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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Leah Bartels Address: Glendale, CA 91208

### **Comments:**

As a Glendale resident, I've been disgusted to see how low the bar is for Pasadena PD to call upon other departments-- including Glendale, Burbank, and Monterey Bay-- for mutual aid when dispersing SMALL groups of PEACEFUL protesters who pose no threat to the community or to public property. On Thursday night, over a hundred cars and officers were deployed, including a SWAT truck, to get rid of the non-violent encampment at City Hall by any means necessary. It is exactly this kind of over-policing and militarized response that makes residents fear the police, which is why Anthony McClain ran in terror from a traffic stop. And it is exactly this kind of over-policing and militarized response that led that officer to shoot a man he couldn't catch on instinct. This department has not shown it CANNOT regulate its own use of force without additional, more effective oversight. Tornek and Kennedy's plan is toothless and will not create meaningful change. I beg the council to implement a plan with a true IPA with subpoena power. We don't need another layer of insider appointees, bureaucracy and red tape. We need transparency and leverage over an abusive body that has gone too far.

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Joselyn Lai Email:

Address: Pasadena, CA 91106

### **Comments:**

To the City Council of Pasadena: My name is Joselyn, and I grew up in District 7. For me, my siblings, my classmates, and my friends, Pasadena was a safe and beautiful place that shaped who we are. To this day, annual Thanksgiving reunions have been beautiful reminders of the bond built by growing up in a wonderful community. It breaks my heart that this description of life in Pasadena cannot be said for all of our neighbors, some of whom have suffered from police violence over the years and quite recently as well. I am asking you, our foremost body of elected officials, to create a police oversight commission with 1) an independent auditor, 2) a representative selection of community members, and 3) subpoena power. This is a proposal in full alignment with our Community Bill of Rights. I am asking you to create a better Pasadena that is equally wonderful for all of our neighbors in this city. Thank you very much.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

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Sondra Anita

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### **Comments:**

As a black woman and a parent to my 22-year-old son and my 26-year-old daughter, my heart is heavy because as a nation some have restless nights when their sons leave home. Accountability can't be planned during a time of flight or fight. Fear causes reactions by all involved and the end result is sometimes death at the hands of an authority figure. I've taught my children to COMPLY when stopped by the police. They are not to voice their concern, that will be done in court. People have bad days, bad days are carried with a person to work, school, wherever their travels take them. We need authority figures to be AUTHORITATIVE! Everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Everyone has a right to video or take pictures of anything they see. A majority of videos taken are of black men, most with an unfortunate end. I support the proposal for a community police oversight commission as presented by the Public Safety Committee. Thank you to the efforts of Steve Madison and Victor Gordo politicizing issues but that's apparently not enough. Let's save a life!

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

Email:

Phone: 626-

Address: ....

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Andrea Mills

Pasadena, CA 91103

## **Comments:**

Dear City Council,

I watched Anthony McCain videos posted on the PPD website. I'm frustrated and confused. The time is Right Now, do not waste another minute for your own underlying agendas. Cast you Vote "in favor" for a Community Oversight commission. I'm all in...

Thank you,

Andrea Mills

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

Name: Azerlean

Email:

Phone: 626-

1, Pasadena, CA

Demus-Cox

91103

Address:

### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor, Tornek and City Councilmembers,

The Demus family have been members of the Pasadena community for decades and we have known Councilmember John Kennedy since he was a little boy attending Brown Memorial AME Church with his lovely mother and other siblings. We know the man that he has become and the work he does for the community. We are proud to write this letter asking you to support the proposal for a Civilian Police Oversight Committee as presented by the Public Safety Committee. We are seniors who live on Raymond Avenue and after the Officer Involved shooting on Saturday, August 15, we realized the importance of writing our Councilmembers to humbly ask you to support and vote "Yes" on this important Civilian Police Oversight Proposals. We respect the police and I believe the entire community want to trust them, but we must start with this proposal to build that trust – let us get started on building community trust.

Thank you!

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Name: William Dickson Address: Pasadena, CA 91107

### **Comments:**

I didn't think we would get here again so quickly. Another horrifying incident of police violence. The body camera of the police officer, the shooter and the closest, conveniently turned off during the incident. In comments Chief Perez shrugs this off as something which is easy to do and which happens all the time. If it happens all the time and you are aware of it then why hasn't it been fixed? Why is there no accountability? The police department then releases a heavily edited and narrated video of the incident which smears the victim. These edits and additions are not intended to provided unbiased clarity, but rather are intended to steer us to a particular conclusion. Why edit and narrate? Why smear the victim who can no longer defend himself? Why not let the raw footage show what happened? Why release what amounts to propaganda? I'm not buying what you are selling. Despite all of this, when watching the video, the only person we see who is violent, who shoots a man in the back, who kills someone, is a Pasadena Police officer.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Jaz

Email:

Phone: E...-

Address: 1

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Blvd, Monrovia, CA 91016

### **Comments:**

The assumption that Anthony McClain had a gun is both unfounded and dangerous. From the footage, the officers clearly could have used non-lethal force to detain him, but instead shot him multiple times in the back, despite no evidence of a weapon on him. The fact that he kicked off his shoes before running away from the police does not indicate a person intending to harm police, but fearing for their life. Deadly force was unnecessary and troubling here, and I demand more oversight to prevent this kind of judgment call from happening again.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

Name: Email: Phone: 626- Address: d,
Lauren Siegel Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

This would NEVER happen to a white woman in Pasadena. I would NEVER be stopped for not having a license plate. If I did, I would be issued citation and sent on my way. I, nor a passenger, would NEVER been asked to get out of the car for a traffic citation. This shows that an aggressive police force against black citizens.

The blatant disregard the police showed this man after he was shot in the back, where a taser could have been used, is terrifying. To kneel on his back while he was shot is CRIMINAL. To tear gas at the crowd that is in shock, pain and anger with children in the crowd is CRIMINAL. This would not happen to a white man or crowd.

The Police Chief was rude and disrespectful to the family when they arrived to see this horrific video. Making comments about their family being confusing and needing to call the grandmother. This would never happen to a white family. I hope the council can see that the Pasadena Police needs to change its tactics immediately. I hope the council has the determination to make sure that black lives are respected.

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Name:

Email:

Phone: (

Address: Pasadena, CA

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### **Comments:**

I do not say this lightly: Pasadena Police have proven that even in this liberal city, systemic racism is alive and thriving. The information that has surfaced in the week subsequent to Anthony McClain's death has demonstrated that black lives do not matter to this city, to its police officers, or to most members of this city council. This city and all of its authorities have mismanaged the circumstances resulting from the wrongful death of yet another black man at the hands of PPD.

I watched in shock as city councilmembers quickly gave their empty condolences to the family and proceeded to other things. Then, Chief Perez decided to hold a press conference in which he showed the footage of the aftermath surrounding Anthony's murder. A group of families, including five young children, was recklessly peppersprayed immediately after witnessing a death, there are no words to describe the stain that this vitriolic behavior puts on our city. Where is the counseling that those children deserve? Where is the care for a community that is experiencing this form of systemic oppressive trauma year after year?

I urge you to postpone this vote until the demands of BLM Pasadena have been addressed.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

Email:

Phone: 323-

Address:

Cathy Farrar

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Pasadena, CA 91107

### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek & City Council:

I am advocating for a oversight committee. When my husband and son leave home I'm nervous. It has become like the wild, wild west out there. I believe that an oversight committee would hold both citizens and police accountable when things go sideways.

Thanks for your consideration.

Cathy Farrar

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

Email:

Phone: 626-

Address:

Sharon Calkin

Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Esteemed Mayor and City Council Members,

The recent - and possibly avoidable -shooting death of Anthony McClain pierced my heart as it did many members of our community. It's time for the council to adopt the Tornek-Kennedy oversight model and move forward in

assuring the residents of Pasadena that there will be clearly defined alternatives to letting a suspect run away or shooting to kill. I respect the right for police officers to protect themselves while performing their sworn duties. It's equally vital that the men and women hired to protect and serve our community are well-trained and accountable if they are to stop short of killing the suspects they want to question. I urge the Council's unanimous vote tonight to adopt the proposed Tornek-Kennedy civilian oversight model. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Delia

**Email:** 

Phone: 626-

Address: 100, ....

Fance

Altadena, CA 91001

### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and Council,

I am in favor of a police oversight committee I cannot imagine why the City would not want this. With all that has happened, even in Pasadena, in recent years. I would think that we would want someone that is impartial, who could shed light on who would be at fault. An oversight committee could potentially save the city millions of dollars.

Thank you, I shop and dine in Pasadena.

Delia Fance

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: David

Email:

Phone: 626-

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CA 91106

Address:

### **Comments:**

- 1. Release all records of use of force complaints, investigations, and conclusions made by police or City Council in the past 5 years. Provide a mechanism for regular release of such materials.
- 2. In case of an officer-involved shooting, release unedited body-cam footage to the family of the deceased or to the family's legal counsel, within 24 hours after the incident.
- 3. Do NOT grant nomination power to the Chief of Police to appoint a member of the Oversight Commission.
- 4. Permit Black Lives Matter Pasadena the right to nominate one member of the Oversight Commission. (Proportionately increase the # of appointees if it increases)
- 5. Disqualify nominees or appointees of the Oversight Commission who have financial, personal, political, or other business ties to real estate developers or police unions.
- 6. City of Pasadena commit to immediately dropping charges against Nafissa Kaba, whose 11-year-old son was maced by a police officer moments after Anthony McClain's death.

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Name:

Email:

Phone: 626-

Address:

Charles H.

AVE, PASADENA, CA 91104

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## **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Terry Tornek and Pasadena City Councilmembers,

I support the proposal for a civilian police oversight committee presented by the Public Safety Committee. Councilman John Kennedy envisioned the need for a Pasadena Civilian Police Oversight committee many years ago. The City Council has considered various oversight proposals – and yet, here we are again reacting to another Police Officer Involved shooting (August 15, 2020.) Now is the time to be proactive and Vote "YES!"

As an African American resident of Pasadena for 56 years, I see the need for Civilian Oversight. Previous Police Chief Bernard Melekian recruited me to attend the Pasadena Citizen Police Academy (aka Community Police Academy CPA). Chief Melikian expressed the need for citizens to have an awareness of police operations – "It is not if an incident occurs, it's when one occurs". It was not a knock on fine PPD officers, but factors impacting both his officers and the community. I have a good perspective of both sides of the issue.

Citizens and police department members are safer when there is independent police department oversight. This proposal is a step in the right direction.

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Name: Eileen

Email:

Phone: 818-

Address:

Snead

Altadena, CA 91001

## **Comments:**

Hello Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers,

A Pasadena police oversight committee should have happened many years ago. My son should not fear the police, but he does. An oversight committee would at least make me feel more comfortable when things don't go as they are intended to. I believe that it would hold the guilty party accountable. Pasadena needs this asap. I trust that other areas will follow your lead.

Thank you, an Altadena neighbor

Eileen Snead

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

Email:

Phone: 310-

Address: .

Christopher

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Street, Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

I am a Black man, married with two lovely children, I work, volunteer in my children's school, I take my family on vacations and we live the American dream. But my reality sometimes in hard because the very people I look to for safety and security are the same people, I fear. I wish I were delusional, but I am not, I am scared for my young 12-year son. I must teach him how to survive in a society where I feel the police force was created to police black America and not serve them. I don't let my son watch videos of black men being killed by police; I don't want to desensitized him and I don't want him to think it is normal for blacks to be killed by the very people who should protect him. I don't believe an entire force is bad, but when you have police officers who abuse citizens, you erode public confidence in law enforcement. That makes the job of good police officers unsafe"

My emotional appeal is to simply ask you to VOTE YES on the Civilian Police Oversight Committee presented by Councilmember John J. Kennedy, Chair of Public Safety Committee.

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Name:	Email:	Phone: 517	Address: j	_	 ,
Jesse Saler	 •		Pasadena, CA 9110	4	

### **Comments:**

Hi, my name is Jesse. I'm a resident of District 5 in Pasadena. I implore you to please create a police oversight body made up of an independent auditor and selected community members. Please. Don't be scared. Any honest police officer will not be scared of oversight, as they should have nothing to hide. Surely, accountability is a good thing; especially when the loss of fellow human life is involved. Be the leader you dreamed of being when you started your career and make a difference.

Thank you for your time.

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Name:

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Phone: 626-

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Theresa

Dr., Altadena, CA 91001

**Taylor** 

## **Comments:**

Greetings City Council,

I wish to vote for a police oversight committee. I cannot understand why it has taken so long to get to this voting point. I have been in favor for many years. It is not to fault the police or the citizens. It is merely to act as a check and balance for our system. Your vote 'for' would mean a lot.

Thank you,

Theresa Taylor

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Jill

Email:

Phone: 407-

Address:

**DeBiase** 

Pasadena, CA 91104

### **Comments:**

These are comments in regards to the shooting of Anthony McClain.

The edited video released by Pasadena PD does not show any conclusive evidence regarding Anthony holding a gun or threatening the officer's life. Police officers CANNOT shoot someone in the back who is running away. That is unacceptable and shows that the officer involved does not deserve to hold a weapon. Shooting someone in the back while they're running away is not policing, it's killing.

The officer involved should be fired and prosecuted for murder. He has not shown the ability to do his job.

You must mandate that all police officers properly use functioning body cameras while on-duty -- why did the officer who shot Anthony McClain not have his on?

You must install a police oversight commission -- a non-partisan, multi-cultural, citizen-based police oversight commission to review controversial cases and provide decisive guidelines the police department must follow

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

Email:

Phone: 626-

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Yolanda Oliver

Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

### **Comments:**

Hello Mayor Tornek & City Council,

Eight days after the Anthony McClain shooting, a Wisconsin man with his children in the car, was shot 7 times in the back for walking away from the Police. This Black man did not have a gun. I am in total favor of Police Oversight and Accountability. I just feel that it is taking so long, for some to agree. Many Council people accept police union money which is wrong. As a result, the receiver becomes the puppet. We all know that this is true. With that said, Vote from your heart, or soul. Save this City's reputation, Give comfort to the citizens, the people of color. Vote in favor of Police oversight, the country is watching Pasadena CA and now Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Yolanda Oliver

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Aki

Email:

Phone: 203-

Address:

Ohdera

Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

Enough is enough. I am a Pasadena resident, living blocks away from where Anthony McClain was shot. These incidents cannot and should not continue to happen. I demand Empowered Oversight of the Pasadena Police Department. This oversight must include investigatory authority, subpoena power, policy review and reform authority, appropriate funding, multi-faceted training (including civil rights), bans on members with conflicts of interest, and an enforceable disciplinary role. It is imperative that the oversight committee have the power and authority to effect real change. We do not need a glorified Complaint Board. The Independent Police Auditor should be housed in a separate City Prosecutor's office to eliminate conflict of interest. The commission and IPA should have explicitly stated authority to both Conduct and Review investigations. The police chief should enact recommendations made by the community oversight board unless such recommendations are deemed illegal. PPD has done things their way long enough, despite the communities demanding change. August 15 showed us, again, the deadly results of PPD's training, policies and procedures. The community is hurting and we can not continue to live by the status quo. I stand with my community and demand safe, accountable, transparent, community-focused policing.

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# Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Brian Dance Address: Pasadena, CA 91103

### **Comments:**

My name is Brian and I live in district 3. The status quo is not working and residents deserve real change. I support the creation of a police oversight body compromised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena powers. My community and me deserve better, we don't want another life lost. I ask my elected officials to make history and create a police oversight body compromised of an independent auditor and selected community members for the commission with subpoena powers.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #6

Name: Sara

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Ann Hamilton

Pasadena, CA 91106, Pasadena,

CA 91106

### **Comments:**

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Councilmembers,

I know we need diversity, sensitivity training, and body cameras; I support those steps. But I also know we need a Civilian Police Oversight Committee, one that is before you presented by the Public Safety Committee Chair Councilman John Kennedy.

I must believe that the Pasadena Police department will appreciate this type of partnership and working relationship for the good of our community. All we want is fairness, justice, and equality for all – Please vote Yes on the proposal before you.

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I, Pasadena, California

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### **Comments:**

As a lifelong Pasadenan, I am committed to the health and healing of our Crown City. This is the time to deal with our conflicted history of racism and the tragic shootings of civilians at the hands of our police force. I respect the service of certain law enforcement officers to our community, but this service needs oversight--and not by representatives appointed by the police chief. Let critics join the table, because who else can keep the police department accountable? Investigations of force complaints need to be public. Unedited body-cam footage in officer-involved shootings needs to be released immediately to the family. This is the time for Pasadena to be courageous and insure the interests and safety of all its residents. Let's not only be reactive but be at the front of this. I know you as our elected representatives can be part of this historic change.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Dana

Email:

Phone: 818-

Address:

Weaver

Ave., Altadena, CA 91001

### **Comments:**

Greetings Mayor Tornek and City Council,

An Independent Police Oversight Committee would hold both citizens and police officers accountable for their actions. I can't believe that it has taken years to get to a viable vote. Altadena residents spend a lot of time and money in Pasadena, As African Americans, we are concerned if my husband or son is stopped by any police, for any reason. Blacks have feared the police since Slavery...and we are still baffled about the country's progress. Please support and vote for an Independent Civilian Police Oversight committee.

Thank you,

Dana Weaver

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Christopher

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Pasadena,

Lopez

CA 91101

### **Comments:**

While I understand the specifics and nuances of the shooting of Pasadena community member, Anthony McClain, they do not eclipse the justification of lethal force from the officer and the general systemic racism within Pasadena. How much blood needs to be spilt before systemic accountability and oversight to PPD is implemented? How much trauma must our communities experience before radical redistribution of funding takes place, to fill our neighborhoods with resources for mental health and education? Take the energy and concern used to defend the PPD and preclude city officials from culpability, and use it to listen to the community members in the streets, empathize with grieving residents, and reimagine city policies for a more just and equitable Pasadena. Stop pretending like status quo works.

In the very least. I am asking you, our elected officials, to create a police oversight body comprised of an independent auditor and selected community for the community members for the commission with subpoena power. There is no ambiguity in our ask to align a proposal with the Community Bill of Rights.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Maximilian

Email:

Phone: 6

Address: Altadena,

J Boyle

CA 91001

### **Comments:**

My name is Max Boyle, I am a youth pastor in Pasadena and have been a resident of Pasadena for nine years until recently moving to Altadena this summer. I've attended multiple prayer vigils and rallies on behalf of Anthony McClain this week and it is clear that our city is in immense pain right now. The trauma, pain and despair that our community is experiencing from the death of Anthony McClain will have long lasting implications for generations if the leaders of Pasadena do not give justice to Mr. McClain, his family and the NW Pasadena neighborhood.

Unfortunately, this has not been the first time PPD has taken away a black man's life from this community. Let Antony McClain be the last time our community suffers trauma and death by the hands of the PPD. There needs to be accountability now. Allow community members to be part of the police oversight committee, grant the committee and IPA subpoena power, and keep the IPA INDEPENDENT of the PD & City Manager. PPD has functioned too long without accountability from the ones they claim to protect and serve.