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From: Maureen Crow <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:55 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: In support of a candidate for Police Oversight Commission

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I'm a Pasadena resident writing to voice my support of the **Pasadena Chapter of the NAACP** - and their representative **Florence Annang** - to fill a seat on your Community Police Oversight Commission. I understand the council meets Monday, April 26, 2021 to vote in a slate of candidates.

The City of Pasadena is rich in non-profits, but I believe the NAACP is singularly well-suited for the commission. I suggest the commission and its work would be enriched by having the NAACP participate for the following reasons:

- Pasadena's NAACP chapter was chartered in 1919 and has 100+ years of experience supporting an historically-underserved demographic right here in Pasadena;
- The NAACP is a broad-based community organization whose hundreds of members, with diverse expertise, would affirm Ms. Annang's work and offer counsel as she suggests;
- Ms. Annang is an impressive individual and brings deep roots in the community and an understanding of the area's situation via her NW Pasadena-based THRIVE Learning Lab.

I believe having the NAACP as a commission member would lend badly-needed **credibility to the Commission**. If the city's desire is for the commission to advocate for actual, hard-won change vs being a sounds-nice-but-nothing-happened committee - then I hope you will consider adding the NAACP.

Any U.S. city could be the next Minneapolis and we're joined in the hope it won't be Pasadena. Thank you for creating the commission to mitigate against the unthinkable happening here.

Maureen Crow
Pasadena

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From: Julie
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Police Oversight Commission, 3 Nominees, Support for Florence Annang

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Greetings Mayor Gordo and Pas. City Council,

In regards to the meeting on Monday, April 26, at 4:30pm....

I strongly support Nominee Florence Annang for the Community Police Oversight Commission.

She has been participating diligently in our community for over 5 years. I've observed her and volunteered along side her at dozens and dozens of city council meetings, and numerous community events, building relationships, establishing trust, and always striving to prevent harm, and promote peace and justice. I have volunteered with her helping children. She is well known and active in Pasadena.

We need at least 50% women, especially "People of Color" with crucial lived experience on issues of policing.

Please consider and include the voices of Sisters, Mothers, Aunts, and Grandmothers.

Let's prevent harm, prevent violence, and end racial injustice in our neighborhoods. Protect children.

Appoint and vote YES for FLORENCE ANNANG. I trust her.

Thank you for you attention,
Yours in peace,

Julie McKune
Retired Public School Teacher, PUSD

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From: Pablo D Miralles <[REDACTED]@pusd.net>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:32 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda Item 15

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

My name is Pablo Miralles and I live in Altadena.

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.

I met Patrice as a co-participant on school equity issues and as part of the Yes on O Committee. She has served others for as long as I have known her and I believe she will serve the best interest of our community in this position. Patrice has continuously been involved with a number of issues and causes in our community and has a broad network in Pasadena to draw from in representing the people's voice.

I urge you to appoint Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission. Thank you.

Pablo Miralles
PUSD Parent

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From: Deborah Jones <[REDACTED]@pasadena.net>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 6:47 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda Item 15

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Greeting City Council,

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

I urge you to support Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission.

Thank You

Deborah Toni Jones

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

My name is Steven Lawhorn, I have worked for The City of Pasadena for 30 years before retiring July 4, 2020.

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.

I met Patrice as the result of the solicitation of the members of Kappa Alpha Sorority's Pasadena chapter to assist a non profit organization I co founded with the owners of the Pasadena Sandwich Company at the time called The Pasadena Share-A-Meal Program. This meeting led to other request for help from Patrice who was always willing to serve the community. As long as I have know her Patrice has been willing to served others the fact that I met her revolved around that very purpose proves this point. It is for this reason that I believe she will serve the best interest of the residents and community of Pasadena in this position. Patrice has continuously been involved with a number of issues and causes in the community and has broad network in Pasadena to draw from in representing the peoples voices.

I urge you to appoint Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission. Thank you.

Steven Lawhorn
City of Pasadena Fire Department
Retired

NATALYA ROMO-JONES

Pasadena, CA 91107 | _____

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Hon. Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of City Council
City of Pasadena
100 Garfield Ave,
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Community Police Oversight Commission Nomination

Dear Hon. Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of City Council My name is Natalya Romo-Jones and I live in Council District 4. I have lived, worked, and volunteered in this beautiful city for a number of years. I am writing to support the nomination of Patrice Marshall McKenzie for a seat on the Community Police Oversight Commission.

Patrice Marshall-McKenzie was nominated by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Pasadena chapter for one of the three community-based organization (CBO) seats on this important commission and I believe she is the best candidate for the position. The intent of this commission is to *enhance, develop, and strengthen community-police relations and review and make recommendations regarding the ongoing operations*. To ensure the success of this commission, you will need an individual who is methodical, community-driven, rational, strategic, and has proven leadership abilities. The community needs an individual who is empathetic, resolute, and understands police-community distrust, and most importantly, is a native to this city. This individual is Patrice Marshall-McKenzie. She has worked collaboratively with a host of local and state organizations, businesses, initiatives through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and in her professional capacity and has a proven record of being an active participant in the Pasadena community.

For these reasons, I ask that you appoint Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the CBO seat on the Community Police Oversight Commission

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Natalya Romo-Jones
Resident, City of Pasadena – District 4

CC: Hon. Andy Wilson, Vice Mayor, District 7
Hon. Councilmember Tyron Hampton, District 1
Hon. Councilmember Felicia Williams, District 2
Hon. Councilmember John J. Kennedy, District 3
Hon. Councilmember Gene Masuda, District 4
Hon. Councilmember Jess Rivas, District 5
Hon. Councilmember Steve Madison, District 6

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From: Ardelia M Wright <
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 8:13 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: Patrice Marshall McKenzie for a seat on the Community Police Oversight Commission

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

My name is Ardelia M. Wright and I live in Council District 4. I have lived in Pasadena for 75 years, all of my life.

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.

I met Patrice through her Mother when she was a little girl. She has served others for as long as I have known her and I believe she will serve the best interest of our community in this position. Patrice has continuously been involved with a number of issues and causes in our community and has broad network in Pasadena to draw from in representing the people's voice.

I urge you to appoint Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission. Thank you,

Ardelia M. Wright
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From: Jim Milley <j
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 9:32 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: CHARACTER REFERENCE Police Oversight Commission , Interviews Monday at 4pm, RE FLORENCE ANNANG

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Dear Pasadena City Council

I am writing to recommend Florence Annange from the NAACP for your approval for the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission.

I have personally and professionally known Florence Annang for over 18 years.

While she has served in different roles and different organizations in Pasadena over the past 18 years, she has consistently lived among the people in the community she serves in Pasadena and worked for the betterment of both individuals in the community and the community as a whole.

Florence has decades of lived experience on issues of policing in Pasadena. Her organization NAACP also has years and consistent work in police reform and commitment to the community.

Florence is also skilled in listening to the needs of various constituencies and helping them to see the realities in the community from multiple perspectives, a skill that is essential to discover outcomes that benefit and grow all the groups that have come to the table seeking a better future for all of us.

I am confident that Florence has the skill, maturity, wisdom, and community influence that you are seeking in a role that has the potential, with wisdom, to help our community both heal and grow into a future we can all embrace together.

Sincerely,

James A Milley

Rev. Dr. James A Milley
Executive Director
Bridges
A Nonprofit 501c3

La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011

Resident of Pasadena 1990-1995
Current Resident Glendale, CA

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From: Erica Romero
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:32 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Community Police Oversight Commission --confirm Florence Annang and Julianna Serrano

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

As you know, many people are watching this situation and concerned about community relations as well as community safety. Many people are wondering why the unanimous recommendations of the public safety committee were not received immediately, and instead opened up again.

The community leaders have spoken and trust Florence Annang and Julianna Serrano. **They are women of character, of faith, of hard-earned integrity in listening to the community concerning public safety, and helping build bridges across the many diverse communities of the great city of Pasadena.**

I have known Florence Annang for many years through our Los Angeles and national ministry connections, and I can tell you that she is a woman of *deep values and integrity*. She thinks deeply about issues and *building bridges* toward deeper understanding. Following the tradition of her faith, ***she is the true definition of peacemaker.*** I would say the same of what I know and have heard about Juliana. As we know, peace can only come when the voices of the most deeply impacted communities feel heard, respected and their interests are prioritized. In this case, in Pasadena, the voices of the NAACP and their choice, Florence, as well as the Latino community (and faith community) also affirming Juliana--those are the voices that should be prioritized.

The voices of the most impacted communities have spoken. And they unanimously voted for Florence Annang and Julianna Serrano.

No other substitutions should even be considered.

Community leaders and faith leaders of Pasadena and beyond are watching. And we call upon the City Council to affirm and confirm those who are already selected by the people: Florence and Juliana.

As an active member of the Pasadena faith community, I affirm Florence and Juliana.

Sincerely,
Erica Shepler Romero

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Erica Romero

Spiritual Director

Matthew 25/Mateo 25 So Cal, Board Member

Standing with and Defending the Vulnerable in the name of Jesus

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From: pasadenacivilrights <[redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 12:30 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: public comment - april 26, 2021 meeting agenda item 12

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This public hearing was ordered to be held on April 26, 2021 at 4:30 pm by a unanimous vote of the City Council taken on April 19, 2021. Once established by vote of the Council, a public hearing must take place and can only be cancelled by another vote of the City Council.

City staff or the City Manager (or anyone else) do not have the legal power to cancel City Council hearings established by City Council vote.

Only during the hearing itself, sometimes acting on a request or a recommendation by the City Manager and acting on a motion and a 2nd, can a hearing be cancelled by vote of the City Council.

This agenda item which is legally defective, grossly unlawful and incompetently prepared is part of a longstanding pattern of serious misconduct by city staff relating to cannabis matters which has included flatly refusing to provide cannabis related documents relating to Integral to Councilmember Felicia Williams when she requested them in her role as Chair of the Planning Commission.

Because the City Clerk has produced an illegal and incompetently prepared public notice of a cancellation and stated the matter "will not be discussed" I demand that this Council find his actions to be improper and that this hearing be held forthwith after proper notice is given. At this point, thanks to the incompetence of the City Clerk, not only can't this hearing legally take place, you can't even take action to reschedule it on Monday.

This series of defiant and unlawful acts involving cannabis are not accidents.

City staff are spending hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars and now openly defying Council actions in a corrupt attempt to suppress any discussion of their illegal and incompetent performance as it relates to cannabis matters, particularly regarding the illegal scoring of applications.

The City Clerk should be forced to publicly explain why he believes the City Manager (or anyone for that matter) can preemptively cancel public hearings established by vote of the City Council and if he intends to now allow third parties to overturn and cancel City Council actions.

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From: Larry Campbell
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 2:44 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Patrice Marshall McKenzie
Subject: Appointment of Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission

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Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

My name is Rev. Dr. Larry E. Campbell. I have been serving as the Senior Pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Pasadena for over 6 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.

I met Patrice at a City Council meeting over five years ago. She has served others for as long as I have known her and I believe she will serve the best interest of our community in this position. Patrice has continuously been involved with a number of issues and causes in our community and has broad network in Pasadena to draw from in representing the people voice.

I urge you to appoint Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission. Thank you,

Rev. Dr. Larry E. Campbell, Senior Pastor/Minister
First A.M.E. Church, Pasadena

"Serving others prepares you to lead others" – Jim George

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From: Mattie Williams · >
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 3:39 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Police Oversight Commission

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I am corresponding to support Patrice Marshall McKensie for the position on the Police Oversight Commission.

Mattie Williams

Altadena, Ca. 91001

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From: Nina Lau-Branson < >
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 5:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Community based organization seats for Community Police Oversight Commission

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I am writing to voice my support for **NAACP's representative FLORENCE ANNANG and All Saints Church JULIANA SERRANO** as the community based organization representatives to the Community Police Oversight Commission. They have both been highly active in, listening to and a part of the communities who are significantly impacted by the police. It is imperative the representatives be people of color and part of the communities impacted. Additionally they were both unanimously recommended by the Public Safety Committee whose voice deserves to be taken seriously.

Nina Lau-Branson
Pasadena resident

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From: Lynndi Scott < >
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:41 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pasadena Community Police Oversight Committee

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Dear Members of City Council

It is my understanding that you have decided to 'reconsider' the decisions made last week regarding the selection of those who would serve as the Pasadena Community Policy Oversight Committee. That decision included the selection of candidate, Juliana Serrano, one who is more than qualified to be an active and knowledgeable member of that committee.

I am writing to urge you to retain the selections made last week. I do not know why the Council is deciding to renege on the decisions previously made. All I can hope for is that the selection process is conducted in an ethical and just manner, and that Ms. Serrano, who profession has been to serve the interests of the people in our community is one of the best candidates to serve on the Committee.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

Ms. Lynndi Scott

Pasadena resident for over 20 years.

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From: Elizabeth Tatum < >
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021 11:14 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Juliana Serrano, CBO candidate for the Pasadena Police Oversight 3

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Dear City Council:

As a resident of Pasadena, I am writing once again in support of Ms. Serrano to be selected for a seat on the Oversight Committee. As a member of All Saints Church, I have known her for many years and I know she will be an excellent member of this very important Committee.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Tatum
District 1 resident

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From: Valerie Okorochoa <[redacted]@m>
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 8:40 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: support Juliana Serrano

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I would endorse the nomination of Juliana Serrano to the Police oversight committee - she is dedicated to the rights of others to be heard- Steve Madison your support will be appreciated

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From: Tim Wendler <twendler@pasadenacalifornia.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 8:40 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Recommendation of Patrice Marshall McKenzie for the Police Oversight Commission

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Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council:

My name is Tim Wendler and I have lived in District 5 for over 25 years.

I am writing to support the appointment of Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission.

Last year, Patrice and I worked together on the PUSD Measure O Campaign Committee which passed by a 63% majority and will have a great impact on supporting the successful education of our community's children. Her tireless work on this effort is just one example of her continued efforts to make Pasadena a great place to live and work.

I urge you to appoint Patrice Marshall McKenzie to the Community Police Oversight Commission. Thank you.

-Tim Wendler
Pasadena, CA 91104

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From: Donna Grady <
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 12:27 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pasadena Community Police Oversight Comm.

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Attention:

It is unclear to me why the previous decision made at the meeting last week has been reconsidered. However, as a member of All Saints Church I am emailing you to make the right choice on 4/26/21. **Ms Juliana Serrano** is the RIGHT person for the position. We need someone who is passionate to represent our community in a fair and committed way.

Thank you! Donna Grady

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Police oversight

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Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

I want to add my voice to the many others in support of appointing Juliana Serrano and Adjoa Anyang to the police oversight commission. When I heard their names were being put forward and they had strong support, I felt a great sense of relief knowing that they would represent the citizens of Pasadena fairly and with conviction. I am deeply disappointed and frustrated in the city council for backing down on these two perfectly qualified candidates and urge council members to reconsider their cowardly decision. It is time for voices to be heard which have been too long silenced.

Sincerely,
Susan Tripp-Mosman

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Rhonda Albey

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---, Pasadena CA 91104

April 25, 2021

Dear Mayor Gordo,

As a Pasadena resident of 49 years, I am writing in support of the appointment of Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano to the Community Police Oversight Commission. Both women have been tireless advocates for public safety in all senses of the word. They are closely aligned with the local community, and they appreciate the difficulties of police work as well. They would be ideal liaisons between the police and community, so I encourage you to appoint them to the commission.

Warm regards,
Rhonda Albey

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From: George A. Brumder <george@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:31 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Community Police Oversight Commission / Juliana Serrano + Florence Annang

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Dear Pasadena City Council Members and Mayor,

We have known Juliana since she joined All Saints' staff years ago, and as members of All Saints' Committee to End Gun Violence for the last several years, we have worked closely with her.

We can confirm that all the positive things we know you're now hearing about her from many other Pasadenans are true.

We cannot imagine there could be any stronger applicant to this commission.

We urge you to appoint her. You won't regret it.

We don't know Florence Annang, but we've heard excellent things about her from sources we trust, and we strongly urge you to appoint her too.

Marilyn and George Brumder

Pasadena, CA 91105

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From: Sharyn Lewis < >
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:34 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Community Police Oversight Commission.

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City Council,

I am deeply disappointed with how the recommendations then rejections happened! What back door politics was that?

Particularly disappointed with Tyrone Hampton and Felicia Williams whose actions I have followed.

As an All Saints Church Member/prior Pasadena resident and frequent visitor (who spends money there), I write in support Florence Annang's and Juliana Serrano's appointment to Pasadena's Community Police Oversight Commission. This new commission is a step in the right direction to improve community-police relations and in building trust, transparency and accountability with the Pasadena Police Department. The commission needs leaders who have been spearheading police reform efforts and have a demonstrated record of effectiveness. Ms. Annang and Ms. Serrano meet this criteria and would be VALUABLE assets to the 11 member commission.

REGARDS,
Sharyn Delahousie

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From: Bob Whitson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Supporty in Favor of Juliana Serrano

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Members of The City Council:

As your residents of Pasadena for more than 35 years, we urge you to respect the carefully-considered recommendations of the Public Safety Committee, honor the letter and the spirit of the City Ordinance that created it, and ratify the nomination of Juliana Serrano for a seat on the Community Police Oversight Commission.

Juliana is an energetic and enormously capable person with a long history of leadership in our community. It is impossible to imagine any motive for opposing her appointment, other than a cynical attempt to undermine this long overdue Commission by populating it with champions of the status quo.

As you know all too well, the issue of police misconduct is very much in the public eye, and the citizens of Pasadena will hold the City Council to account if you miss this opportunity to help create a strong Oversight Commission at this watershed moment in the city's history.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Whitson, Jr.
Gwen H. Whitson
[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91103.

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From: Bruce Babcock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 1:55 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Community Police Oversight Commission

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TO: The mayor and city council

As an All Saints Church Member/resident of Pasadena, I write in support of the appointment of Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano to Pasadena's Community Police Oversight Commission. This new commission is a long-overdue step in the right direction to improve community-police relations and in building trust, transparency and accountability with the Pasadena Police Department. The commission needs leaders who have been spearheading police reform efforts and have a demonstrated record of effectiveness. Ms. Annang and Ms. Serrano meet the criteria and would be vitally important assets to the 11-member commission.

I have personally worked with Juliana Serrano as a member of All Saints Church for more than ten years, on issues such as homelessness and gun violence. A more qualified person for this post cannot be found. Ms. Annang is likewise an excellent choice.

One wonders why the Council has a Public Safety Committee if they choose to ignore their unanimous recommendations. Since we have no idea who the other eight PCPO members will be (eight white males?), the last thing Pasadena needs is to reject two women of color, despite being unanimously recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

For obvious reasons, based on the national news of the past week, police accountability has to be a national priority. Pasadena needs to lead the way. Starting now.

Bruce Babcock

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Pasadena, CA 91105-1519

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