

Call In 11/18 South Pasadena City Council Meeting
Possible talking points/outline for your public comment

Procedure

1. Call (626) 322-2344
2. Follow instructions given
 - a. It will explain the guidelines then ask you to press 1
3. You will have three minutes to record your comment
 - a. I recommend having a timer in front of you so you are aware of how much time has elapsed

Content recommendations

1. Introduction
 - a. Name
 - b. "I am making this comment for the November 18, 2020 City Council Meeting."
 - c. "This comment is for the open session and should be played under the general public comment portion of the meeting."
 - d. If it feels applicable, your relationship to South Pasadena
2. Talking points. Feel free to reference the public comment signed by community members here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/184u4XaTmrQMcUL2tYbemDuuWCW-PzJ8nt7NUb9JOycY/edit?usp=sharing>
 - a. The pro-Trump protest that occurred in South Pasadena on Sunday, November 1, 2020 brought violence, bigotry, xenophobia, and hatred to our city.
 - b. The presence of the protesters was not welcomed here and South Pasadena communities showed up to make that message clear. They were met with violence in the face of which SPPD did nothing.
 - c. A minor was assaulted after initial aggression by a pro-Trump protester at this protest and no arrests were made. According to the most recent publicly available information, both the minor and the perpetrator of the assault are facing charges.
 - d. This is a pattern of SPPD's: we have seen them time and time again protect perpetrators of violence against Black Lives Matter protestors and others advocating for justice and equity in South Pasadena.
 - i. Slow response after the assaults of Black Lives Matter protesters Fahren James and Victoria Patterson
 - ii. Slow response after the assault of a protester by a couple which resulted in destruction of property and physical harm
 - iii. The threatening and illegal action of a hostile community member driving onto a curb at Fair Oaks and Mission to instigate debate with Black Lives Matter protesters
 - iv. The police sponsored publicity of a prayer event on city property held by a white supremecist, anti-LGBTQIA+ group

- e. I am demanding that the South Pasadena City Council enlist the assistance of an unbiased, third party to conduct a thorough investigation of South Pasadena police conduct in general and with respect to specific instances involving violence against groups advocating for Black lives.
- 3. Make sure to personalize your public comment. If you have experience at a protest or have seen something questionable that the SPPD has done, include to make it personal.