

**From:** Jomsky, Mark  
**To:** [Official Records - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: CPOC Applicant Written Endorsement Confirmations  
**Date:** Friday, June 20, 2025 10:18:53 PM  
**Attachments:** [Patillo, Latoya- Jazzy Jam for Empowerment.pdf](#)  
[Rashid, Faisal - Islamic Center.pdf](#)  
[McGraw, Andrea - NAACP .pdf](#)  
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**From:** Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2025 4:16:43 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark <[mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Cc:** Lee, Arnold <[aflee@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:aflee@cityofpasadena.net)>; Bagneris, Michele <[mbagneris@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:mbagneris@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Subject:** CPOC Applicant Written Endorsement Confirmations

Hello Mark,

Happy Friday to you. Thus far, I've received written endorsement confirmations for Faisal Rashid, Andrea McGraw, and Latoya Patillo. Ms. Patillo listed two organizations on her application, but only one, Jazzy Jam for Empowerment, has provided written confirmation. Please note that I have received verbal confirmation from each of the organizations. For your reference, I've included a list below of the nominees and their organizations. I will continue to forward the written endorsements as I receive them.

Thanks!

- Alexandra Annala, on behalf of the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center
- Olden Denham, on behalf of First AME Church
- Andrea Grace McGraw, on behalf of the NAACP, Pasadena Branch
- Latoya Patillo, on behalf of Gang Outreach Violence and Interruption Services (GOVIS) and Jazzy Jam for Empowerment
- Faisal Rashid, on behalf of the Islamic Center of Southern California, Pasadena Satellite
- Ted Smith, on behalf of the Pasadena Senior Center

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**Jazzy Jam for Empowerment**

P.O. Box 92614

Pasadena, CA 91109

**June 5, 2025**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Jazzy Jam for Empowerment, I am proud to nominate Latoya Patillo for a seat on the Police Oversight Committee. Ms. Patillo is a valued community partner who brings decades of experience, grassroots connection, and a deep commitment to the well-being of youth and families in Northwest Pasadena.

Latoya has lived and served in the community for over 30 years, offering her time and leadership through various impactful initiatives. As the Director of the Divine Diamondettes Drill Team & Drum Squad, she has mentored and guided countless youth, fostering confidence, discipline, and a sense of belonging. She is also the longtime coordinator of Holiday in the Park, a beloved annual event where community members come together to support and uplift underserved families in the area.

Ms. Patillo is currently part of the GOVIS (Gang Outreach Violence Interruption Services) team, where she holds the position of Outreach Coordinator. In this role, she engages directly with community members to address and reduce gang-related violence, always prioritizing peace, communication, and positive alternatives for at-risk youth.

In addition, Latoya has been a strong collaborator with Jazzy Jam for Empowerment, most recently working with us on our Glam Prom Dress & Suit Giveaway. Her efforts helped ensure that students she personally served had access to formalwear and resources, allowing them to celebrate their milestone moments with confidence and dignity. Her ongoing commitment to youth empowerment is evident in all that she does.

Latoya Patillo is a trusted voice, a connector, and a dedicated advocate for positive change. We believe her perspective and passion will bring essential insight to the Police Oversight Committee, and we fully support her nomination.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Snell- Founder, Jazzy Jam for Empowerment



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## Confirming Support for Faisal Rashid for Pasadena Police Oversight Commission

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**From** ICSC Pasadena Satellite <pasadena@islamiccenter.com>

**Date** Thu 6/19/2025 8:42 PM

**To** Community Police Oversight Commission <cpoc@cityofpasadena.net>

**Cc** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I am writing to confirm my strong support for Faisal Rashid for the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission.

He is an active member of our community in good standing. As a reserve LAPD officer, he has demonstrated a high level of service to the community, serving with integrity and a commitment to public service. I am confident that his character, experience, and dedication to fairness and equity coupled with his experience in law enforcement will make him a valuable and effective member of the commission.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Rizwan Bhatti, MD  
Chair, Islamic Center of Southern California Pasadena Satellite





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**Re: Reminder: Community Police Oversight Commission Application Deadline Extended – Help Identify Candidates**

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**From** NAACP Pasadena Branch 1054 <naacppasadena@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 6/17/2025 5:07 PM

**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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Hello Shannon,  
That is correct.

Thank you so much!

Best,  
Brandon Lamar,  
President  
**NAACP Pasadena Branch #1054**  
595 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 103  
Pasadena, CA 91103  
Office: 626.793.1293  
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Website: <http://naacppasadena.org>  
Facebook: [naacppasadenabranch1054](https://www.facebook.com/naacppasadenabranch1054)

On Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 10:46 AM Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)> wrote:  
Hello Brandon,

Thank you for letting your membership know about the open CPOC seats. I wanted to confirm that the NAACP endorses the nomination of Andrea McCraw, as she indicated on her application.

Thank you,

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**From:** NAACP Pasadena Branch 1054 <[naacppasadena@gmail.com](mailto:naacppasadena@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:24 AM

**To:** Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)>

**Subject:** Re: Reminder: Community Police Oversight Commission Application Deadline Extended – Help Identify Candidates

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Thank you so much Shannon. We will share this with our branch members..

Best,

Brandon Lamar

President

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On Tue, May 20, 2025 at 3:22 PM Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)> wrote:  
Hello,

I'm following up to share that the application deadline has been extended for the three openings on the Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC). These seats are specifically designated for individuals endorsed by a community-based organization.

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging any interested staff, members, or volunteers to apply. The new deadline is **Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 PM**.

As part of the application, individuals will need to indicate which community-based organization is endorsing them. The application can be viewed [here](#).

Appointments will be made by the City Council for a **three-year term**, running from **July 2025 to June 2028**.

Established in 2020, the CPOC plays a key role in building trust and promoting transparency between the Pasadena Police Department and the community. The Commission makes recommendations on police operations and policies to the Chief of Police, City Manager, and City Council.

For more details, please see the press release below or visit our [website](#).

Thank you.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 14, 2025**

**NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:**

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**City of Pasadena Extending Application Deadline to Fill Three Seats on the  
Community Police Oversight Commission**

PASADENA, Calif.— Three seats on the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission will be open, and the City is asking community-based organizations to nominate individuals to serve as commissioners. [View the application](#).

In October 2020, the City Council established a Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) by ordinance. The purpose of the commission is to enhance, develop and strengthen community-police relations and review and make recommendations regarding the ongoing operations of the Pasadena Police Department to the chief of police, city manager and/or City Council.

The CPOC is composed of 11 members, with the Mayor and each City Council member nominating one (for a total of eight) and three members nominated from community-based organizations. The term for the three community-based organization members expires on June 30, 2025, at which point the City Council will appoint three members nominated by community-based organizations. The City encourages interested members of the public to apply for the three community-based organization seats, with those appointed receiving three-year terms set to expire on June 30, 2028.

Those interested in serving as a community-based organization commission member should [submit an application](#). Applications received by 5:30 p.m. on **Friday, June 6, 2025**, will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Please note that individuals applying for these community-based organization seats must have the endorsement of a community-based organization and submit the supplemental application with this information by the **June 6, deadline**.

No later than 90 days after appointment to the commission, new commissioners must participate in a ride-along with the Pasadena Police Department, and receive 30 hours of training in relevant subject matter areas. Further information about the qualifications, training requirements, and duties of commissioners can be found in the [Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 2.60](#).



For questions or additional information, please contact the City Attorney's Office Oversight Commission Support Division at (626) 744-7888 or [CPOC@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:CPOC@cityofpasadena.net).

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**From:** Prior, Shannon  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2025 12:57 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** 6/23/25 Council Meeting - Item #10 Letters of Support for CPOC Applicant Latoya Patillo  
**Attachments:** Item 10 - Letters of Support for Applicant Latoya Patillo.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached the emails/letters of support our office received regarding the Latoya Patillo, an applicant to the CPOC. Her application will be considered under Item 10 on this evening's Council agenda.

Thank you,

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**Fw: Latoya Patillo -****From** Latoya Patillo**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 10:00 AM**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 12:54 AM, Ms. Paula [REDACTED] wrote:

Pasadena Police Oversight Commission  
City Council, Mayor Gordo & Public Health Department

I am writing this letter to provide a character reference for Latoya Patillo. I have known Latoya since her birth. I can say our relationship is very personal she's my niece, friend and confidant. I have always been impressed by her choices to be very inclusive of her family, friends and children. The type of person that cares about her community and people in general. Latoya is a person that has great ideas to improve a person's well being when it comes to giving someone a different and/or new experience. Latoya does not discriminate when she's dealing with the public, she sees a need and immediately tries to offer assistance, through her own resources or various other channels.

Latoya has been reaching out and creating opportunities for many years. During the 90's she created a Drill Team and Drum Squad, this act alone gave children and their parents a place to learn become a team, work together, encourage one another and for Parents to see new potential in their child. She had to connect with many City workers to get performances and practice locations for the group. The team was mostly family and became over 30 girls and at least 10 to 15 boys/young adult men. Latoya would assist children and parents to learn how to fund raise, she would look for various ways to help get uniforms made at a reasonable price and often would pay for them herself. She took pride in seeing the smiles on everyone faces! Latoya would have her drill team members volunteer to serve the public for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner on the actual date. She felt it unfair for the less fortunate to not enjoy the holiday on the actual date. I can

recall going down town Los Angeles to Skid Row, on many occasions to serve sandwiches, hot meals and drinks to all whom came through the line. This was a bit scary but her heart has always been to give and give of her time (the age requirement was 18 years old or older for these outing).

In 2019 Latoya and I had a business pre Covid-19. It was a retail store, I recall Latoya always focusing on hiring children from the community to work for us. She wanted to teach them Customer Service skills, instill the importance of working for the things you want and help them to believe in themselves. Another strength of Latoya was to educate and mentor young girls. There was a young girl whom had twins, she was a single mom, under 18 years old. The mom fell on extremely hard times and was separated from her twins. Latoya offered to take the girls and she made sure the girls, went to school, had clothing and never went without meals, she shared her love to the mom and those twins. I never heard Latoya complain about any of the required responsibilities, nor did she ask to be compensated.

Here we are in 2025, Altadena was set on fire! Latoya immediately sprung into action, she lead a (Fun day of Relief) for those in need of a breather. She partnered with Jackie Robinson Park, friends and family from the Dena area. There was music, she had some young people perform which show cased their talents, there was a buffet set up with a variety of foods to serve the public, raffles of toys, there were booths setup for various life needs, ranging from Therapy to Hair Cuts on the spot!

This was another great accomplishment for Latoya!

Your Oversight Commission team, will be lucky to have Latoya.

Kind regards,  
Paula Carr-Norwood



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**Fw: Fwd: Perfect person**

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**From** Latoya Patillo <[REDACTED]>  
**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 11:28 AM  
**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 11:27 AM, JC Coney <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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**From:** **JC Coney** <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 12:24 PM  
**Subject:** Perfect person  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Police Oversight Review Commission

My name is Al Coney jr. I am the CEO of Pasadena Clsc a Brand that Stands on Cultivating Legacy While Supporting or Community..

Latoya Carr is a dependable person who assist heavily within our Community. Whether its Organizing Events or Participating with others. She is embedded in our city on all matters.

Al Coney jr.  
Pasadena Clsc



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**Fw: Character letter-Latoya Patillo**

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**From** Latoya Patillo < >  
**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 10:02 AM  
**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Saturday, June 21, 2025, 3:18 PM, Rhonda Jones wrote:

Police Oversight Review Committee,

It is with great respect and admiration that I write this letter on behalf of Latoya Carr Patillo, a true pillar in the Pasadena community.

Latoya has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to uplifting those around her, especially our youth. Through her selfless efforts, she has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many. One of the most impactful ways she serves the community is through her work feeding the homeless in Pasadena. Latoya doesn't just give her time—she gives her heart, often preparing home-cooked meals and personally ensuring that those in need are treated with dignity, compassion, and care.

In addition to her outreach work, Latoya has been a powerful force for good among our youth. She founded and leads the Divine Dominates Drill Team and Drum Squad, a program that provides a safe, structured, and creative outlet for children and teens. In a time when so many young people are at risk of falling victim to street violence, Latoya has created a sanctuary—a space where kids feel valued, seen, and supported. Her leadership has not only kept them engaged and inspired, but has also given them a sense of pride and purpose.

Latoya Carr Patillo is a light in this community. Her work reflects integrity, compassion, and leadership. I wholeheartedly support her in all her efforts and believe she exemplifies what it means to serve with love and purpose.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Jones



**To Whom It May Concern,**

I wholeheartedly recommend Latoya Patillo for the Police Oversight Committee position within our community. I have had the privilege of knowing Latoya for many years, and I can confidently attest to her unwavering commitment to service, integrity, and the betterment of those around her.

Throughout her involvement in our neighborhood, Latoya has consistently demonstrated a deep passion for community outreach and engagement. From organizing local donation efforts for the recent fire victims to mentoring youth and supporting local initiatives, she approaches every task with compassion, reliability, and a generous spirit. Her ability to bring people together and create meaningful change has left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to work alongside her.

Latoya is not only dependable and hardworking, but she also brings warmth, empathy, and a collaborative nature that uplifts any group she joins. Her dedication is infectious, and her presence has been a cornerstone of progress in our community.

Latoya would be an excellent fit for any volunteer opportunity, and I urge you to consider her application with the highest regard. Please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ if you require any further information.

**Sincerely and respectfully,**

June Carr, a past and present member of the Pasadena community.

June 20, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in reference to **Latoya Carr Patillo**. I have known Latoya for many years, and I can truly say she is one of the most dependable and community-minded people I've ever met.

When Latoya begins a project, she sees it through with full commitment and care.

**One example** of this is her long-standing involvement with the Diamond Nette Drum and Drill Team of Pasadena. She recently restarted the team after a pause, giving young girls in our community a structured and positive outlet. She not only coaches and organizes, but also makes sure the girls are rewarded and appreciated for their help. At a recent event, she paid the team members for assisting her, showing not only leadership but also generosity and gratitude.

Latoya has also been active in community programs and events at Robinson Park, Loma Linda Park, and Farnsworth Park. Whether she's organizing, volunteering, or just lending a hand, she is consistently present and involved.

In addition to her public service, she is known among family and friends for hosting thoughtful gatherings. She plans and prepares full meals and decorates with great care always making sure everyone feels welcome and cared for.

Latoya has a kind heart, a strong work ethic, and a deep love for her community. I am proud to know her and to offer my full support in her character.

**Sincerely,**  
Beverly Norwood



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**Fw: Police Oversight Commission-Letter**

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**From** Latoya Patillo

**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 9:56 AM

**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Sunday, June 22, 2025, 6:57 AM, Zimmy Zim wrote:

I, Zimbabwe A. Abdul-Malik is a born native from Pasadena California. This letter is on the behalf of Ms. Latoya Carr, whose been a very inspiring person in our community and who has impacted our youth and some adults. I'm one of the adults who has been inspired by her work. It takes courage and tough skin to transform from a negative to a positive perspective. The best example is from those who're out in the world that comes from the struggle who the people know and recognize. The people have gravitated to Ms. Carr with the work she does. She's one of the women that leads by example when it comes to community building, relationships and overall having peace. Early this year she had an event to celebrate NO GANG DEATHS. In which at the time it was a year without one. That says a lot from how the city once was. But to acknowledge those who assisted in not having these deaths says more than words can explain. And for a woman to stand up and face the deadly adversity to do what's right, is honorable.

I know she's the one for this position. Women like her are needed

Ms. Marcella Patterson  
Founder, New Beginning Support Services

6/22/2025

To the Honorable Members of the Police Commission,

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly recommend Ms. Latoya Carr Patillo for the community position within your department. I have had the privilege of working alongside Ms. Patillo for several years through various youth and family-centered initiatives, and I can confidently say she would be an outstanding asset to your commission and to the broader community.

Ms. Patillo is a passionate community leader with a strong dedication to youth empowerment. She leads a youth initiative called the Divine Diamondettes drill team, which provides a positive and structured environment for young people to grow, express themselves, and stay motivated. In addition to that, she organizes regular youth groups and community events that bring together families, children, and teens—fostering unity, trust, and resilience in neighborhoods that need it most.

As the Founder of New Beginning Support Services, a nonprofit organization focused on serving families and underserved populations, I have witnessed Latoya's commitment first-hand. She has been a strong supporter and collaborative partner, often volunteering her time and energy to ensure that community events, educational programs, and youth development activities are successful. Her work has had a real and lasting impact, not only on the youth she mentors, but on the families and community as a whole.

Ms. Patillo's compassion, integrity, and leadership make her exceptionally qualified to serve in this role. Her voice will reflect the real needs and hopes of our community, and her presence on the Police Commission will help strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the people they serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to consider Latoya Carr Patillo as a candidate who can truly represent the community with heart, vision, and action.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Marcella Patterson  
Founder, New Beginning Support Services

Prolific Cares LLC  
Tavarra Jones, Project Manager

06/22/2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter with the highest level of personal and professional confidence in support of Ms. LaToya Carr Patillo's candidacy for the open Community Position with the Police Commission.

I have had the privilege of knowing Ms. Carr Patillo for over 40 years since we were both children growing up in Pasadena. Throughout that time, I have witnessed her lifelong dedication, leadership, and deep commitment to serving the community. LaToya is not only a trusted leader, but a vital pillar within Pasadena and the surrounding areas.

Her love for the youth is truly unmatched. Over the years, LaToya has served as a mentor, role model, and advocate for countless young people through her leadership with drill teams, girls' groups, and youth drum squads. She has provided structured, safe, and positive outlets for our youth, giving them tools for discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence that have a lasting impact on their development and future success.

Beyond her work with youth, LaToya's service to the broader community is comprehensive and far-reaching. She has consistently stepped forward to meet the needs of Pasadena residents by:

Organizing job placement assistance for those seeking employment opportunities.

Coordinating ongoing food drives and clothing giveaways for families in need.

Hosting community events and fundraisers to support local causes and strengthen civic unity.

Leading holiday toy drives and pop-up giveaways that bring joy and hope to underserved children during the holidays.

Providing emergency relief efforts, most notably during the Eaton Fires, where she personally volunteered to assist displaced Altadena residents by distributing food, water, hygiene products, gift cards, monetary donations, and clothing.

Her work reflects not only passion but also resourcefulness, leadership, and a strong capacity for mobilizing resources to serve others. In every circumstance, LaToya leads with compassion, fairness, and action.



Ms. Carr Patillo possesses exceptional leadership skills, has earned deep public trust, and holds broad respect within the community. These qualities make her uniquely qualified to serve in a position of oversight and responsibility. She brings lived experience, long-standing relationships, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that both the community and public safety agencies work together in fairness, equity, and mutual trust.

I strongly and wholeheartedly endorse LaToya Carr Patillo for this appointment. The Pasadena community would be exceptionally well served by her leadership, insight, and dedication.

Should you require any additional information, I am available at any time to provide further support.

Respectfully submitted,

Tavarra Jones  
Project Manager  
Prolific Cares LLC

June 23, 2025

To the Members of the Police Oversight Committee Review Board,

**Re: Character reference for Latoya Carr Patillo**

I respectfully submit this letter on behalf of Ms. Latoya Carr Patillo, a woman whose life and work exemplify the values of service, responsibility, and compassion.

Ms. Patillo is deeply woven into the fabric of her community. She is a leader, a mentor, and a constant source of support for individuals and families across Altadena and Pasadena. Each year, she organizes a Christmas dinner and toy drive that brings relief and holiday joy to families facing hardship. Her kindness during the holidays reflects her larger commitment to uplifting others.

She also leads a youth drill team open to children of all ages, creating not only a safe and structured environment, but also a space where young people are encouraged to build confidence, discipline, and teamwork. This kind of engagement is especially meaningful in communities where young people often lack access to positive outlets.

Most recently, during the devastating fires in Altadena and Pasadena, Ms. Patillo organized relief efforts, gathering donations of food, clothing, bottled water, and hygiene items for families who had lost their homes or been displaced. She acted swiftly and selflessly motivated not by obligation, but by an instinct to help.

What sets Latoya apart is her humility and consistency. She does not seek praise or recognition for what she does. She acts because it is the right thing to do, and because she believes in the power of community care. She leads by example and has earned the respect and trust of those around her.

I ask that you take this letter as a reflection of Ms. Patillo's strong character, longstanding commitment to service, and her positive impact in the lives of so many. I hold her in the highest regard and offer my full support for her in any matter before your review.

Sincerely,  
Shanteria Bond



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**Fw: Reference for Latoya Patillo**

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From Latoya Patillo <

Date Mon 6/23/2025 10:52 AM

To Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 10:46 AM, Twan Carr

wrote:

## To whom it may concern

Regarding Latoya Patillo a community leader committed to improving the lives of the individuals needing assistance and assisting residents and families with opportunities and programs they may be in need of. She also volunteers her time with a Drill Team and Drum Squads which she mentors and provides a safe environment where the youth can experience and express themselves through art dance and music. Latoya also hosts annual clothing, toy and food giveaways during the holidays. Service to the people a life long pledge.

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**Fw: Character Letter**

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From Latoya Patillo <

Date Mon 6/23/2025 2:07 PM

To Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 12:59 PM, Alonda Doss

wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to share my heartfelt recommendation and admiration for Latoya Carr Patillo, a truly remarkable woman whose dedication, compassion, and unwavering support have made a lasting impact on the lives of countless children.

Ms. Carr Patillo has a natural ability to connect with young people. Her nurturing spirit, patience, and guidance provide a safe and encouraging environment for children to grow, learn, and thrive. Whether she's offering a listening ear, helping with schoolwork, or simply being present, she consistently shows up with love and purpose.

What sets Latoya apart is her ability to see the potential in every child. She not only believes in them but empowers them to believe in themselves. Her influence goes beyond momentary kindness—she plants seeds of confidence, self-worth, and hope that children carry with them for years to come.

It is rare to meet someone with such a genuine heart and powerful presence. I can say with confidence that any child who has had the privilege of knowing Ms. Latoya Carr Patillo is better for it.

Sincerely,

Alonda Doss,

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**Fw: Police Oversight Review Committee**

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**From** Latoya Patillo**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 2:03 PM**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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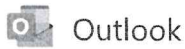
On Monday, June 23, 2025, 1:59 PM, Taiann Ferdinand

> wrote:

To whom it may Concern,

My name is Taiann Ferdinand

I am writing you this letter on behalf of Latoya Partillo, She has always been a great teacher, a Parent, a leader and friend to most of us in this community. Since I was at the age of 10 years old She gave me structure and helped me in ways I didn't know how, I AM 33 years old now and Miss Latoya still provides the love and knowledge to our children we brung in this world. She created an organization called the Divine Diamondettes drill & drum squad that teaches children how to Listen, Learn, Love one another ... A lot of us didn't have that motherly experience until Latoya Came into our lives she listens to us she gives us a safe space to be ourselves and create a community amongst other single mothers... She never gave up on us and we love her for that 🙏



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**Fw: Latoya Carr Patillo**

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**From** Latoya Patillo**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 2:08 PM**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 1:51 PM,  
wrote:

To Police Oversight Board committee

My name is Jasmine Richards Abdullah

I am writing the council on behalf of Latoya Carr Patillo . I have known Latoya 20+ years I've always known Latoya to have integrity humility, and compassion. She has always been a truth teller and never backs down from doing the right thing , she holds her friends and community accountable , as well as the police . She always says "Jasmine whats right is right and wrong is wrong , " and she doesn't bite her tongue for anyone . She is a pillar in this community she gives back to the community by hosting community days , Christmas toy drive's. She works with kids , at risk youth , gang members and families who are seeking resources to change their lives . Latoya is truly an inspiration to myself and others. latoya believes in preventative measures, and is very proactive in our community. She goes above and beyond and pours love into our community . I implore you to take serious consideration and pick her for the oversight committee.

Thank you for your time

Jasmine Richards Abdullah  
Founder of BLMDENA and BLMDENA FREEDOM SCHOOL  
freedom fighter , community activist



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**Fw: Latoya Carr Reference Letter**

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 12:59 PM, Tameka

wrote:

**Hello Pasadena Police Oversight Committee ,**

**It is my pleasure to provide a character reference for the above mention candidate, La Toya.**

**I worked on a personal and professional level for nearly 25**

**years. She's always had a passion to uplift and inspire the community especially the youth. La Toya would make a great candidate for this position because she wholeheartedly loves the city of Pasadena and strives to make it better in any way possible. Latoya has a complex story that is made up of many encounters with adversity and triumph. LaToya is the voice of not only the African-American community but also the female community with a strong sense of nurturing and uplifting. It is my belief, that the people of Pasadena and the youth would**

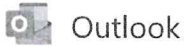


**be very receptive of La Toya's  
instruction and influence.**

**Tameka Warren**

Sent from Tameka's iPhone





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**Fw: Letter of character**

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From Latoya Patillo

Date Mon 6/23/2025 2:09 PM

To Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 2:03 PM, tiana oliver > wrote:

Latoya Carr is one of the most influential people that I know she's great with the community. She's great with kids. She shown me how to better my life because I'm making better decisions being around her. I'm a positive person now. Also, she's also started a Drill team so that the kids can stay active and productive throughout the couple of days of the week. She would be a great fit for the position

Sincerely Tiana Oliver  
Sent from my iPhone



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June 22, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Judith Foster. I am a Program Director of Workforce here at Young Community Developers. We have worked with Latoya Patillo through our Neighborhood Job Center (formerly known as Neighborhood Access Point). Our organization sponsored a program that we assisted under privileged young women and Latoya recommended a group of families that required our assistance. Ms. Patillo was on time and reliable in showing up for the designated appointment. Ms. Patillo was recommended to us by a prior client that had moved to Northern California from Southern California and has become an employee with our company. Ms. Patillo assisted us in all the interviews with the clients. Ms. Patillo was also upbeat and willing to assist us in making sure our job was complete. Ms. Patillo was very knowledgeable of our process to assist families.

I would recommend Ms. Patillo for any positions designed to help and assist families or individuals due to her knowledge and passion for helping others.

Respectfully,

*Judith Foster*

Judith Foster  
Program Director of Workforce  
[jfoster@ycdjobs.org](mailto:jfoster@ycdjobs.org)  
(510) 689.9238 Office

**Gao, Beilei**

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**From:** Prior, Shannon  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2025 1:04 PM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
**Subject:** 6/23/25 Council Meeting - Item #10 Endorsement Confirmations from CBOs  
**Attachments:** McGraw, Andrea - NAACP .pdf; Patillo, Latoya- Jazzy Jam for Empowerment.pdf; Patillo, Latoya, - GOVIS.pdf; Rashid, Faisal - Islamic Center.pdf; Smith, Ted - Pasadena Senior Center.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached the written confirmations of endorsement from community-based organizations for the following CPOC applicants:

- Andrea Grace McGraw, on behalf of the NAACP, Pasadena Branch
- Latoya Patillo, on behalf of Gang Outreach Violence and Interruption Services (GOVIS) and Jazzy Jam for Empowerment
- Faisal Rashid, on behalf of the Islamic Center of Southern California, Pasadena Satellite
- Ted Smith, on behalf of the Pasadena Senior Center

Thank you,

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**Re: Reminder: Community Police Oversight Commission Application Deadline Extended – Help Identify Candidates**

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**From** NAACP Pasadena Branch 1054 <  
**Date** Tue 6/17/2025 5:07 PM  
**To** Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)>

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Hello Shannon,  
That is correct.

Thank you so much!

Best,  
Brandon Lamar,  
President  
**NAACP Pasadena Branch #1054**  
595 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 103  
Pasadena, CA 91103

Website: <http://naacppasadena.org>  
Facebook: [naacppasadenabranch1054](https://www.facebook.com/naacppasadenabranch1054)

On Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 10:46 AM Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)> wrote:  
Hello Brandon,

Thank you for letting your membership know about the open CPOC seats. I wanted to confirm that the NAACP endorses the nomination of Andrea McCraw, as she indicated on her application.

Thank you,

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**Shannon Prior**

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**From:** NAACP Pasadena Branch 1054

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:24 AM

**To:** Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)>

**Subject:** Re: Reminder: Community Police Oversight Commission Application Deadline Extended – Help Identify Candidates

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Thank you so much Shannon. We will share this with our branch members..

Best,  
Brandon Lamar  
President  
**NAACP Pasadena Branch #1054**  
595 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 103  
Pasadena, CA 91103

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On Tue, May 20, 2025 at 3:22 PM Prior, Shannon <[sprior@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:sprior@cityofpasadena.net)> wrote:  
Hello,

I'm following up to share that the application deadline has been extended for the three openings on the Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC). These seats are specifically designated for individuals endorsed by a community-based organization.

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging any interested staff, members, or volunteers to apply. The new deadline is **Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 PM.**

As part of the application, individuals will need to indicate which community-based organization is endorsing them. The application can be viewed [here](#).



Appointments will be made by the City Council for a **three-year term**, running from **July 2025 to June 2028**.

Established in 2020, the CPOC plays a key role in building trust and promoting transparency between the Pasadena Police Department and the community. The Commission makes recommendations on police operations and policies to the Chief of Police, City Manager, and City Council.

For more details, please see the press release below or visit our [website](#).

Thank you.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 14, 2025**

**NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:**

Lisa Derderian, Pasadena Public Information Officer, City Manager's Office  
(626) 744-4755, [lderderian@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:lderderian@cityofpasadena.net)

### **City of Pasadena Extending Application Deadline to Fill Three Seats on the Community Police Oversight Commission**

PASADENA, Calif.— Three seats on the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission will be open, and the City is asking community-based organizations to nominate individuals to serve as commissioners. [View the application.](#)

In October 2020, the City Council established a Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) by ordinance. The purpose of the commission is to enhance, develop and strengthen community-police relations and review and make recommendations regarding the ongoing operations of the Pasadena Police Department to the chief of police, city manager and/or City Council.

The CPOC is composed of 11 members, with the Mayor and each City Council member nominating one (for a total of eight) and three members nominated from community-based organizations. The term for the three community-based organization members expires on June 30, 2025, at which point the City Council will appoint three members nominated by community-based organizations. The City encourages interested members of the public to apply for the three community-based organization seats, with those appointed receiving three-year terms set to expire on June 30, 2028.

Those interested in serving as a community-based organization commission member should [submit an application](#). Applications received by 5:30 p.m. on **Friday, June 6, 2025**, will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Please note that individuals applying for these community-based organization seats must have the endorsement of a community-based organization and submit the supplemental application with this information by the **June 6, deadline**.

No later than 90 days after appointment to the commission, new commissioners must participate in a ride-along with the Pasadena Police Department, and receive 30 hours of training in relevant subject matter areas. Further information about the qualifications, training requirements, and duties of commissioners can be found in the [Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 2.60](#).

For questions or additional information, please contact the City Attorney's Office Oversight Commission Support Division at (626) 744-7888 or [CPOC@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:CPOC@cityofpasadena.net).

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Jazzy Jam for Empowerment

P.O. Box 92614

Pasadena, CA 91109

June 5, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Jazzy Jam for Empowerment, I am proud to nominate Latoya Patillo for a seat on the Police Oversight Committee. Ms. Patillo is a valued community partner who brings decades of experience, grassroots connection, and a deep commitment to the well-being of youth and families in Northwest Pasadena.

Latoya has lived and served in the community for over 30 years, offering her time and leadership through various impactful initiatives. As the Director of the Divine Diamondettes Drill Team & Drum Squad, she has mentored and guided countless youth, fostering confidence, discipline, and a sense of belonging. She is also the longtime coordinator of Holiday in the Park, a beloved annual event where community members come together to support and uplift underserved families in the area.

Ms. Patillo is currently part of the GOVIS (Gang Outreach Violence Interruption Services) team, where she holds the position of Outreach Coordinator. In this role, she engages directly with community members to address and reduce gang-related violence, always prioritizing peace, communication, and positive alternatives for at-risk youth.

In addition, Latoya has been a strong collaborator with Jazzy Jam for Empowerment, most recently working with us on our Glam Prom Dress & Suit Giveaway. Her efforts helped ensure that students she personally served had access to formalwear and resources, allowing them to celebrate their milestone moments with confidence and dignity. Her ongoing commitment to youth empowerment is evident in all that she does.

Latoya Patillo is a trusted voice, a connector, and a dedicated advocate for positive change. We believe her perspective and passion will bring essential insight to the Police Oversight Committee, and we fully support her nomination.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Snell- Founder, Jazzy Jam for Empowerment



**Ricky Pickens**  
Professional Violence Prevention  
and Intervention Specialist

June 21, 2025

To: Police Oversight Committee Review Panel

I am Ricky Pickens, a contractor with the City of Pasadena focused on interrupting gang violence. On behalf of the Gang Violence Outreach and Interruption Team (GOVIS), I am pleased to express our support for Ms. Latoya Patillo-Carr's nomination to the Police Oversight Committee. Ms. Patillo is an esteemed community partner with over 30 years of experience in Northwest Pasadena, where she has dedicated herself to the welfare of youth and families through various impactful initiatives.

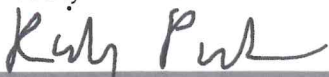
Latoya has played a pivotal role in mentoring numerous young individuals, instilling confidence, discipline, and a sense of belonging. As a member of the GOVIS team and through the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Program, she has actively engaged with community members to combat gang-related violence, emphasizing peace, communication, and constructive alternatives for at-risk youth. Her commitment to fostering a safer environment is evident in her direct interactions with those most affected by violence.

In her capacity as a Youth Outreach Worker, Latoya collaborates with multiple community organizations, particularly the Cal VIP-Pasadena Prevention and Intervention Project. This initiative, supported by the City of Pasadena's Public Health Department, aims to identify and assist at-risk youth aged 10-24 who may be vulnerable to gang involvement and violence.

Latoya Patillo-Carr is a trusted advocate for positive change, and I am confident that her insights and dedication will greatly benefit the Police Oversight Committee. I wholeheartedly support her nomination.

Sincerely,

Ricky Pickens

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ricky Pickens'.



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**Confirming Support for Faisal Rashid for Pasadena Police Oversight Commission**

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**From** ICSC Pasadena Satellite**Date** Thu 6/19/2025 8:42 PM**To** Community Police Oversight Commission <cpoc@cityofpasadena.net>**Cc** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I am writing to confirm my strong support for Faisal Rashid for the Pasadena Police Oversight Commission.

He is an active member of our community in good standing. As a reserve LAPD officer, he has demonstrated a high level of service to the community, serving with integrity and a commitment to public service. I am confident that his character, experience, and dedication to fairness and equity coupled with his experience in law enforcement will make him a valuable and effective member of the commission.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Rizwan Bhatti, MD  
Chair, Islamic Center of Southern California Pasadena Satellite





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**Community Police Oversight Commission: Recommendation for Theodore Smith**

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From Akila Gibbs

Date Sat 6/21/2025 10:47 AM

To Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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To: Community Police Oversight Commission.

As Executive Director of the Pasadena Senior Center, I am proud to offer my wholehearted recommendation for Theodor J. Smith—known to us as Ted—for the appointment to the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission. Ted has been a dedicated volunteer with our center since 2020, and his presence has been nothing short of invaluable.

Over the past five years, Ted has contributed his time and talent across a broad spectrum of our programs, including Social Services, the Pasadena Senior Games, and community outreach. During the pandemic, he stepped up without hesitation, coordinating meal deliveries to homebound seniors with reliability and grace. In his role as Lead Volunteer at our produce distributions, Ted consistently led with both efficiency and compassion, creating a respectful and welcoming environment for all who came through our doors.

Ted's involvement isn't limited to behind-the-scenes operations—he actively represents the Pasadena Senior Center at local resource fairs, engaging community members with warmth and clarity. What truly distinguishes Ted is his ability to listen deeply and respond with thoughtful understanding. In a world that often rewards volume over value, Ted brings a quiet strength and inclusive spirit that encourages collaboration and trust.

He is kind, hardworking, and deeply committed to the well-being of others. I recommend him for this position without reservation, confident that he will bring the same level of integrity and thoughtful leadership to the Police Commission that he has brought to our center.

Sincerely,  
Akila Gibbs

Akila Gibbs  
Executive Director  
Pasadena Senior Center  
85 East Holly St.

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**Fw: Police Oversight Review Committee**

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**From** Latoya Patillo <latoyapatillo@aol.com>

**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 2:50 PM

**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 2:40 PM, Kendra Reddix <kendra.lachelle4@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

To whom it may concern, I am writing on behalf of Ms. Latoya Carr Patillo

From the moment I met her I could tell that she has a good heart and spirit. She is a great person in our community that is supportive and loving to everyone, She takes the time out to pour into our children, giving them a better opportunity to have a great future. Three of my kids are currently participating in the divine diamonettes drill team and drum squad. This drill team is about building a family of love and support. The kids get the opportunity to show their talents and keep off the streets at the same time. Latoya has been showing greatness in the community for years and we are extremely proud to see her bring back new opportunities for the new generation of kids in Pasadena.

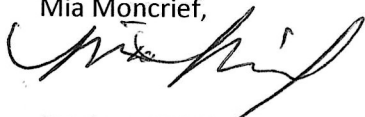
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To whom it may concern:

Dated: 06/23/2025

My name is Mia Moncrief, and I am writing this letter in regards to Latoya Carr. I can speak with great confidence in knowing whatever this letter is for she definitely is a hard team worker that will get the job done. I've known Latoya over 20 years she has always been great support to our community. Latoya has always helped in our community with the youth as well as with adults. Here in January with our Eaton Canyon fires Latoya and her team got together and helped so many families working day and night to make sure they were getting all that was needed. Latoya is definitely someone you need on your team or to take in the job in which she is seeking.

Mia Moncrief,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mia Moncrief', written over a horizontal line.

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June 20, 2025

Hello,

I am the owner of Brother Against Guns LLC. I met Latoya Patillo at a gun buy back event in San Francisco California. We gained a professional relationship during that time and continued to serve communities together as time allowed. Latoya is an awesome community leader and deserves a higher-level opportunity to be a community activist with her expertise and education. Latoya built the reputation from the community to entrust her with handling their daily needs. Latoya is willing to learn new aspects of community outreach programs to be able to assist families in need. I would like to suggest that Latoya be given the opportunity to work with your program and show the talent she has in serving the community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,

Shawn Richard

Brothers Against Gun  
(415) 724-1660





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**Fw: Police Oversight Review Committee**

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**From** Latoya Patillo <latoyapatillo@aol.com>

**Date** Mon 6/23/2025 3:48 PM

**To** Prior, Shannon <sprior@cityofpasadena.net>

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On Monday, June 23, 2025, 3:23 PM, kevin jenkins <osirus8653@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Latoya has been a major contributor in the City of Pasadena, she has organized the Annual Holiday in the Park since November 2020 during COVID shutdowns, in which she rallies the citizens of Pasadena/Altadena to help provide warm meals & gifts to those who are in need, recently she along with a few others made sure that they helped as many members of Altadena & Pasadena fire victims as possible, they worked tirelessly at La Pinteresca and other Hubs accepting & giving essential supplies to those in need. She's what we all need in a neighbor & community activist.

Kevin Jenkins

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