

**Baumb, Nelly**

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**From:** Anna <pandahour@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Re: Comments for tonight's City Council hearing

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Hello,

Upon reviewing tonight's Council agenda, I noticed that there are no Black Lives Matter-related updates aside from potentially putting up a street sign near City Hall. I don't see any updates regarding BLM calls to action.

Can you please create a webpage with up-to-date information regarding the City's plans to redistribute police funding and assess/adopt community-oriented programs and services instead?

I know it was discussed at a previous Council meeting, but we need transparency including clear steps, timelines, etc.

Thank you,  
Anna Berman  
Palo Alto resident and taxpayer

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 4:20 PM Anna <[pandahour@gmail.com](mailto:pandahour@gmail.com)> wrote:

I'm writing to express my dissatisfaction with the Council's proposed Black Lives Matter Resolution. The Resolution does absolutely nothing -- it makes no real commitments to root out systemic and systematic racism.

As a Palo Alto resident, I want to see an actual **plan** from the City Council that addresses how the Council plans to re-examine policies, practices, and programs to root out inherent racism and discrimination, as well as a **plan** to redistribute police funding to new frontline services (i.e. mental health professionals, social workers, educational services, etc.).

We need increased accountability, which includes firing Officer DeStefano. We don't want performative allyship. We want REAL action, REAL change. We're determined to see justice prevail and we're prepared to vote in Councilmembers who will see to that.

In Solidarity,  
Anna Berman

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**From:** Jeremy Shaw <jeremy\_s\_shaw@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:24 PM  
**To:** Council, City  
**Subject:** Urgency on Black Lives and the Police

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Dear City Council members,

I was disappointed to see there was no agenda item related to this topic on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Even though some of the items are large and will take a while, it's urgent to get started and make sure things happen as quickly as possible. This stuff is both URGENT and IMPORTANT

I would like to see an update on what has happened so far, including the following:

- 1) Where is the BLM street painting which was suggested by council member Kou two weeks ago?
- 2) What progress has the HRC made on "8 Can't Wait" and the Black history project?
- 3) What is the timeline for the first draft of City staff to produce a discussion document restructuring the police?
- 4) How have council members been educating themselves on the background of the issues - can you all share reading/viewing/listening lists?

I'm very concerned, especially in the light of comments such as the one from council member Filseth along the lines of "it can't happen here in Palo Alto," that council doesn't feel motivated to take the swift, decisive and radical action which is necessary.

Thanks,

jeremy.

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