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Public Comment on Agenda Report #2 – Ammunition Purchase for Training and Duty Use

Mayor Gordo and Members of the Council,

I am sharing with you my serious concern regarding the proposed \$828,850 expenditure for training and duty ammunition for the Pasadena Police Department.

Just nine months ago, on September 7, 2025, one Pasadena police officer was shot and seriously wounded by another in the department's own parking garage. The Chief described the incident as "unsafe, out-of-policy horseplay." Video shows experienced officers pointing loaded handguns at each other — a fundamental and dangerous violation of basic firearm safety rules.

This raises profound questions about the effectiveness of our current firearms training and safety culture.

Today you are being asked to approve nearly \$830,000 for training ammunition. Before doing so, I respectfully ask the Council:

- Has the Department completed a thorough after-action review of the September 2025 shooting?
- What specific changes have been made to firearms training and qualification standards since that incident?
- Are we confident that current training programs are actually preventing reckless behavior with firearms?
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Approving this large expenditure while serious doubts remain about training effectiveness sends the wrong message. Public safety requires that we ensure our officers are not only well-equipped but properly trained and held to the highest standards of firearm discipline.

I urge the Council to request a detailed briefing from the Police Chief on this matter before approving the contract.

Thank you,

William Paparian
Former Mayor of Pasadena

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