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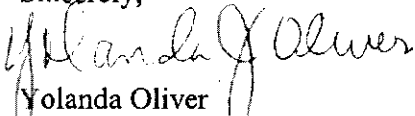
Dear Hon. Mayor Gordo and Councilmember,

I am asking the Councilmembers to please appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Police Oversight Committee. Dr. Abernethy has significant diversity experience, which is an essential characteristic required by committee members. I have found Dr. Abernethy to be fair and objective. As the chaplain of the Pasadena-Altadena Links Incorporated, she has made recommendations to the Executive Board that are unbiased and based on facts.

Dr. Alexis Abernethy, Associate Provost for Faculty Inclusion and Equity and Professor of Psychology, has been named Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Abernethy will retain her professorial responsibilities within the School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy. Our community needs someone who has the capacity to not only serve on the Police Oversight Committee but could engage the community and council effectively on position they took.

Please listen to the community, please decide based on the pulse of the community.

Sincerely,


Yolanda Oliver

Pasadena, CA 91104

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From: Juanita West Tillman < >
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Dear Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers Hampton, Kennedy, Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Williams and Wilson:

I am writing to endorse Patrice Marshall McKenzie for the third seat representing a community organization to serve on the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission. Patrice is committed to Pasadena as evidenced by her actions, advocacy, and work to improve the quality of life for citizens of Pasadena. She was raised in Pasadena and attended PUSD schools. Patrice has been serving the Pasadena community since her PUSD days as a classroom tutor, junior docent at the Gamble House and Pasadena History Museum and was a campus leader at John Muir High School.

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Sincerely

Juanita West Tillman
Westlyn Realtors

Pasadena, CA 91104

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April 19, 2021,

The Honorable Mayor Victor M. Gordo
and City Council Members
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This is Charmayne Mills Ealy, President of the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of the Links Incorporated. I am forwarding a copy of the letter of support of the appointment of Dr. Alexis Abernethy, Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of Fuller Theological Seminary, for a Community Based Organization Seat on the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission(CPOC).

On behalf of the 50 members of the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, we are requesting that you give Dr. Abernethy's candidacy favorable consideration for this important Community-Based Organization appointment for the Commission. Dr. Alexis Abernethy, Associate Provost for Faculty Inclusion and Equity and Professor of Psychology, has been named Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Abernethy has professorial responsibilities within the School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy. Our community needs someone who has the capacity to not only serve on the Police Oversight Committee but could engage the community and council effectively on their respective positions.

I sincerely thank you for your consideration of Dr. Abernethy's knowledge, experience, and deeply held convictions of fairness.

Thank you for your time and your service,

Charmayne Mills Ealy
Chapter President

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Dear Hon. Mayor Gordo and Councilmember,

The Police oversight is an incredibly important committee, and we are asking the Councilmembers to please appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Committee. It is important we have various backgrounds on the committee and individuals with some Diversity Experience. We need someone who is objective, research the facts, have no hidden agenda, and could make decisions based on the facts.

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Sincerely,

Beverly Allen

Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Cheryl Myers <
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:33 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Lena
Subject: In support of Dr. Alexis Abernethy for the Police Oversight Commission

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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I am a member and immediate past president of the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of The Links, Inc. and **I wholeheartedly support Dr. Alexis Abernethy for appointment on the Police Oversight Commission.**

I have known Dr. Abernethy for over 14 years and throughout that time I have admired her ability to inspire and encourage as the chapter's Chaplain. As a leader, she is an excellent facilitator who is impartial and always grounded in fairness. She has the tenacity to stand for what is right and for the greater good for all.

Her experience and expertise demonstrates her outstanding qualifications for this appointment. She has served as a police department psychological consultant and assisted in developing training programs. Dr. Abernethy is familiar with policing from a mental health, excessive use of force and community impact perspective. As Chief of Diversity at Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. Abernethy advocates for diversity, equity and inclusion in recruitment and teaching approaches. Her experience as a psychologist and as a Diversity Officer will provide valuable insights to help the commission evaluate and address areas as it relates to policing, mental health and cultural competence that may require increased attention.

In addition to her professional expertise, Dr. Abernethy is a compassionate collaborator who is upbeat, encouraging and inspiring.

I wholeheartedly support Dr. Alexis Abernethy for appointment to the Police Oversight Commission. I urge you to select Dr. Abernethy for this role.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Myers
Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of The Links, Inc.

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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

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The Police Oversight is an incredibly important committee, and again I am asking the Councilmembers to please appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Committee. It is extremely important that we have various backgrounds on the committee and individuals with some Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) experience. We need someone who is objective, will research the facts, have no hidden agenda, and could make decisions based on the facts.

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Please listen to the pulse of the community, please decide based on the breath and depth of Dr. Abernethy's experience.

Sincerely,



Pamela Finney Cosse

Pasadena, CA 91105

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From: PasNaacp Branch <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:53 PM
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Sincerely,

Allen Edson

President

NAACP Pasadena Branch #1054

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Diane Scott

• Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Diane Scott
To: Pasadena City Council
Re: Comments regarding Candidate for the Community Police Oversight Commission
On behalf of the Pasadena – Altadena Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and Councilmember,

Dr. Alexis Abnerthy is a candidate for the Community Police Oversight Commission and I am asking Council members to appoint her to the Commission based on the skills, expertise and qualification she brings to the table.

Dr. Alexis Abernethy has been an active member of the Pasadena - Altadena Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, a nonprofit, service organization, for 16 years. She is personable with a welcoming and pleasant demeanor. She lives and works in Pasadena and is well-respected by her colleagues, fellow Chapter members and students. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our diverse programs that serve the greater Pasadena Community.

Dr. Abernethy is educated, very well-spoken and demonstrates a strategic, caring, fair and calming presence when involved in decision making and problem-solving. She is known as a 'builder' because her approach seeks to establish trust and positive outcomes through teamwork and respect for those involved.

I think the Commission and Community would greatly benefit from her participation and her past experiences have prepared her for this type of involvement. She has the skills and tools needed to address issues. Dr. Abernethy is transparent, and she deeply cares about the health and safety of the Pasadena Community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this well-qualified Candidate.

Sincerely,
Diane Scott

Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: geraldine kennedy <geraldine.kennedy@pasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:36 PM
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Cc: geraldine kennedy
Subject: Council Meeting: April 19, 2021 Agenda Item #8

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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

I am asking you to appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Community Police Oversight Commission. She is Associate Provost for Faculty Inclusion and Equity and Professor of Psychology and was named Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Fuller Theological Seminary. Pasadena needs someone with her experience and background in racial justice and transparency on this commission.

Dr. Abernethy is a respected member of the Pasadena community with a commitment to collaboration, researching, and engaging across the lines. We need someone who will stand for truth and justice and is unafraid to do what is right for Pasadena.

Again, I respectfully ask you to appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Kennedy

Pasadena, CA 91109

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Subject: Patrice Marshall McKenzie Appointment to the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

My name is Victor Hodgson and I have lived and volunteered in Pasadena for over 25 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 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.

Sincerely,
Victor Hodgson
Co-Founder of My TRIBE Rise



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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

My name is Heavenly Hughes and I have lived and volunteered in Pasadena for over 30 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 seats.

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Peace and Blessings,

Heavenly Hughes

Co-Founder/Director of Operations of My TRIBE Rise

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

My name is Shanna Herman and I have lived and volunteered in Pasadena for over 15 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.

Patrice is a product of Pasadena who has spent years giving back and making a difference within the community through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and through other connections and organizations that serve the community. Examples of her service include leading the successful \$516.3 million Measure O Bond campaign for the Pasadena Unified School District and being a team leader for the Pasadena Homeless Count. These, along with many other accomplishments, make her uniquely qualified for this role on the Community Police Oversight Commission Committee.

Patrice Marshall McKenzie connects and engages with her community and will be a champion for their needs as a member of the Commission.

I highly recommend her for this role and would like to thank you for your consideration.

Shanna Herman

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Dear Hon. Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

I am a 56 year resident of the Pasadena/Altadena area, minus a year of paid vacation in Southeast Asia. As a young man raising a family which consisted of two sons and a daughter, I have experienced and/or witnessed good and inappropriate police behavior. I am a graduate of the Pasadena Police Department's Community Police Academy (CPA) and have worked with PPD on various community affairs.

I've watched this process for years and applaud the Mayor and Councilmembers for moving on this agenda with haste. The Police oversight is an incredibly important committee, and I am asking the Councilmembers to please appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the Committee. It is important we have various backgrounds on the committee. Diversity experience would be a great characteristic and skill and could add value to conflict resolution issues. We need someone who is objective, can research the facts, and make decisions based on the facts.

Dr. Alexis Abernethy, Associate Provost for Faculty Inclusion and Equity and Professor of Psychology, has been named Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Abernethy will retain her professorial responsibilities within the School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy. Our community needs someone who has the capacity to not only serve on the Police Oversight Committee but could engage the community and council effectively on positions they took.

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Sincerely,

Charles H. Pulliam

Pasadena, CA 91104

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From: Chris Morey <cmorey@cityofpasadena.net>
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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Councilmembers,

I am a black man in the community with two children and I am asking you to please consider Dr. Alexis Abernaethy to the Community Police Oversight Commission. She is someone with experience in this field with no hidden agenda. Her professional career and experience is just what we need. Decisions should be made on qualification not on who is most popular or seen, but who is in the trenches do this type of work. Decisions should be made on who could best serve the community, who can bring balance, experience, and best practices to the decision making table. Please study her bio and who she is: Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Professor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology Department. Isn't that what we need on the Commission? You will decide in your vote.

Christopher Morey
Pasadena, 91103

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From: Vinshanisha Cleveland >
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RE: MONDAY, April 19, 2021 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Gordo and Pasadena City Council,


My family is African American, (husband, son, daughter, and myself.) I am selecting Alexis Abernathy for the Police Oversight committee because she cares about Diversity & Inclusion for people of color. She has the strength, experience, balance, tone and understanding, to get the City of Pasadena in the forefront. Ms. Abernathy will bring the best of the best to our police committee.

I ask that you save families of color now, instead of dealing with a time in the future. Ensure that people of color are treated fairly by the Pasadena police department.

Please fill a seat with Dr. Alexis Abernathy, someone who is educated, trained and experienced in Diversity and Inclusion.

Thank you for reading,

Vinshanisha Cleveland


Pasadena 91103

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Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:44 PM
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RE: Council meeting scheduled for: Monday, April 19, 2021

To the Pasadena City Council:

Thank you for voting for the Police Oversight committee. I am a African American, 34 y/o married man with 2 children. It is very important that we get the selections correct. I have taken the time to review the options and in my view, Dr. Alexis Abernathy is the "better" choice. She has what we need, experience in Diversity & Inclusion, which is the root of the problems that people of color deal with on a daily basis. I also want to mention that she is an experienced psychologist (another issue for people of color).

I want to trust the entire process. Select Dr Abernathy, she has no underlining agenda. She will help the City of Pasadena.

As you know, people of color issues are "your" issues!

Thank you,

Jermon Farmer
2375 Vista Laguna Ter
Pasadena 91103

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From: China Spratling
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Thank you for reading,

China Spratling
Pasadena, CA 91103

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Gerry Sudduth <gsudduth@pasadenacalifornia.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:03 PM
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Cc: Gerry Sudduth
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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

The Community Police Oversight Commission needs someone who has a personal understanding of racial bias and the need for objectivity, transparency, and the ability to successfully engage others. I ask you and the Councilmembers to please appoint Dr. Alexis Abernethy to the commission.

Dr. Abernethy has been named Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Fuller Theological Seminary. She has proven that she has the experience, background, education, and fortitude to bring a needed set of skills to this commission. She is a respected member of the community and is actively involved with community organizations that benefit our residents--especially our youth.

Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers, I ask you to please appoint Dr. Abernethy to the Police Oversight Commission.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rosalind Spratling
Pasadena, CA

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San Gabriel Valley Chapter

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CITY OF PASADENA

April 19, 2021

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We look forward to women with diversity experience from community organizations on the Police Oversight Committee. The diversity of women and their experience will speak with the voice of the community and promote such efforts aimed at improving the relationship with law enforcement and safer streets for a better community.

The National Congress of Black Women, Inc., San Gabriel Valley Chapter (NCBW-SGVC), is a 501 (c) (3) Non profit organization comprised of individuals in local and national chapters across the nation and is dedicated to the educational, economic and cultural development of African American Women, their families, and the community, inclusive of all people. The San Gabriel Valley Chapter serves Pasadena and its surrounding areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Member, National Congress of Black Women, Inc.
San Gabriel Valley Chapter

Martinez, Ruben

From: Addison Tippitt <
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:07 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Dr. Mikala Rahn - Pasadena Police Oversight Commission

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of Dr. Mikala Rahn's appointment to the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission. As a researcher and former school board member, Dr. Rahn brings an in-depth understanding of community needs and issues related to policing. She is a community leader in many respects — most notably as the founder and CEO of Learning Works Charter School. For the past 15 years, Learning Works has worked with people of color — youth, young adults and family members impacted by policing and incarceration. Wherever a need arises, Dr. Rahn motivates her team and utilizes her resources to ensure effective, sustainable solutions. Improving community policing aligns directly with Learning Works' mission. Dr. Rahn contributes a wealth of insight, compassion and knowledge to the community. She is an excellent candidate for a seat on the commission.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Addison Tippitt
Development Manager
Public Works

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From: Vicki Johnson
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:59 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 19, 2021; AGENDA ITEM #8

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Please listen to the community, to decide based on the pulse of the community.

Sincerely,

Victoria Johnson

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Martinez, Ruben

From: Chenier Johnson <chenierjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:12 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support of Patrice Mckenzie for Police Oversight Committee

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As I native and current resident of Altadena/Pasadena I support Patrice McKenzie to serve on the Community Police Oversight Committee for the city of Pasadena. Patrice is a product of Pasadena raised here since her childhood and a graduate of PUSD. Patrice has been serving the Pasadena community since her PUSD days as a classroom tutor, Junior docent at the Gamble House and Pasadena History Museum and was a campus leader at John Muir Hlghschool. She currently is an active member of a number of Pasadena based organizations including the Pasadena NAACP, Women in NAACP Pasadena, Junior League of Pasadena, National Women's Political Caucus Greater Pasadena Area & Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

As community members Alpha Kappa Alpha sees the effects of community trauma of families impacted by gun violence. I believe this commission needs a black woman's voice that will humanize the loss of life and damage to families affected by police violence. Patrice is the person we need for this commission because she is deeply rooted in service in Pasadena and represents the voice of the people.

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To: Pasadena City Council

I'm writing in support of Dr. Alexis Abernethy, as a member of the Pasadena Police Oversight Committee. Dr. Abernethy and I are members of Pasadena Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The sorority is a public service organization and has been in Pasadena/Altadena areas for many years.

Dr. Abernathy is an advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion. She is an Associate Provost for Faculty Inclusion and Equity and Professor of Psychology at Fuller Seminary. Her professional expertise and experience will be valuable on the oversight committee.

I have known Dr. Abernethy for over 20 years. She has excellent communication skills, and has demonstrated her ability to work with a wide variety of people in the sorority and community. She is about team building and has the ability to relate to others. As a psychologist I believe she will bring a new dimension of understanding, experience and commitment to transparency and public service and would be of great assistance to our communities and the Committee. As a long time resident of Altadena, I strongly support Dr. Alexis Abernathy as a member of the Pasadena Police Oversight Committee.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn McMullins

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