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Anthony McClain had several run ins with the Law prior to this one. This time he was a passenger in a car that was pulled over for some thing about the car. While the driver was questioned Anthony jumped out and ran from the car because he had a gun with him. He was told to stop but he did not. Two Officers followed him. It was dark (I believe about 2:00 am). McClain ran into the dense bushes at the Park. He was told to stop or they would shoot – but he did not stop. He had already thrown away one gun – which was proven to be his gun. While running– he turned his right shoulder and looked like he was pulling a gun out of his waistband. The Officer thought he would be killed by McClain and shot McClain in self defense. I think anyone in the Officers position would do the same.

The idea of awarding the McClains money is ridiculous. The Officer was doing exactly what he had been taught to do – catch criminals and protect it’s residents. The Pasadena Police Department and many other Law Depts also agreed he took the right action as did many other Oversight Committee groups. The case was investigated for months and found that the Officer was justified in his actions.

If anyone should be paid for this criminal it should be the Family for causing so much distress to the City and the Officer. I don’t think the Pasadena residence want to use their City taxes to pay this family.

All of the above information came from the Pasadena Star News And I still have the clippings.

S. H. Wright

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Margaret Starbuck
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 3:27 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment Joint Public Safety Committee/City Council Meeting 5/15/23

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Dear City Council Members and Members of the Public Safety Committee,

I am submitting public comment regarding the Independent Review of the Officer-Involved Shooting of Anthony McClain, Agenda Item B of today's meeting.

The delay of three years on the completion of this OIR investigation is far too long to ask the community to wait for independent review, and has allowed the police department to continue operating with flawed and harmful policies and procedures for three years! In the future I hope that independent reviews as well as police department administrative reviews can happen in a more timely and thorough fashion.

I am also disappointed by the police department's response to the report. While I am heartened that the department agrees with and has begun implementing 17 of the recommendations made by OIR, the department must prioritize transparency in implementing these recommendations and provide regular updates to the community on how it is adjusting policies and procedures.

Furthermore, the police chief's memorandum says the department "agrees in concept" or disagrees with 9 out of the 27 recommendations. Agreeing in concept, or on "case by case" basis indicates to me that nothing will actually change and that there is an attitude of "we know better" than the independent investigators. There are numerous recommendations that the department indicates are already reflected in PPD policy or procedure. If the recommendations are already in line with PPD policies and procedures and yet the OIR still made them, that means there is a failure on PPD's part to enforce those policies and procedures. Written policies are only as good as the actual, practical use and enforcement of them. I hope that the department will update the community on how it plans to ensure officers are actually complying with department policies moving forward.

If the department is not going to implement all the recommendations from an independent, unbiased review, the value of the review is greatly diminished. I am particularly concerned about the refusal to fully implement recommendation #19 regarding limiting the use of foot pursuits; recommendation #23 regarding not biasing critical incident videos with information about an individual's criminal history (the Anthony McClain shooting video included narration that seemed to indicate that he deserved to be shot based on his criminal history); and recommendation #12 regarding making it clear that witnesses are not suspects.

Lastly, I demand the immediate firing of the officers involved in the murder of Anthony McClain. The McClain family's financial settlement does not equate to accountability or justice. Furthermore, I demand the City of Pasadena implement mandatory disciplinary action for police misconduct. Amend the City Charter as necessary.

sincerely,
Margaret Starbuck

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Georgia Sanders
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 4:20 PM
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Subject: The Pasadena Way & the Office of Independent Review Report on the Death of Anthony McClain

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The Pasadena Way:

"How We Get the Job Done is Just as Important as Getting the Job Done" ~ from the Pasadena Police Department official [website](#).

As many have begun to wade through the 75 page Office of Independent Review report on the shooting death of Anthony McClain at the hands of the Pasadena Police officer Edwin Dumaguindin, there have been multiple press articles covering the report. But I am wondering if the city council members and those concerned residents from our larger community have read the piece published by the LA Progressive on the subject?

<https://www.laprogressive.com/racism/damning-review-of-pasadena-police-department>

Not only does this article include video footage from a recent community event devoted to understanding the report organized by the Pasadenan's Organized for Progress (POP!) and other community groups which was held at La Pintesca Park this past May 2, but the article also includes extensive insight from local ACLU Senior Staff Attorney, Mahammad Tajsar, who is quoted as saying about the report, **"This is a failure from A to Z. This is what this report says, right? Let's not sugarcoat it."**

From an overview of the press articles regarding the report, it seems to me that the failures pointed out underscore what many residents have passionately been protesting all along, especially in regard to the Anthony McClain and Chris Ballew cases; which is that we are not living up to our stated goals as a city in regards to our policing and that there is not real accountability in our city for police officers who operate unjustly.

This is problematic to me from two perspectives - 1) a moral & humanitarian concern that an historic thread of bad policing resulting in death, serious injury and trauma in our community has been allowed to fester unchecked and 2) as residents and tax-payers in the City of Pasadena, we are constantly upset that our tax dollars are used to support policing that carries this thread of unjust enforcement, that our police department does not live up to its own stated standards, is without meaningful accountability, and that our city leadership allows the situation to continue.

My husband, who was born & raised in Pasadena, and I believe that the City of Pasadena should be a leader in courageous & transparent justice - a city "set on a hill" - and that we are in serious need **real action** and **reform** not bureaucratic paper-shuffling, feet-dragging, or pacifying wordsmithing.

I am looking forward to the community meeting this evening and remain ever hopeful that real and meaningful reform will come to our police department.

Thank you,

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Georgia Sanders

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Item B

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

Subject: FW: Demanding justice for the family of Anthony McClain

From: Chris Cohen

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Hey I'm a resident of Altadena and I just want to say that first of all Anthony McClain, a member of our community, was murdered in cold blood by Pasadena Police. I am extremely upset by the lack of response to this murder by city and county politicians and officials.

I demand the immediate firing of the officers involved in the murder of Anthony McClain. The McClain family's financial settlement does not equate to accountability or justice.

I demand that the Pasadena City Council agendize the Anthony McClain case.

I demand the City of Pasadena implement mandatory disciplinary action for police misconduct. Amend the City Charter if necessary.

I also demand fully transparency in all OIS (officer-involved shooting) investigations; all evidence should be released to the public within 24 hrs and be available until the OIS investigation is complete.

It is completely disgusting and unacceptable that we are still waiting for these demands to be fulfilled!

Chris Cohen
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