

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Relative to the appointment of Ms. Maria "Lou" Calanche to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2022. I strongly urge you to reject this appointment. Ms. Calanche works with an organization who partners with the LAPD and has LAPD officers on its board. There is no way that she can serve as oversight for the LAPD when she is already working WITH the LAPD. The Board of Police Commissioners is already stacked with commissioners who have conflicts of interest and have outwardly stated their leanings towards police. It is clear that this body needs an overhaul if it is to be effective, transparent and create accountability for the LAPD. The way this board is staffed now, this is simply impossible. I have been attending police commission meetings for the past several years and have written the Mayor and my city councilmember many times about these very issues. In fact, the Mayor's recent plan to appoint an additional advisory board for the commission is just an admission that this is in fact, a failed body. The world and this city are shouting from the streets daily that the LAPD is not to be trusted. There is work to be done to repair that, and this will be a giant step in the wrong direction. The President of the BOPC herself stated that no changes of this magnitude would be made without the public's input. She has not held a single community meeting since taking on the role of President of this commission. She has continually limited public input all the while stating she would like to hear what the public has to say. It is time to appoint REAL community members to this board if you ever have hopes of it being effective. Otherwise, we will have to continue to ask the State AG to review all use of force cases and the like.

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Name: Paula Minor

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Comments for Public Posting: The PublicSafety Committee must reject the Mayors appointment of Maria “Lou” Calanche to the Board of Police Commissioners. She created and works for an organization with extreme connection to the LAPD. A police officer is on her board. This appointment has heavy potential conflict of interest. There are others whom the Mayor could appoint with no questionable connections. The members of the Board of a Police Commissioners are to oversee LAPD, not be their organizational partners.