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**From:** Carly Stadum-Liang <carly.stadum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment for city council meeting tonight

Hello Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

While it has been almost two months since Mali Watkins was illegally arrested, and the same amount of time since George Floyd was murdered, while other city councils around the Bay Area have already taken concrete steps towards reimagining public safety, the Alameda City Council is still discussing forming committees to appoint committees. Justice delayed is justice denied. The City Council needs to take action now to declare racism an emergency and start taking concrete actions to counteract racism in our community.

I also am concerned with the current proposal to have the City Manager be responsible for selecting all the steering committee members, who will then select the members of the various task forces. The Council needs to instead set up a process where the Community gets to choose the steering committee members. I suggest doing so by having the Council or City Manager, with community I put, select various local stakeholder organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, the local ACLU group, the Alameda Point Collaborative, local faith leaders or communities, and have each organization/entity select a steering group member. That way the steering committee will truly be community led.

Thank you,

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**From:** Seth Marbin [he - him] <smarbin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support the Resolution to release Paul Rolleri from Alameda Police Chief (attached as a comment to Item 2-A)

I'm writing to **support** the Resolution before the council tonight to release **Paul Rolleri from his role as Alameda Police Chief.**

### **The Chief's gotta go!**

Under Chief Rolleri's leadership Alameda has only grown in reputation as a "sundown town" - meaning a place where People of Color don't want to be caught after dark for fear of being treated the way Mr. Mali Watkins was treated. Is that the Alameda you want to live in? The videos clearly demonstrate, and the District Attorney has now confirmed, Mr. Watkins was unlawfully detained and unlawfully arrested. He was also disrespected, provoked, and then assaulted. Chief Rolleri has taken no responsibility for this. He should have declared outright that what happened to Mr. Watkins was clearly unlawful and shameful. And this was only the most recent incident that was caught on video.

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His inflated salary and benefits package alone should be reason enough. It's way more than that of chiefs in much larger cities.

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Chief Rolleri also demonstrated he's willing to give the appearance of making sweeping changes without any input from the community or council. He's also demonstrated he's willing to use paid time to lobby the City Council by soliciting emails from supporters and then forwarding them to the city clerk. We see that he wants to keep his power, to keep his status, and he wants to keep his budget. But he's also actively working to undercut much needed change within the police department.

**The Chief's gotta go!** His continued leadership of the Alameda Police is a danger to all Alamedans.

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**From:** Savanna Cheer <savanna.cheer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** John Knox White; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public comment on special meeting item 2-A - subcommittee recommendation/steering committee

Good evening.

While I appreciate that there were some initial efforts made to address transforming Alameda's vision of public safety, I'm very concerned with how these efforts are starting out. If this entire process was meant to be community-led and sourced, how come the community wasn't engaged by the subcommittee? If that engagement is instead going to be left to the city manager in the formation of the steering committee - what was the purpose of the work done on this for the past four weeks? What are the specific ways in which you will amplify the needs and contributions of Black Alamedans and Alamedans who have experienced harm from policing and have been most affected by oppressive systems? I am hoping that you will provide a great deal more detail in tonight's discussion. As it stands, what was published in tonight's agenda is insufficient. Coupled with your total bungle of last week's public health emergency resolution, things aren't looking great in our city's pursuit of racial justice. As you've heard me and countless others comment in the past six weeks or so - there is no time to wait. Marilyn, you invoked the heroic and beloved John Lewis earlier and said precisely what I would like to know - if not now - WHEN? WHEN. I hope that you'll be able to answer that question tonight in your discussion of this topic. Coming out of this meeting it should be abundantly clear when we're going to see action taken on divesting from policing and investing in our community.

Thank you.

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**From:** Jyothi Marbin <jyothi.marbin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment re 2a

Dear City Council,

Given that the council agreed last week that racism is a public health emergency, I would suggest that health care providers' voices are included in the steering committee.

I further suggest that each steering subcommittee is comprised of at least 50% BIPOC, and that we compensate members of the steering committee. This will help create inclusive structures that support diverse participation and avoid exacerbating the minority tax.

Jyothi Marbin, Alameda resident & pediatrician