

# Agenda Report

June 23, 2025

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Attorney/City Prosecutor's Department  
**SUBJECT:** **APPOINTMENT OF THREE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION  
NOMINEES TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required; and
2. Review the six applications received for the Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) community-based organization seats and appoint three community-based organization nominees to the CPOC for 3-year terms beginning on July 1, 2025, as further described in this Agenda Report.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On October 5, 2020, the City Council adopted an ordinance establishing a Community Police Oversight Commission and an Independent Police Auditor. On January 25, 2021, the City Council approved a resolution setting forth a policy for the appointment of the 11 members of the CPOC.

The resolution, included as Attachment 1 to this agenda report, provides that for each community-based organization vacancy, staff will publicize the opportunity for community-based organizations to recommend applicants for a vacant position on the Commission and submit the applications it receives to the Public Safety Committee. The Committee would review the applications and submit at least three nominations to the City Council to consider for appointment. The City Council shall consider the Public Safety Committee's nomination for appointment, or, in the alternative, may subsequently consider the other applications.

The Public Safety Committee meeting at which the appointments were scheduled to be addressed, June 18, 2025, was cancelled due to lack of quorum resulting from the need to address outcomes of federal immigration enforcement in Pasadena on that day. As such, this item is coming to the City Council without recommendation of the Public Safety Committee since the appointments should be made by July 1, 2025.

The three current commissioners (Alexis Abernethy, Florence Annang, and Juliana Serrano), who hold the community-based organization seats, were appointed to one-year terms that began on July 1, 2021, and to three-year terms from July 2022 through June 30, 2025. The new appointments will be for a three-year term from July 2025 through June 2028. All the commissioners mentioned above are ineligible for reappointment to another term. A full roster of the CPOC commissioners and their term expiration dates is included as Attachment 2.

Starting on April 9, 2025, staff publicized the open application period and accepted applications through May 12, 2025. Since only two applications were received by May 12, staff extended the deadline to June 6, 2025. During the open application period, staff issued two press releases to encourage community members to apply and directly shared the application with approximately 40 local community organizations and neighborhood associations. A total of seven applications were received; however, one applicant subsequently withdrew their application. The six applications are attached to this agenda report as Attachment 3. The applicants, listed alphabetically, are as follows:

- Alexandra Annala, on behalf of the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center
- Olden Denham, on behalf of First AME Church
- Andrea Grace McCraw, 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

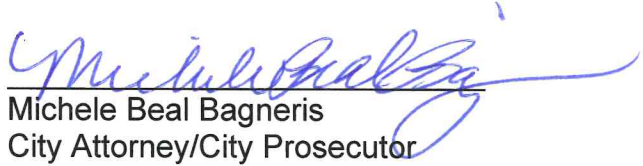
### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The action proposed herein is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378. The appointment of members to the Community Police Oversight Commission is an organizational and administrative action that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

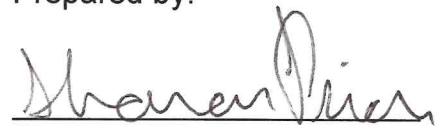
### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michele Beal Bagneris  
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Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 9823, Setting Forth Policy of Appointment of Members to the Community Police Oversight Commission, adopted January 25, 2021

Attachment 2 – Current CPOC Roster and Term Expiration Dates

Attachment 3 – Applications for community-based organization positions to the Community Police Oversight Commission