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Subject: RE: Support for Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano for CPOC for City Council
4-26-2021

From: John Carrier < >

Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:34 PM

To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Support for Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano for CPOC for City Council 4-26-2021

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To the Honorable Mayor Victor Gordo and esteemed members of the Pasadena City Council:

I am writing to you today as a member of the Social Justice Committee of Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center, as a supporter of our friends, neighbors, sisters, and brothers of the NAACP Pasadena Branch, as a friend of All Saints Church, as duly ordained clergy in our city, and as a citizen of conscience to humbly request your consideration of Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano for appointment in the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

In my years of study, teaching, and service, I have found no verse of our shared tradition that better captures the moral calling of the Jewish people: "You shall not oppress the stranger, and you know the heart of the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 23:9) Our moral obligation to protect the dignity of all our neighbors, friend and stranger alike, is rooted in the empathy born of our historical experience. Not just once, but in many generations, we have known violence, degradation, and injustice in the name of law and order (implemented perversely at the time), and thus we are called in every generation to help the communities in which we reside to avoid even the slightest appearance of injustice.

That is why I strongly urge you to consider the appointment of these two worthy candidates, both of whom were unanimously recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Personally, as a member of the Jewish community of Pasadena, I have been humbled by the outpouring of love, support, and solidarity from both the NAACP and All Saints for our community at a time when Jews have experienced a surge of Antisemitic rhetoric and physical violence nationwide, making it clear to me that their chosen representatives have the safety and peace of all Pasadenans in mind and at heart.

Not only are Ms. Annang and Ms. Serrano worthy on their own merits, knowledgeable about their city and dedicated in their care of its citizens; their acceptance would also send a strong signal to our most vulnerable citizens that the leaders in Pasadena respect the diligence of the Public Safety Committee and truly serve all our citizens. To those who would reject these candidates on the grounds that their passion for their constituencies betrays bias, I would say that this cannot compare to the perception of bias created by their rejection.

I believe that justice and peace in our beloved city requires your careful consideration. I pray that God grant you the wisdom and courage to do what is right. I trust in your dedication to all citizens of Pasadena. And I thank you for your ongoing selfless service to our beloved city.

With blessings of peace,

Rabbi John Carrier

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Subject: RE: Recommending Dr. Mikala Rahn to the police oversight commission

From: Jennifer Hall Lee < >

Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:33 PM

To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: Recommending Dr. Mikala Rahn to the police oversight commission

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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, particularly in the area of community policing. I have seen Dr. Rahn's dedication and believe she will be hugely beneficial on the police oversight commission.

Thank you,

Jennifer Hall Lee

PUSD School Board Trustee, District 2

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From: Bonnie Skolnik <
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:39 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Recommendation for Community police Oversight Commission

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I'm Bonnie Skolnik, a grateful 41 Year Pasadena Resident, in District 4.

I enthusiastically recommend the appointments of •Florence Annang •Julianna Serrano To the Community Police Oversight Commission.

1. I've known and worked with Florence for several years, and never cease to be impressed with her ideas, as well as her ability to listen and to be a decent team player.
2. I remain an ardent admirer of Julianna Serrano, as I've yet to see her lose her focus with any group, on any panel- be it with interactions of interfaith personnel, webinars, interviews or even a candidate forum.

The contributions to our city ALREADY made by Ms Annang and Ms Serrano are stellar. They have already demonstrated their interests and abilities to learn about Democratic Policing. Without question they absolutely deserve to be seated with this commission of learning & conscience. I hope that our Council will make it happen.

Bonnie Skolnik

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From: Jan De Andrade <[redacted]@pasadena.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:39 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Dr. Alexis Abernethy Recommendation to Serve on the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission

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Dear Honorable Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr. Alexis Abernethy to serve on the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission. I have known Dr. Abernethy for more than twelve years. I believe that she is exceptionally, well-qualified for this position based on her education, training, and experience. Dr. Abernethy has faithfully served the Pasadena community as an Associate Provost for Faculty Inclusion and Equity, Professor of Psychology, and has been named Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Fuller Seminary (Fuller). In her various roles at Fuller, Dr. Abernethy has helped to promote diversity, fairness, and excellence on the campus.

Additionally, Dr. Abernethy and I have served together as members of the Altadena Pasadena Links, Incorporated (Links), whereby we work together to help meet the needs of our community. She is extremely skilled at implementing programs that enrich, sustain, and ensure the cultural and economic development of those in need. Over the years, I have observed Dr. Abernethy to selflessly volunteer countless hours to our organization's facets and committees to educate, promote, and meet the various need of those in our diverse community.

Furthermore, Dr. Abernethy has the reputation of addressing conflicts and difficult situations in a respectful manner. She is able to calmly and courteously listen to both sides of a position and reach an equitable resolution. Dr. Abernethy is known for her honesty, integrity, fairness, courage, knowledge, and confidence. Thus, for the foregoing reasons, I highly recommend her to serve on the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jan De Andrade

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From: Adry Hezekiah < >
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Gordo, Victor
Cc: Hampton, Tyron
Subject: Regarding Police Oversight Commission appointments...

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Dear Mayor Gordo & Councilmember Hampton,

I write as someone who has worked in Pasadena for going on 7 years, has lived in the city for 2 1/2 years (District 1 - soon to be District 2) & has attended All Saints for going on 4 years.

I'm asking that you please reconsider and move to appoint both Juliana Serrano & Florence Annang to the Police Oversight Committee.

I'm familiar with Juliana Serrano's work both with All Saints & in the city at large and know that she would be a both knowledgeable & thoughtful person to help on this committee.

While I'm less familiar with Ms. Annang's work she has been equally recommended by many people in different community groups that I associate with.

I trust the character of these two from what I've seen AND from those making these recommendations. These are clearly candidates who have been active in their communities, share a great breadth of knowledge, work tirelessly for a more just and compassionate society & truly have the best intentions for this city.

Starting a Police Oversight Committee is, in itself, a wonderful step in the right direction. I truly believe Ms. Serrano & Ms. Annang would be a great addition to the committee.

Thank you.

- Adry Furchtgott

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From: James Clark <jm>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:44 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Julianna Serrano & Florence Annang on Police Oversight Commission

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I am writing to voice my strong support for Julianna Serrano and Florence Annang's confirmation on the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission. They are qualified, experienced, and represent viewpoints and organizations that must be a part of the Commission. Their work together with POP should not discount their independent work with separate organizations with long and distinguished histories in Pasadena, namely All Saints Church and the NAACP. Instead, their affiliation with POP should illustrate how they are both committed to justice and civic engagement in the city, and that they achieve those things by building partnerships and coalitions across diverse communities. Their partnerships throughout the Pasadena community are not a weakness but a strength! I sincerely hope the Council will appreciate this and their many other strengths and appoint them to the Commission.

Sincerely,
James Clark

Pasadena, CA 91106

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From: Jill Shook <...@...>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:46 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: re: Police oversight, #15 on the City Council today, Jill Shook

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I have known Juliana Serrano of All Saints Church and Florence Annang of the NAACP for many years and would be proud to these fine articulate and deeply caring community members on the oversight police commission. I urge you to finalize their appointment to the Police Oversight Commission. I also believe that Patrice McKinsey and Mikala Rohn would also make excellent candidates.

Jill Shook, Missions Door, Catalyst <http://www.missionsdoor.org/missionaries/shook-jill>

Doctor of Ministry, Bakke Graduate School

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From: Cecil Hoffman m>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:47 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Civilian Police Advisory Commission

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As a resident of Pasadena residing in the 4th District I strongly support the original decision of the City Council Public Safety Committee to approve J.Serrano and F. Annang as members of the CPAC.

Cecil Hoffman

Pasadena, 91107

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From: Ashley Carrasco
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 4.26.21 CC Meeting Agenda Item 15

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Good afternoon,

My name is Ashley Carrasco and I am a Pasadena resident in District 1. I am writing to the council today to fully support the appointment of Ms. Florence Annan and Ms. Juliana Serrano. As an active community member I have seen first hand all the hard work and dedication these ladies have devoted to our community. My vote for the third nominee would be for Ms. Patrice McKenzie.

Thank you for your time,

Ashley Carrasco

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Ashley Carrasco

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From: Colin Bogart <colin.bogart@pasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Hampton, Tyron; Bell, Cushon
Subject: April 26 City Council meeting Agenda Item 15

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my support to appoint Florence Anang and Juliana Serrano to the Police Oversight Commission as the Community Based Organization nominees. Both Florence and Juliana have been active in our community regarding the issue of Police Oversight and I believe they are qualified to be at the table of this Commission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Colin Bogart
Pasadena Resident, 91103

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From: Esprit Jones <Esprit.Jones@cityclerk.com>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:53 PM
To: cityclerk; PublicComment-AutoResponse; Flores, Valerie
Subject: CPOC/City Council Meeting Public Comment 4/26/2021

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Hello,

Unfortunately, I have a training at the same time as today's meeting and will not be able to share my public comment during the live call. However, I would like to stand in support of Florence Annang of NAACP and Juliana Serrano of All Saints Church for the CPOC. Both of these women have long stood in the gaps to fight for changes with law enforcement and community relations.

In addition, I believe that Dr Alexis Abernathy would be a valuable addition to the CPOC due to her educational background. All 3 women have demonstrated substance in their prior presentations and interviews, respectively.

Thank you,

Esprit Loren Jones

His purpose is greater than natural interpretation allows.

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From: cityclerk
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Flores, Valerie; Iraheta, Alba; Jomsky, Mark; Martinez, Ruben; Novelo, Lilia; Reese, Latasha; Robles, Sandra
Subject: FW: Public Comment RE: Police Oversight

From: Nicole Bernard <nbernard@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:54:15 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>; cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Jomsky, Mark <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Public Comment RE: Police Oversight

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Good Evening Honorable Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

As a resident that was born and raised here it is important for me that we continue to improve our city for all residents.

With that said, it is crucial to that the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission is a reflection of those who are doing the work and those who have also been affected by negative police interactions.

Furthermore, it is important that the remaining three representatives for the commission come from organizations and ones that are Pasadena based. With people of color experiencing a higher than normal negative interaction with law enforcement it is important that we have individuals that are well versed in this area.

I am 100% behind Florence Annang of the NAACP PASADENA, Juliana Serrano of All Saints Church and Patrice Marshall Mckenzie. Annang, Mckenzie and Serrano are well versed in the experiences of the community, our local police department and are comfortable advocating for the change. Most importantly, all three of these ladies have been active involved in this issue before it became popular. I have personally worked along all three ladies last year to make police oversight a thing in Pasadena. Let's make sure our commission representatives are selected for the right things and not to "check" something off the box.

Respectfully,
N.Denise Bernard, Second Vice President of NAACP PASADENA

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From: Hood Liberation
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:56 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: City Council Meeting #15

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Good afternoon,

As a Pasadena based organization and an organization composed of Pasadena residents, Hood Liberation would like to thank the council for their time. We to fully support the appointment of Ms. Florence Annan and Ms. Juliana Serrano. As an active community organization, we have seen first hand all the hard work and dedication these ladies have devoted to our community. We would feel confident having them represent our community.

Thank you for your time

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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

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NDLON CALLS FOR WOMEN OF COLOR BE NOMINATED TO PASADENA POLICE COMMISSION

TO: The Pasadena City Council

RE: Support for Ms. Florence Annang and Ms. Julian Serrano to serve in the Police Oversight Commission

DATE: April 26, 2021

My name is Angela Sanbrano, Co- Executive Director of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON).

NDLON'S mission is to improve the lives of day laborers, migrants and low-wage workers. We build leadership and power among those facing injustice so they can challenge inequality and expand labor, civil and political rights for all. NDLON is a network of over 60 members organizations throughout the United States. NDLON's main office is in Pasadena and the Pasadena Community Job Center on Lake Ave. is a project of NDLON. NDLON is proud of having deep roots in the City of Pasadena.

NDLON supports Ms. Florence Annang and Ms. Juliana Serrano who have been nominated respectively by the NAACP-Pasadena Branch and All Saints Church to serve on the newly created Community Police Oversight Commission.

NDLON supports both Ms. Annang and Ms. Serrano because as women of color they will bring a perspective and insights of the communities of color most affected by police abuse and excessive use of force by the police. It is critical that the voice of communities of color be heard if we are to bring about police accountability and the necessary reforms in the Pasadena Police.

It is critical that the communities of color, immigrants, parents and youth trust the police when they call for help and not fear that they may face possible harm when the police respond.

We urge the Pasadena City Council to support Ms. Annang and Ms. Serrano to serve on the Police Oversight Commission.

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From: Elisia Ligons Farmer <
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:12 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda Item #15 Police Over Sight Commission

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Hello Pasadena Mayor and City Council, as well as other Departments,

Last meeting, I was a little disappointed to learn that massive organizations were using their strength to persuade your outcome. Is it fair for an organization to basically campaign for multiple people, as if the Councilmembers and Community members can't see what their intent is. Let's be fair, seat people who are qualified and not someone who is merely using this process as a way to propel themselves to their next level. This Police Oversight commission is too important, we must take it seriously.

As a Pasadena resident, I do not believe that the citizens are always right, nor is the Pasadena Police department always right. That is why the oversight commission must have representation that will define who is more right in each instance, being Fair. With that being said, I am recommending Dr. Alexis Abernathy to be on the Pasadena Oversight commission. Dr. Abernathy is an expert and is most knowledgeable in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, making her the best choice to be on the commission. I also am confident that her Psychology experience and background will be a huge benefit when making decisions that can and will effect someone's life. Make no mistake, there are others who could fill a position, but at this time and on this day, Dr. Alexis Abernathy is the most confident and secure individual that can and will do the best for the citizens of Pasadena.

Let's heal Pasadena,
Thank you,

Elisia Farmer

Pasadena 91103

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:16 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; cityclerk
Subject: public comment for the police oversight commission

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Good Evening Mayor Gordo and City council members,

My name is Roena Mccurdy and I am a Pasadena resident in district 7.

I am asking the whole council to fully support the nominations of NAACP Pasadena representative, Florence Adjoa Annag, Juliana Serrano of All Saints and Patrice Marshall Mckenzie because I see the work that these women and their organizations have been doing in Pasadena for police reform and advocating for social justice. Looking forward to all three ladies serving on the commission.

Roena Mccurdy

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From: Carol Palomo
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:19 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Dr. Mikala Rahn appointed to the Police Commission

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To whom it may concern, I'm a employee here at Learning Works Charter School I just would like to say Mikala Rahn would be the perfect person for the Police Commission.
She is so dedicated in what she does...She definitely has tons of experience in what she loves doing....helping our youth, young adults and family members impacted by incarceration.
Helping students make their goal by being the first in their family to graduate. I just would like to say Mikala loves helping people period.
Good Luck to Dr. Mikala Rahn

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From: Julianne Hines <
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:22 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Item 15. APPOINTMENT OF THREE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION NOMINEES TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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Dear Members of the City Council,

Please find below my previous correspondence to the Public Safety Committee, recommending Juliana Serrano for appointment to the Community Police Oversight Commission. I stand behind this recommendation and add my recommendation for Florence Annang to be appointed as the representative from the NAACP. These two candidates have been actively serving this community for several years and both have great insight and experience in relation to community-police relations. Our community would be greatly served by having their skills and expertise as part of the inaugural class of the CPOC.

I must also share my deep disappointment in the process for appointing the representatives for the seats reserved for Community Based Organizations. It appears that a process was not truly established or agreed upon, and therefore the community members nominated for these positions have been subject to ever changing requests from whichever body the process is currently in front of. That the unanimous recommendation of Ms. Serrano and Ms. Annang by the Public Safety Committee was thrown out by the City Council, while acknowledging their qualifications to serve, creates doubt and mistrust about the Council's intent to appoint the most uniquely qualified candidates for the commission. It does not go unnoticed that the handling of this situation and the ongoing process for the remaining five candidates has resulted in confusion and a lack of respect for these women, primarily women of color. I encourage the Council and City Staff to engage in deep reflection about the systems in place and the systems lacking which could make for a more clear, inclusive, equitable process and decision making in the future.

Sincerely,

Julianne Hines
Pasadena, CA 91107

4/14/21

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee,

I highly recommend Juliana Serrano as a representative from All Saints Church for appointment to the Community Police Oversight Commission.

Juliana has the skill, experience, and community connections to engage in the work of the commission. In her current position as the Senior Associate for Peace & Justice and the Office for Creative Connections, Juliana has become deeply embedded in the Pasadena community and created a wide-ranging network of individuals and organizations, making her a trusted and effective liaison to receive feedback and complaints from the community. She has actively engaged in the work of strengthening community-police relations for several years, which includes working towards the accountability of those tasked with the safety and well-being of all who live, work, and participate in the community life of Pasadena.

Of note, Juliana has engaged in and led the often-difficult work of changing cultural and organizational norms as a facilitator, liaison, and participant. I have personally partnered with and benefitted from Juliana's facilitation and ability to address difficult conversations and topics with clarity, compassion, and commitment to long-term outcomes.

As the Junior Warden of All Saints Church, I am exceedingly proud to have Juliana Serrano represent our church, congregation, and community. One of the central values of All Saints is Courageous Justice, and her participation on the commission is a direct expression of our commitment to "audacious examination and challenging of power and privilege in the world and in our church; to pursue truth relentlessly, not for retribution but toward trust and reconciliation." Trust and reconciliation – the ideal that we strive for and will not rest until we achieve. While I believe that its important to the values of All Saints to have Juliana participate on the commission, its even more important for the well-being of the community to have her perspective and talent serving us all in this role.

Martinez, Ruben

From: Dan McCarrel < > 1>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:46 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for Juliana Serrano and Florence Annang

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Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council:

I write to support the candidacies of Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano for the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC).

Both of these strong and dedicated women of color bring established legacies of involvement in issues of police oversight. They were interviewed, vetted and unanimously selected for the Commission at the last Public Safety Committee meeting.

However, at the last City Council meeting a decision was taken, for no apparent reason, to reconsider the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee and substitute your own decision following another round of interviews at the City Council meeting on Monday, April 26th.

While the Ordinance creating the CPOC permits consideration of other applicants, it is very odd that the Council decided to reject the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and it appears to be a strategy to deny two strong activists seats on the Commission.

I have known Juliana Serrano personally since she began her work at All Saints Church; she is a person of character, integrity, perspicuity, and commitment. I do not know Florence Annang personally but have reviewed her application and I am impressed by her skills and experience.

I was a resident of Pasadena for 15 years. I no longer live within the city boundaries, but it remains my family's "hometown" in many ways, including the home to our spiritual community at All Saints Church. The establishment of a credible CPOC is important for the life of Pasadena's residents and visitors, and for the comfort of all people who live, work and recreate in Pasadena.

The Council has embarked on a process and now is set to undermine that process at its very start. I urge you, Mayor Gordo and all the Council members, to place your trust in the prior unanimous decision of the Public Safety Committee and confirm the appointments of Florence Annang and Juliana Serrano.

Sincerely,
Dan McCarrel

Martinez, Ruben

From: Anthony Manousos <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:52 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Fwd: ADU Pilot Program #16 Support

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council member,

I want to thank you for voting to support the Housing Dept. ADU pilot program and urge you to approve the \$674,500 funds for this program. Congratulations are in order for this ADU program receiving national recognition of as one of the top ten most innovative programs in the US! While you have already approved this program, please fully support it with the funding needed to make loans to these five families. Here's why:

- a. Supporting five families at only \$674,5, is a cost-effective way to increase our affordable housing stock.
- b. The ADU pilot is innovative in that it also helps illegal units to be brought up to code making them safer and counting toward RHNA.

ADU tend to be rented below market rate and therefore help to increase affordable housing in our community. I would encourage the city to provide the an opportunity for a regularly scheduled one-stop case-review involving multiple departments including planning as well as building and safety, for the building of affordable ADUs. This would facilitate the permits and approval process to remain within the 60-day state requirement.

Thank you!

Respectfully yours,

Anthony Manousos

Iraheta, Alba

From: Peter Dreier <
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:56 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: An agenda for police reform

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Council members:

I have written this article for CityWatchLA about chronic police-community tensions in Pasadena. It includes an agenda for reform at the end of the article. I'd appreciate your reading the article and considering the reform agenda I have outlined: <https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/21619-from-minneapolis-to-pasadena-a-reckoning-on-police-reform>

Thank you.

Peter Dreier

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Latest book: *We Own the Future: Democratic Socialism – American Style* (The New Press, 2020) – co-editor with Kate Aronoff and Michael Kazin

Last book: *The 100 Greatest Americans of the 20th Century: A Social Justice Hall of Fame* (Nation Books, 2012)

Updated book: *Place Matters: Metropolitcs for the 21st Century* (University Press of Kansas, 3rd edition, 2014) -- with John Mollenkopf and Todd Swanstrom

Forthcoming book: *Baseball Rebels: The Reformers and Radicals Who Shook Up the Game and Changed America* – with Rob Elias

“The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in times of great moral crises maintain their neutrality” (Attributed to Dante, although he never used those exact words)

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April 14, 2021

Via Electronic Mail

Valerie Flores
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Recording Secretary
City Of Pasadena

Re: Application of Juliana Serrano to Community Police Oversight Commission

Dear Members of the City of Pasadena Public Safety Committee:

Please consider this the strongest possible recommendation for the appointment of Juliana Serrano to the Community Police Oversight Commission.

By way of background, I was born and raised in Pasadena. I am a partner at the Pasadena firm of Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai, a civil litigation firm that employs over 40 attorneys and staff members. I have know Ms. Serrano since she began at All Saints Church in 2010. Over that time, I have partnered with Ms. Serrano on a number of projects, some of which related to matters that came before the Council, including the Living Wage, Worker Retention and Police Accountability.

Given that experience, I am certain that each of the Council Members on the Committee and Staff are familiar with Ms. Serrano's skills as a community organizer as well as her commitment to making the City of Pasadena a better place for workers, residents and visitors. I believe we are all aware of Ms. Serrano's unique ability to build coalitions of groups and individuals that often do not work together. She is well respected for her ability to lead, to challenge and to take a difficult and uncomfortable position when she believes it is the right time to do so.

In light of her skills, her experience and her reputation, I am confident that Ms. Serrano will be an outstanding appointment to the Commission. Moreover, I believe that her appointment will bring immediate credibility to the Commission, particularly from the broad network of groups and individuals whose trust she has earned over the past 11 years.

Very truly yours,

/S/

Dandy Renick
5 Avenue, Pasadena, California 91103

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

April 24, 2021

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Dr. Mikala Rahn to be appointed as one of the chair holders for the upcoming Pasadena Police Commission.

My name is Raul Zarate and I am the current Middle School Program Coordinator for Learning Works Charter School (LW) located in Pasadena, California. My duties entail working directly with students, coordinating program activities as well as counseling, tutoring, mentoring, and providing support to a variety of different student needs. Our school LW focuses on youth that have been discarded by the regular schools. Our students are underserved, high-risk students in grades 6-12 who have withdrawn or are in danger of withdrawing from mainstream education. The youth we serve would inaccurately be called "at-risk." They are, in fact, "in crisis" or have already demonstrated a behavior or condition that exceeds at-risk, such as becoming pregnant, dropping out of school or entering the juvenile delinquency system. Also, in partnership with Homeboy Industries, LW@HBI is located at the original Job for the Future site on First Street in Boyle Heights at our second site.

I highly recommend Dr. Mikala Rahn because I believe she is a perfect candidate for the position. She would be a great mediator between the Pasadena Police Department and community members when issues arise that can cause potential tension in the community. From personal experience with the criminal justice system at an early age, I know Mikala will fight for what is right. I was a youth offender incarcerated from July 2009 to August 2017. While in the juvenile hall, Mikala volunteered her time by actively being present in every court date scheduled to make sure I was treated fairly. Since being released, I have earned multiple promotions, Dean's list awards and scholarships, graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from the California State University-Los Angeles while working full-time. Today, I am proud to say that I am not the same person I was 10 years ago. I am dedicated to serving my community in the way that I can and this is truly thanks to Dr. Mikala Rahn. Thanks to her I am in a position today to give back to the struggling youth in our community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If there are any questions for me to answer you can reach me directly anytime at (626)487-9588.

Sincerely,

Raul Zarate

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Subject: April is Alcohol Awareness Month

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Hello Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Daniel Fong, Prevention Coordinator at Day One.

As we reach the end of April I would like to inform the council that April is National Awareness Month! April is significant to the work that I do, DUI education and Prevention, because it's in between two of the largest drinking holidays of the year, St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Mayo. Although for most of the last year nearly all bars and restaurants were not allowed to have in-door dining that did not mean that drinking and DUI rates went down.

On the contrary, average drinking rates were up by 2 drinks across the nation and in Los Angeles County there were over 140 DUI arrests between April and May 2020, a time where most of the world was shut down and sheltering in place against the deadly Coronavirus.

Thankfully the city of Pasadena has great safeguards against alcohol overconsumption. Old town Pasadena is carefully patrolled by the Pasadena guards and closely monitored by the Old Pasadena Management District to ensure the safety of all that come to our beautiful city. Pasadena Police Department is also vigilant with the saturation patrols and dui checkpoints it hosts regularly.

As we begin to inch closer to a state of normalcy we must remember that alcohol overconsumption and abuse does not slow down for anyone or anything, including a pandemic. Please continue to be leaders and ensure that reasonable and safe policies and safeguards are in place to protect everyone.

Thank you,



Daniel Fong Health Policy Coordinator
Pasadena, CA 91101

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dedicated to promoting responsible alcohol consumption
and preventing alcohol-related injuries and deaths.
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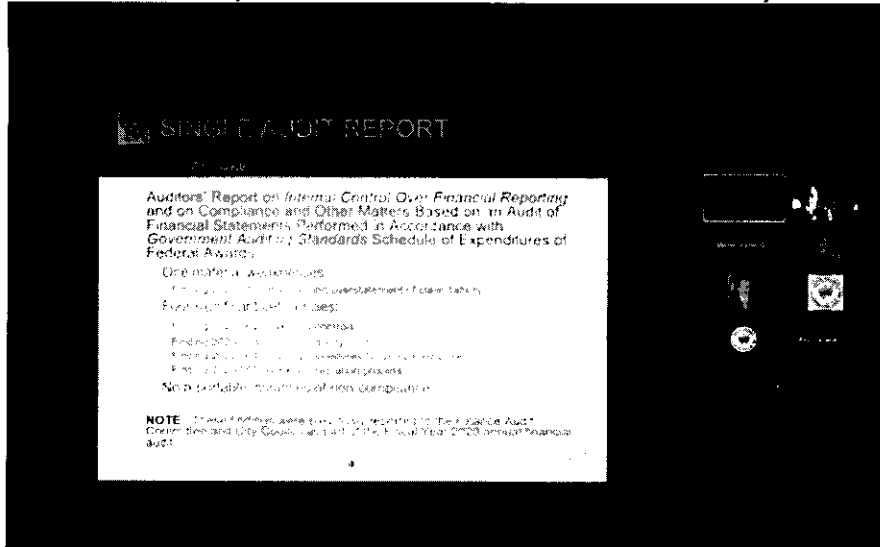
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What has the leadership done or proposed corrective actions to address the **MATERIAL WEAKNESSES aka deficiencies** in the Internal Controls identified by the outside auditors who prepared the Annual Financial Statements and Single Audit Report?

Please read each of these weaknesses aloud that include Liabilities, Bank Reconciliations, et al.



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A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, as Finding 2020-001, to be a material weakness.

Are these weaknesses in internal controls an indicator or warning re: major fiscal irregularities.

Phyllis M. Chestang, MBA

Business Owner & Founder, Second Wind, a 501c3,

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