

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

## Martinez, Ruben

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**From:** [redacted] on behalf of Brian McDonald <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:37 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse; Madison, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Masuda, Gene; Kennedy, John; Hampton, Tyron; Williams, Felicia; Wilson, Andy; Rivas, Jose  
**Subject:** Mikala Rahn, Candidate, Police Oversight Committee

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Dear Members of Pasadena City Council:

In support of Mikala Rahn for the Police Oversight Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with my impressions of Dr. Rahn. I have worked with her since 2013 when she became a member of the Governing Board of Pasadena Unified School District. Since then, our paths have crossed in many ways, including interacting with her charter school, Learning Works, which provides hope for drop-out students in acquiring their high school diploma. Her advocacy for them in the courts and her long-time experience with law enforcement and the justice system sets her apart from most candidates under consideration for the committee. She is hard-working and passionate in her mission to educate and advocate. She is extremely bright and balanced in her view of community-police relations. I recommend her highly.

Thank you for your time.

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**Subject:** FW: Police Citizen Advisory Committee

On Monday, April 19, 2021, 11:44:22 AM PDT, Phyllis Beech <phyl@pasadena.net> wrote:

n> wrote:

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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**Subject:** FW: Community Police Oversight Commission Non-Profit Seats

**From:** Bonnie James <\_\_\_\_\_m>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** Rivas, Jessica <[jerivas@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:jerivas@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Subject:** Community Police Oversight Commission Non-Profit Seats

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Hello Council Member Rivas

I wanted to write in my support for the election of 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 also wanted to write in my support of either Alexis Abernathy or Patrice Marshall McKenzie for the potential third seat available. 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, 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

**Jomsky, Mark**

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**From:** Williams, Felicia  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:00 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Dyson, Darla; Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Re: Message from District 2 Website

Hi Gail,  
Hope you are well. Thanks for your message. I am copying the City Clerk so he can include it in comment for the Council Meeting.

Councilmember Felicia Williams  
City of Pasadena, District 2  
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**From:** City Web <[cityweb@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:cityweb@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:33:21 PM  
**To:** Williams, Felicia  
**Cc:** Dyson, Darla  
**Subject:** Message from District 2 Website

**MESSAGE** I am in support of appointing an open member of the LGBTQ community to the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission. The candidate is Kenneth Rotter, treasurer of the SGV LGBTQ+ Center.  
Too often, our community is treated as the "invisible" minority in matters such as these. Unfortunately, we are seeing hate crimes increase in all minority communities, and within this particular community, we are seeing an increase of murders targeting transgender women, mostly of color. Your support is always welcomed. Thank you.

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**NAME** Gail R Rolf

**EMAIL**