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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I write to you regarding Item 13, the appointment of two new commission members, particularly concerning Tyler Werrin and Paul Vernon. These are all appointments for outgoing Council Member Williams, and while incoming Council Members may appoint new members in place after inauguration, these appointments are concerning.

In his application for the Pasadena Rental Housing Board (PRHB), Mr. Werrin stated that he lived in an owner-occupied duplex in District 1. While I understand that a Council Member can appoint anyone who lives in the city as their nominee to a committee, most if not all Council Members appoint individuals who live within their districts, to give fair representation throughout the city. In addition, on his application to the PRHB Mr. Werrin stated "none" in the Community Service section. Most individuals who apply to commissions and boards do not begin their community service on a commission but have previous involvement in the community. Finally, Mr. Werrin is currently engaged in expensive and time-consuming litigation as a plaintiff against the City of Pasadena.

As for Mr. Vernon, he is applying to be on the Police Oversight Commission, however, he is a current LAPD lieutenant, according to the biography on his website, having been with the LAPD since 1988. According to news reports dated 6/10/24, Commissioner Juliana Serrano stated "I think part of it is still the fact that we have a Council that is not as supportive as it should be about the work that I think that we're doing here in oversight." To add a current, not retired, but currently serving police lieutenant would I believe exacerbate the friction and animus between Oversight and the City Council.

I urge these appointments to be reconsidered.

Best,
Liberty McCoy