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Name: Elise **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Mallory Bend, Gl, CA 91740

Comments:

I don't live in Pasadena, but I live many aspects of my life in Pasadena that includes over 300 hours of volunteerism per year.

Thank you for releasing the Application to apply for the Police Oversight Commission. In reviewing the application, I have several questions that I'm hoping you can answer.

- What is the selection criteria?
- What type of Rubric will be used?
- What visibility will the Community have into the process?
- What is the Application Deadline?
- What is the expected Selection of Council Members appointees Deadline?
- Will all members be selected at the same time? Community and Council Member Appointees?
- Will people that are current or past law enforcement be eligible to be on the Commission?
 - o If yes, will they have needed to be retired from law enforcement for a period of years?
- What is the desired ethnic make-up of the Commission?
- If someone has a police record, are they eligible to be on the Commission? If no, why not?

In order to have community buy-in and support of this crucial committee, we're counting on visibility into this process to ensure we get best candidates for the job. Thank you!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Francesco **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Rafael Rengifo , Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am calling on Pasadena Elected Officials to ensure that commissioners appointed go through sufficient training in order to help bring equitable solutions for a safer Pasadena for all community members. Education through empathy builds bridges within our city. We are allowed the keys to help unlock the goodness within people and heal all around us. When that commissioner appointed goes through difficulties, their sufficient training will give them the courage to rise to give equality to all people. Humans are the greatest gift we have to the world and the greatest threat, is is how we behave with one another that gives ways to our future, Through this training, we will help awaken the best in our city and give birth to the gifts our residents can bring. It is in all our best interest to build on education and assistance to appointed commissioners for a safer Pasadena.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Michael Tulsy **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Hello Pasadena City Council, My name is Michael Tulsy, I reside in District 6, and I'd like to voice support for Agenda Item #11 — the establishment of a Police Oversight Commission. Thank you very much for your time and hard work.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Sonja K Berndt **Email:** sberndt@pasadenacalifornia.gov **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

The proposed resolution for appointing members to the CPOC is woefully inadequate. It only requires each councilmember and the Mayor to present to the Council the name they wish to nominate. Theoretically, all of the members on the Council who have received substantial political campaign contributions from the police union (almost all members of the Council), could nominate current police officers to the Commission, even though they have conflicts of interest and should be banned from serving in the first place. Further, the Council previously expressed a desire to have the CPOC be ethnically, culturally and experientially diverse. How is that going to be accomplished if councilmembers simply submit names without any consideration of how the CPOC represents the interests of ALL Pasadena residents? The proposed resolution will not result in a Commission dedicated to, and capable of, providing effective oversight of the police department. Section 2.60.040 of the CPOC Ordinance does not spell out the required Commissioner training. Such training should include all of NACOLE's suggested training topics listed on Page 9 of Attachment 4 to the Agenda (internal page number 7 of the report). In addition, training in non-violent de-escalation techniques and appropriate trauma care should be required.

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Name: Bin Lee **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

Dear Mayor Gordo and city council members, as a resident of District 1, I strongly support all parts of agenda 11, relating to the Community Police Oversight Commission. I agree to the proposals for forming this body, including stipends for appointed commissioners. And, in addition, that they go through sufficient training to properly serve their roles. As a person of color and someone who deeply cares about our Police Department's ability to keep our community safe, I believe this oversight commission is a needed tool to continue building bridges between PD and our marginalized Pasadenans, and that we create this tool with equity in mind. Thanks for you time.

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Name: Kate Scharer **Email:** [REDACTED] **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Hello- I request that the commission address old business from October which addressed the idea that appointed commissioners should take training, for example cross roads anti-racism training and trauma informed care. I have taken similar training and found them very useful to expand my understanding of the people around me. Please make Pasadena a better city for all.

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Name: J **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

I am a resident of district 6. PPD flat out lied about the use of facial recognition and license plate readers data being given to ICE. PPD would have you believe shooting black pasadenans in the back is justified. And that despite a history of gun running, PPD serves in the interest of public safety.

We need an oversight Commission by the people and for the people, not retired cops or union reps. We need a trained and true representation of the community.

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Name: Dan Huynh **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Dear Pasadena City Council,

My name is Dan and I am a resident of District 3. Thank you for your efforts thus far to establish a Community Police Oversight Commission. As the appointment of the commissioners moves forward and the content of their training gets fleshed out, I strongly feel that the following trainings will add tremendous value to their knowledge and expertise: Crossroads Anti-Racism Training, Trauma-Informed Care, and Mental Health First Aid. All commissioners would additionally benefit from annual training renewals to ensure they are abreast on the latest best practices. We need commissioners who can draw on a diversity of tools to inform their recommendations to PPD. Please equip them with the right tools for the important work that they'll embark on.

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Name: Ferne Hayes **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

I am glad the process of obtaining effective oversight of the Pasadena Police Department is moving forward.

There are some concerns regarding the policy for appointment of members. In the policy suggested today it appears that the council member nominees would be included without regard to how each fits with the whole.

In order to accomplish a non-partisan commission which represents the interests of all Pasadena residents, the goal must be a group that is ethnically, culturally and experientially diverse.

I propose that the Public Safety Committee (PSC) be charged with assuring a balanced and representative commission. PSC will be selecting three out of six applicants from community based organizations. Similarly each council member should offer two nominations of which PSC selects one. The result is a pool of 22 nominees providing PSC the opportunity to create a commission representing all interests in the community.

Some commission appointments by council members may act as rewards or appreciation to residents for accomplishments in their districts. This should not be one of them. Nominees for the Community Police Oversight Commission must reflect a concern to ensure our police department is operating humanely and effectively in protecting all of us.

Thank you

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| Hannah (Katie) Young | | | _____, PASADENA, CA 91104 |

Comments:

My name is Hannah (Katie) Young and I live in district 5. I am writing to urge the Public Safety Committee to address the important and valid requests from NAACP Pasadena. Any and all city commissioners appointed must be ordered to participate in anti-racism training and trauma-informed care training (specifically Crossroads and Live Above the Hype). I believe it is important that elected and appointed officials of our city -- and especially members of our Public Safety Committee and Community Police Oversight Commission -- need to understand how their own biases affect their decision-making; know it is possible to deescalate situations without violence in order to properly evaluate incidents of police brutality; and put the needs of our diverse community first. Thank you.

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Name: Joanne Long **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

As the City Council is aware, there is a huge amount of interest in the Community Police Oversight Commission in Pasadena. I would expect it to be the top priority of the Public Safety Committee and for there to be a serious commitment from the City Council to get this right. This could arguably be an opportunity to build some level of trust between members of the community and the Pasadena Police Department. It is really important that members of the City Council are engaged in the process and listening to community groups most often harmed by the police. I would ask Mayor Gordo as the new Chair of the Public Safety Committee to include progress updates at every Committee meeting going forward. There should be transparency and an opportunity for community members to be heard. Today I join the call from many members of the community that all appointed commissioners need to participate in Crossroads anti-racism training and trauma-informed care training.

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| Florence Annang | | | Grove, Pasadena, CA 91104 |

Comments:

It seemed strange to skip the Public Safety Committee and do all the work in council but if it makes for a more transparent and inclusive process than before then I truly hope that the main glue to this commission will be a part of the discussion today that having all appointed commissioners as part of their training with Police Academy includes ongoing anti racism and a trauma informed curriculum. To bring many diverse people to the table that will be challenged through what they receive to not look through their own bias lenses but a understanding of the complex and rich diversity of Pasadena to then bring forth solutions that allow Police and community to build sustainable trust. The training and lack there of has been the success or downfall of other commissions around the country. Pasadena it's taken 20plus years from Michael Zinzun first demand of a Oversight Commission as we reach a finishing line to a new start please let's get it right the first time and move forward for all Pasadenans to feel safe and heard in every interaction with our local Police.

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Name: Julie McKune **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Greetings City Council and Mayor,

I support the Community Police Oversight Commission.

I'm pleased to see some mention of 50% women, I hope you will approve that and follow thru with six women at least.

Please don't delay, no more excuses. We need this as soon as possible. We might not see two hundred public comments today, but we still care and are watching to see how you implement accountability and transparency.

Thank you,
Julie McKune

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Name: Ed Washatka on
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Organizing for Progress
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California 91104

Comments:

POP welcomes today's council resolution establishing a COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. For many community organizations and residents, this is the result of years of work for police reform.

We are disappointed there is no action today specifying the process for selecting and appointing the three members representing community-based organizations.

The community was promised during council meetings last year that a process would be articulated by either the Council or Public Safety Committee providing for selecting these commission members.

When will that process be spelled out? ---

Last summer, a coalition of six community groups led the call for a Police Oversight Commission and an Independent Police Auditor.

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The organizations in the coalition are -- the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, the Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight of Pasadena Police, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Clergy Community Coalition and POP.

We are asking representatives from the six organizations be selected to serve on any panel nominating residents to represent community-based organizations.

Lastly, we expect ALL commissioners will be equal in status and terms for members representing the community will be staggered like other commissioners and will not expire all at once.

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