patrice's many qualifications and her commitment to public service, and know, of course, what an important organization Alpha Kappa Alpha is for our city. The leadership, the voices, and the experience of Black women in Pasadena is vital, and we cannot hope to build a more just, equitable, and fair society without their representation and voices. I urge you to appoint Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Commission.

Thank you for your hard work and for your consideration.

Every good wish,

Katie Clark  
Chair, National Women's Political Caucus-Greater Pasadena Area

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**Dr. Katie Clark**  
Chair, NWPC-GPA  
National Women's Political Caucus Greater Pasadena Area

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

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Our mission is to recruit, train, and elect progressive women to local elected and appointed office in Pasadena, Altadena, Glendale, Sierra Madre, and La Cañada.

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**From:** Wendy Roskin  
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**Subject:** Today's meeting: Patrice McKenzie support for POC

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council: My name is Wendy Roskin. I have worked in Pasadena for 20 years. I am writing to support the nomination of Patrice Marshall McKenzie for a seat on the Community Police Oversight Commission.

Patrice was nominated by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Pasadena chapter for one of the CBO (community based organization) seats. We believe strongly that the CBO seats on the Commission should be held by those who have actively worked in the community and have earned the trust and respect of the community, especially on issues of justice and equality.

I believe Patrice's work with the NAACP, The Good Trouble Alliance, Pasadena City College, Pasadena Unified School District, Junior League of Pasadena, Union Station Homeless Services, National Women's Political Caucus- Greater Pasadena Area, and a host of other community and faith-based organizations make her best suited to represent the community on the Commission.

She is the voice the community needs at this time. I urge you to select Patrice for this important role."

Thank You!

Wendy Roskin

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Please excuse any typos or incoherent sentences. I've tried my best 😊

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**From:**  
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Esteemed members of the Pasadena City Council,

The national and local crisis with police shootings (as well as gun violence in general) demands 21<sup>st</sup> century, innovative thinking and triggers an opportunity to create a reality in which all portions of our community justifiably believe that “protect and serve” applies to them. We can meet this critical moment by developing a transparent structure that gives the community as well as our police department assurance that accountability, fairness, and equity guide policing. With those lofty goals in mind, the success of the Police Oversight Commission most critically depends on its members and their abilities to work well together, understand the nuanced tradeoffs implicit in policing, process complex information, and apply experience and education to devise solutions and policies. Guided by that criteria, I strongly urge the City Council to appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Police Oversight Commission. Her extensive experience and history of advocacy are well suited to guide our city through this crucial challenge. I believe that her selection will send an important substantive and symbolic message about the city of Pasadena’s commitment to long overdue police reform.

Danny Parker  
District 3

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**From:** Tara Newman <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 10:54 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Support for Dr. Alexis Abernethy, Candidate for Police Oversight Committee

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Dear Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Dr. Alexis Abernethy, Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Fuller Seminary, to the City of Pasadena Police Oversight Committee. I have known Dr. Abernethy for over 10 years as a member of the Pasadena-Altadena Links, Inc. She is very knowledgeable, fair and well reasoned. She is also an excellent communicator and collaborator, committed to community service, and has specific experience addressing barriers to inclusion and equity, including historical and current barriers such as racism, sexism, and ethnocentrism, that have contributed to the marginalization of underrepresented populations. Dr. Abernethy's skills will be beneficial to the Police Oversight Committee and I hope she has the opportunity to serve the City of Pasadena as a member of the Committee.

Thank you.

Tara L. Newman, Esq.

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**From:** Kimberly Kenne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:01 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** 'Kimberly Kenne'  
**Subject:** Support for Dr. Mikala Rahn to be recommended to the City Council for the Community Police Oversight Commission

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Pasadena Public Safety Committee Members/City Council,

I would like to support the selection of Dr. Mikala Rahn of Learning Works as a community representative for the Community Police Oversight Commission. She has extensive knowledge and experience in the community of Pasadena and around issues related to policing. Her skills as a researcher and former school Board member will be very useful as this Commission is formed and in her service on the Commission. Dr. Rahn's work has been focused on people living in poverty who are disproportionately affected by policing. For the past 15 years, Learning Works has worked with people of color— youth, young adults and family members - impacted by policing and incarceration. Improving community policing aligns directly with the organization's mission.

As someone who has known Dr. Rahn for many years and served on the Pasadena Unified School Board alongside her, I believe she would be an important asset to the Commission. In addition to her intellectual capabilities and years of experience, she also brings humility, passion, grace and love. During her service on the school board she was both forthright in calling out areas needing improvement and forgiving in recognizing we are all human.

I can't think of a better candidate for the Community Police Oversight Commission than Dr. Mikala Rahn.

Kim Kenne  
Pasadena Unified School Board Member

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# Arbor House

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Kerri Abernathy, LMFT #90409

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April 19, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kerri Abernathy and I'm writing in support of Dr. Mikala Rahn who is being considered to be appointed to the Commission. Not only is Dr. Rahn my sister, but I worked for her nonprofit community-based organization, Learning Works, for over eight years. I saw first-hand how committed Dr. Rahn is to the well-being of her community, staff and organization.

Dr. Rahn has wide-ranging knowledge and experience in the community of Pasadena and issues related to policing. Her skills as a researcher and former school Board member will be very useful to forming this Commission. Dr. Rahn's work has been focused on people living in poverty who are disproportionately affected by policing. For the past 15 years, Learning Works has worked with people of color— youth, young adults and family members impacted by policing and incarceration. Improving community policing aligns directly with the organization's mission.

As a practicing mental health therapist in the San Gabriel Valley and greater regions, I can vouch for my clients' experience in their community and with policing. This is a crucial issue and I whole heartedly believe that Dr. Rahn will be a wonderful asset if appointed to the Commission.

Thank you for your time and if anyone has any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*K Abernathy*

Kerri Abernathy

Sierra Madre, California 91024

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**From:** Melva Watts <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:40 AM  
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**Subject:** Support for Patrice Marshall McKenzie

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To members of the Public Safety Committee

Dear Committee Members;

I'm writing to reiterate my support of Patrice Marshall McKenzie for the Community Police Oversight Commission for the City of Pasadena. She represents the Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Eta Lambda Omega chapter. She is the immediate past president of the chapter which has served our community for over 60 years. I'm also a member of the chapter and have witnessed her leadership first hand.

In the role as chapter president, she helped to establish the Pasadena AKA chapter as a go-to community partner for organizations and elected leaders. AKA has been advocating for legislation pertaining to increasing accountability and transparency of law at the state level. As community members on the ground, AKA sees the effects of community trauma on families of color impacted by gun violence. As mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and nieces, we are charged with the care and protection of these families, including the male members. Two hundred and sixty-nine people have been victims of gun violence in 2021 alone. We support the families through mentoring, scholarships, supportive health care, assistance with homelessness, exposure to the arts, and many other activities.

If you want someone who is knowledgeable, dedicated, and hard working, you must select Patrice Marshall McKinzie to be a member of your committee.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Melva F Watts  
Retired PUSD Teacher  
Former Human Resources Director - Bank of America

*Melva Watts*

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**From:** Phyllis Beech < >  
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As a long time Pasadena resident and former City Employee I support Alexis Abernathy for the Police Advisory Committee. Ms. Abernathy is THE most prepared person for this appointment. Ms. Abernathy who is a resident of Pasadena is a Licensed Psychologist and teaches Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary where she serves as Assistant Provost. I have known Ms. Abernathy for over 20 years and have been privy to her work as a volunteer in the City of Pasadena.

"If you want a job done for the community in a professional manner we know we can always call on Ms. Abernathy for her expertise knowing that she will produce an Excellent and Ethical product." I have no doubt that she will be a valuable asset if given the opportunity to be appointed to this newly formed Police Advisory Committee in the City of Pasadena.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support.

Dr. Phyllis Beech

Pasadena, CA 91107

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**From:** NaShawn Bacon <  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:51 AM  
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The following is in support of Patrice Marshall-McKenzie, current candidate for consideration to serve on the Community Police Oversight Commission for the City of Pasadena.

As a member of the Pasadena chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Patrice is committed to serving the Pasadena community. She will serve as an influential leader on your commission with a powerful voice of supporters backing her.

Thank you for your consideration.

NaShawn Bacon  
President, The Pasadena/Altadena Ivy Foundation  
Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc.

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**From:** Petrea Burchard <  
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Dear Mr. Mayor and members of the city council,

Thank you for creating a Police Oversight Commission. I think this is one of the most important things Pasadena can do, and I hope the Commission will be strong and fair.

I'd like to put in a good word for Patrice Marshall-McKenzie to be a member of the commission. I have met her and heard her discuss public affairs and local issues. She gathers all the information and assesses it carefully and intelligently, and really does know "how to bring people together, facilitate honest conversations, how to build consensus, and how to translate those ideas into action." I have seen her do it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Petrea Burchard Sandel  
District 3  
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Petrea Burchard's website

A member of SAG-AFTRA and the Audio Publishers Association

*"Burchard's soft, silken voice immediately draws readers in..."*

*Winner of the Journey Prize, first place for narrative non-fiction*





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**From:** Shaun Rowan Popoff <[REDACTED]>  
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Dear Honorable City Council members:

As a member of the Links, Inc. Pasadena-Altadena Chapter, I am writing to reaffirm my support of Dr. Alexis Abernethy for a position on the Community Police Oversight Commission. I know with certainty that Dr. Abernethy exceeds the qualifications needed for this position because I have personal knowledge of Dr Abernethy's ability to truly lead and bring about effective outcomes; this includes guiding, challenging and INSPIRING the individuals in an organization to think beyond just themselves. I believe that Dr. Abernethy can provide the leadership needed in order to bring forth the positive and effective outcomes which will benefit the commission and the Pasadena community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shaun Rowan-Popoff  
Pasadena resident

Executive Board Member of the Links Incorporated, Pasadena-Altadena Chapter

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**From:** Andrea Jennings <[andrea.jennings@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:andrea.jennings@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Patrice Marshall McKenzie

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Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I am writing this letter to recommend Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Pasadena City Council for the third CBO seat representing the community via Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for the Community Police Oversight Commission.

I am familiar with Patrice's community work over the years by seeing her at various Pasadena community events and noticed that she is consistent with her work through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority community events. She is passionate about the causes that she represents, and she rolls up her sleeves and gets involved in community outreach through her participation in these events.

Patrice is the type of leader I would want to represent me for the Community Police Oversight Committee. She encompasses the perfect balance of professionalism, experience, and compassion that would benefit the goals of this Committee.

I also feel that Patrice would make an excellent representative for District 4 for the CBO seat. I would strongly recommend Councilmember Gene Masuda consider selecting Patrice Marshall McKenzie for that position.

Thank you and all the best,

Andrea Jennings  
Vice-Chair, Accessibility and Disability Commission - City of Pasadena

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**Subject:** FW: Community Police Oversight Committee Candidates

**From:** Bonnie James · [.....](#) ·  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:12 PM  
**To:** Flores, Valerie <[vflores@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:vflores@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Subject:** Community Police Oversight Committee Candidates

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Hello Valerie, Mayor, and Council Members,

I wanted to write to thank you for electing Juliana Serrano and Florence Annang to seats on the Community Police Oversight Commission. I trust these women to do the hard work of beginning to build trust between the community and the police department and to bring attention to the areas that need work to make that happen.

I wanted to write in my support of Alexis Abernathy and Patrice Marshall McKenzie. Both of these women are excellent candidates, who I believe will do their best to serve the community and build trust between the community and the police department.

I would ask that you not elect Mikala Rahn because in her interview last Wednesday, because she talked in a way that leads me to believe she is more interested in how this commission would serve her resume than the community. She did not talk about how she would work with other members of the committee, or how she would help build trust with the community, she only talked about how she alone would set up the committee. I am sure Mikala is a lovely person who works hard, but I do not trust that she would have the best interest of the community or the police department in mind.

Thank you for your time,  
Bonnie James  
District 5 resident

Marilynne Kennedy Wilander

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Pasadena City Council and Mayor Victor Gordo  
100 N Garfield Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101  
correspondence@cityofpasadena.net

Monday, April 19, 2021

Re: Dr. Mikala Rahn as a member of the Police Advisory Commission

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I have been a property owner in Pasadena at 550 La Mesa Place since 1971. I grew up in Altadena/Pasadena, and have lived in the East Arroyo area beginning in 1951. Although I moved to Arcadia in 2014 when I remarried, I remain active in the concerns of Pasadena through my association with the League of Women Voters and Pasadena First United Methodist Church..

I encourage you to appoint Dr. Mikala Rahn to the Police Advisory Commission. She has a long history of being an advocate for those who often have no voice. She consistently looks for solutions and works both through the private sector and government resources in order to solve problems. At Learning Works, Public Works, Art Works, etc, Mikala's work to create opportunities through creative solutions to problems that, despite sincere efforts, the establishment has been unable to solve. The positive environment that fosters learning for those who have given up hope is a testament to her ability to work with those of all races, circumstances, and viewpoints who often have no advocates.

Although Dr. Rahn is white, consideration for who should be selected for the Police Advisory Commission should NOT be based primarily on the color of one's skin. This principle of equal justice under the law is one of the key foundations for the work of the Commission, and of the work that Dr. Mikala Rahn has consistently been doing for decades. She would be an excellent choice to be a member of the Police Advisory Commission so that working together the commission can provide the oversight for the Pasadena Police Department, which is the purpose of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Marilynne Kennedy Wilander

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**From:** Anthony Manousos <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:23 PM  
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**Subject:** In support of Patrice Marshall McKenzie

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As a ten-year resident of Northwest Pasadena, a member of the NAACP, a Quaker, and an advocate for housing and racial justice, I support Patrice Marshall McKenzie for a seat in the Police Oversight Commission. While the other candidates have excellent backgrounds and would serve well, I feel that Mrs. McKenzie brings a unique perspective because of her involvement with the NAACP, the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education as well as working in state and local government for the past fifteen years. She was also chair of the Los Angeles African American Women's Public Policy Institute. This commitment to public service and high ethical standards in government is what we need on the board of the Pasadena Police Commission.

Sincerely,

Anthony Manousos

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

I am writing to support the nomination of Patrice Marshall McKenzie for a seat on the Community Police Oversight Commission. Patrice was nominated by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Pasadena chapter for one of the CBO (community based organization) seats.

We believe strongly that the CBO seats on the Commission should be held by those who have actively worked in the community and have earned the trust and respect of the community, especially on issues of justice and equality. I believe Patrice's work with the NAACP, The Good Trouble Alliance, Pasadena City College, Pasadena Unified School District, Junior League of Pasadena, Union Station Homeless Services, National Women's Political Caucus- Greater Pasadena Area, and a host of other community and faith-based organizations make her best suited to represent the community on the Commission.

My relationship with Patrice has grown over the last 15 years as our paths crossed as legislative staffers in the California Assembly. Moreover, Patrice has demonstrated her leadership and collaboration skills in her capacity as Co-Chairman of the Organizational Development and Charter Committee for the Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP). She is responsible for facilitating the approval and renewal of charters to Democratic clubs, provides technical assistance to Clubs when there are questions about bylaw interpretations, facilitates the resolution of disputes within clubs, and leads training and workshops for Club leadership. She demonstrates tact, diplomacy, discretion and objectivity when working with our chartered clubs and organizations. Patrice has earned the trust and respect of her LACDP colleagues through her professionalism and positive attitude. I believe she will bring these same attributes to the Community Police Oversight Commission.

Any commission that endeavors to tackle the difficult topic of police reform would benefit from Patrice's expertise in policy development, advocacy, community engagement, established community relationships, political acumen and lived experience as a Black woman. These attributes make her uniquely qualified to listen to the needs of her community members and represent the interest of the people of the Pasadena on the Oversight Commission. **Patrice has my highest recommendation and I encourage you to select her to serve on the important commission.**

Please don't hesitate to contact LACDP Executive Director, Drexel Heard at [drexel.heard@lacdp.org](mailto:drexel.heard@lacdp.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Gonzalez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark J. Gonzalez  
Chair  
Los Angeles County Democratic Party

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**From:** Patrick Cahalan  
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I am writing in support of Dr. Mikala Rahn's application to be appointed to the Commission.

Dr. Rahn's commitment to the community of Pasadena is exemplary. Her research and organizational skills coupled with her experience as a PUSD Board member will bring an important perspective to the Commission. Her familiarity with at-risk youth, and both the charter and traditional public school systems, will be invaluable to this work. Dr. Rahn's work focuses on high poverty sections of our community that are disproportionately affected by policing policy.

Patrick Cahalan  
Board Member  
Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education

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**From:** Barbara Bigby  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:33 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Cc:** Lkennedy@llkassociates.com  
**Subject:** APPOINT Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Police Oversight Commission

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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

Dr. Alexis Abernethy is an **OUTSTANDING** candidate for the Police Oversight Commission representing the community based organization The Pasadena-Altadena Links, Inc.

Her prior experience as a police department psychological consultant, a researcher and author on implicit and explicit bias, a bridge builder among different cultures and viewpoints demonstrates her undeniable expertise and qualifications for this appointment.

As a member of The Pasadena-Altadena Links, I have witnessed Dr. Abernethy's compassion and commitment to serving her community and the greater good.

I urge you to appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Police Oversight Commission.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bigby

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**From:** Thomas Lee <[thomas.lee@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:thomas.lee@cityofpasadena.net)>  
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Greetings members of the Pasadena City Council

This public endorsement and comment was enthusiastically sent on behalf of Patrice Marshall McKenzie. As a native of Pasadena and founder a local, community-based nonprofit, Youth Moving On (zip code 91104), that supports transition age foster youth, I appreciate Mrs. McKenzie's history of service and dedication to children, families, and the larger Pasadena Community. She's a product of our public schools that has made good on paying it forward as Deputy Chief of Staff to Hon. George J. McKenna III, Member of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District and also as an active member in a number of Pasadena based organizations including Pasadena NAACP, Junior League of Pasadena, National Women's Political Caucus Greater Pasadena Area.

I have come to know and admire Patrice's commitment to service by watching her serve as a volunteer support for the foster youth at Youth Moving On (YMO) with the Pasadena chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Since 2010, Patrice and her sorors have been foundational in providing life skills and career support the youth at YMO. She's a natural collaborator, convener, and bridge builder that we need at this time, and in this moment. Serving on the Oversight Commission is no small task. It needs individuals with equal parts of heart and mind. There's no doubt she's committed to ensuring the fabric of Pasadena, interweaving all the threads of our mutual connectedness together for a better more prosperous and harmonious future. Give her case favorable consideration. Patrice is Pasadena's best. We honor ourselves by selecting her to play a larger role in serving our beautiful community.

With warm regards,

**Thomas G. Lee** | Executive Director | Mobile: (310) 447-1111 | [thomas.lee@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:thomas.lee@cityofpasadena.net) | Los Angeles, CA 90057 | FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN--LOS ANGELES | Find us on <https://friendsla.org> and [Twitter!](#)

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