



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

Altadena Community Center, 730 East Altadena Drive
Altadena, California 91001

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:08 PM

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance _____ Sam Yarbrough and Annette Spence,
Community Women With Vital Voices
Introduction, Judy Matthews

1.2. Roll Call _____ Recording Secretary, Judy Matthews

(15) Present: Nestor De La Torre, Okorie Ezieme, Veronica Jones, Victoria Knapp,
Jennifer Lee, Billy Malone, Diane Marcussen, Judy Matthews, Justin Robertson,
Gloria Sanyika, Patricia Sutherlen, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Sylvia Vega, John White,
and Dorothy Wong

(1) Excused: Dr. Reginald Wilkins

(0) Absent/Unexcused

1.3. Approve January 16, 2018 Meeting Agenda _____ Vice Chair, Patricia Sutherlen reports
additions to agenda, 6.3 Community Relations Committee Report-Dr. Sandra Thomas
and 8.1 Census Tract 4610. Patricia moves to accept agenda as amended.

Motion: Patricia Sutherlen

Second: Gloria Sanyika

Aye: Unanimous

Abstention: None

The motion carries.

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1. Chairman _____ Okorie Ezieme acknowledges council,
community, and television viewers and announces that the public may view recorded
meetings on cable. Chair expresses the importance of interaction with community and
council to present progressive ideas and community engagement opportunities. He
encourages the community to join and support town council to build a better Altadena and
to participate in the 2018 election. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee,
Councilmember Thomas accepts appointment as chair of the Election Committee
and Councilmember Victoria Knapp to serve as vice chair. Councilmembers Thomas and
Knapp will seek other committee members. Chair acknowledges Second Annual ATC
Holiday Celebration Committee: Victoria Knapp, Veronica Jones, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Judy
Matthews, Dorothy Wong, and Patricia Sutherlen. Businesses and organizations are also
acknowledged for their support and participation: Saint Marks Episcopal School, Pasadena
Rosebud Charter School, Pasadena Media, Baja Cali Fish and Taco, Bloomfield Creamery,
AltaPasa Green Circle, Buy Nothing Altadena, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard. Chair Ezieme
thanks the community for their participation.

Chair Ezieme delivers a statement on ATC's position against any form of police brutality and
use of excessive force. The community has expressed its dissatisfaction regarding the
Christopher Ballew incident and is requesting a public forum with representative(s)



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from law enforcement to address the community. Chair refers further comments to Captain Vicki Stuckey, Altadena Sheriff's Station, and community inquiries relating to police brutality to Councilmember Thomas, Community Relations Committee Chair, who has been charged with the responsibility of following up with law enforcement to present a committee report. Chair Ezieme reiterates that council will not tolerate or approve any form of brutality towards citizens nor look the other way allowing it to happen.

Get Healthy Altadena 2018 is Saturday, February 24. The New York Drive Project is scheduled to start in early 2019 and consists of the extension of a storm drain from Lake Avenue to Maiden Lane, construction of missing segment of sidewalk from Altadena Drive to Lake Avenue, upgrading existing traffic signals, and completing construction of roadway pavement. LA County Department of Public Works is working on the design plan between Lake Avenue and Altadena Drive. James Yang, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, is invited to make a special presentation and obtain community feedback on the New York Drive Project at February 20, 2018 ATC meeting. The Education Committee has two upcoming events in January and February. Councilmember De La Torre is acknowledged for his due diligence in working to improve the website. On Wednesday, January 17, 2018, World War II Veteran Karl Dietzel is celebrating his 100th birthday and Altadena Town Council is invited and will be in attendance to support the milestone. The marijuana dispensary will be addressed at another time. It is announced that the Altadena Community Standards District (CSD) went into effect January 11, 2018. (For more information on the CSD, visit planning.lacounty.gov/altadena.)

Chair Ezieme announces the passing of Dr. Thomas' father and asks for a moment of silence.

- 2.2. Vice Chairman _____ Patricia Sutherlen reports that the Executive Committee met on January 9, 2018 to finalize the agenda. In order to make a public comment, the public may fully complete a comment card and submit to council member seated at the end of the council table. Councilmember Sutherlen offers a special thanks to community resident Helen Liddell for providing cupcakes in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- 2.3. Recording Secretary _____ Judy Matthews
- 2.3.1. A correction is made to Item 3.2, and a motion is made to approve December 19, 2017 meeting minutes as amended.

Motion: Judy Matthews
Second: Patricia Sutherlen
Aye: Unanimous
Abstention: None
The motion carries.



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- 2.4. Treasurer _____ John E. White reports that the balance is \$2,380.00 and the account is in good standing. ATC is funded by contributions from the community, and the community is asked to consider contributing to the account as ATC is experiencing added expenses due to the website.
- 2.5. Corresponding Secretary _____ Nestor De La Torre reports that communication from Learning Works was addressed to wrong council member, but it has been corrected to be addressed to one census tract (CT) representative for each CT. Correspondence was received from Altadena Chamber of Commerce inviting ATC to the 94th Award Dinner. Councilmember De La Torre announces NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Groundwater Cleanup Project's 2017 review. For the second phase of rebuilding the website, Councilmember De La Torre is seeking council and community members who are interested in volunteering to participate on an informal committee offering suggestions and feedback. No experience is necessary, but volunteers need to commit to communicating monthly via email. The community is welcome to submit suggestions and recommendations. The website is estimated to be completed by June 2018. Upon completion, there will be special presentations to council and the community. Inquiries pertaining to the website should be directed to Councilmember De La Torre at (nestor.delatorre@altadenatowncouncil.org).

[Councilmember Patricia Sutherlen corrects record that refreshments were provided by Councilmembers Judy Matthews and Victoria Knapp, assisted by resident Helen Liddell.]

3. PUBLIC SAFETY

- 3.1. California Highway Patrol _____ Officer Paul Paddon provides December statistics: 15 traffic collisions involving property damage only, 11 traffic collisions with injuries, and no fatalities reported. Chip for Kids was successful. In response to council inquiry, December and January arrests and citations stats will be provided at February's meeting.
- 3.2. Altadena Sheriff's Station _____ Lt. Carmichael Octave provides a report for November/December 2017. Stats show an increase in overall crime from 48 to 62 due to an increase in larcenies. No trends or patterns reported. The crimes are related to theft from unlocked vehicles and package thefts. Investigations are ongoing. Larcenies are up 19-22, grand theft auto is up 4-10, and residential burglary is up 8-13. No trends or patterns reported for residential burglary. Sliding glass patio doors are a common method of entry. Residents with home alarms are encouraged to get sensors on doors, which acts as a deterrent and alerts law enforcement to the presence of perpetrator(s). There was a decrease in robbery weapon from 1-0 and aggravated assaults from 4-3. There was an increase in strong arm from 0-1 and vehicle burglary from 4-6. Domestic violence remains at 0, and burglary other structures remains at 4. One arson is currently under investigation. Residents are asked to remove valuables from cars and set alarms. (For more information on Altadena Sheriff's Station crime statistics, visit ATC website, Public



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Safety Reports.)

- 3.3. County Fire _____ Maria Grycan, Community Services Liaison, LA County Fire Department, provides a report for December. In response to council inquiry, modifying future reporting to identify type of pedestrian collisions and incorporate census tract may be considered. Councilmember De La Torre will provide Maria Grycan the link to Google map of census tracts. (For more information on LA County Fire Department activity report, visit ATC website, Public Safety Reports.)
- 3.4. CERT _____ No report.
- 3.5. Map Your Neighborhood _____ Karen Gibson provides a report giving an overview of current training statistics, the importance of MYN, and three ways to contact representatives: 1) visit www.facebook.com/ALTMYN, 2) call (626) 798-9919, or 3) email mynrsvp@gmail.com. The community is encouraged to consider MYN training for 2018. Training will be held at Altadena Town and Country Club. (For reservations, email mynrsvp@gmail.com.)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SPECIAL REPORT-CHRISTOPHER BALLEW INCIDENT

- 4.1. Special Report – Christopher Ballew Incident __Councilmember Sandra Thomas, Community Relations Committee Chair, provides a statement regarding the alleged beating of Altadena resident, Christopher Ballew, at the hands of Pasadena Police. Dr. Thomas reports on her communication with Captain Vicki Stuckey, Altadena Sheriff's Station; Chief Philip Sanchez, Pasadena Police Department; Altadena Town Council representatives; and community members. It has been determined that there is a misunderstanding on the jurisdictional ramifications surrounding the incident. Captain Stuckey explains that Pasadena Police Department has jurisdiction in this incident, and as such, Altadena personnel are not involved. Chief Sanchez states that there is a full investigation and the department is working with a local community group comprised of individuals from Western Justice Center, NAACP, unions and other groups. Additional information will be provided as the outreach organization moves forward. Dr. Thomas introduces fellow Community Relations Committee members (Councilmember Judy Matthews and community activist Elliott Gold), and she acknowledges council for their input and Councilmember Jones, representative for Census Tract 4610-where the incident took place-for her due diligence.

Dr.Thomas reads into record all questions received, provided to, and acknowledged by Captain Stuckey. (See Exhibit A: Community Questions and Responses from Captain Vicki Stuckey, Captain Altadena Sheriff's Station.) Dr. Thomas states that if anyone who submitted a question(s) and did not hear their question(s) addressed, please resubmit it to Captain Stuckey. Dr.Thomas moves to accept the Community Relations Report and public comment cards submitted.



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Motion: Dr. Sandra Thomas

Second: Billy Malone

Matter moves to discussion with public comments and Chair Ezieme requests that speakers do not restate previously addressed comments.

4.1.1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbie Ishida, Neighbors Building a Better Altadena (NBBA) member, acknowledges Captain Stuckey's effort to provide professional development regarding situation deescalating practices for Altadena Sheriff's Station. She expresses that Christopher Ballew's beating by Pasadena law enforcement for tinted window violation was not a proportionate response.

Kris Ockershauser, affiliated with Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight of Pasadena Police Department and ACLU, explains that the Racial and Identity Profiling Act went into effect in 2018 with the Altadena Sheriff's Department and requires detail reporting after a stop. The purpose is to determine if there is evidence of racial profiling during traffic and pedestrian stops. Pasadena residents believe there is profiling and have asked the Pasadena Police Department to implement the new law in 2018 instead of 2023 due to the Christopher Ballew incident. Residents of northwest Pasadena have surveyed the city asking what they thought of the police department. Seventy-two percent of African Americans and 46% of Latinos feel there is racial profiling, excessive use of force, and unnecessary stops.

Steven Gibson shares that this is a Rodney King moment for Pasadena. He believes that because the incident happened in Altadena and the victim is a resident of Altadena, the matter is an issue for Altadena. He expresses that this is a historic moment and the community cannot wait for Pasadena police to do their investigation.

Monica Hubbard, NBBA, submits that the beating of Christopher Ballew by Pasadena police officers that was captured on Pasadena Police Department (PPD) video cams and has been released to the public has done nothing to protect Altadena residents, help residents feel safer in their neighborhoods, or strengthen trust between law enforcement and the people law enforcement officers purport to serve and protect. She shares the belief that no one watching the videos can reasonably conclude that the actions of two PPD officers exemplified PPD's values of pride, professionalism, and integrity. She also states that they fail to see how the beating maintained the public's trust, particularly the trust of Altadena residents in whose town PPD was operating. NBBA asks ATC to obtain clarification on the following:

- 1) Under what circumstances may Pasadena police officers come into Altadena and stop motorists or pedestrians?



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2) Under what circumstances may Pasadena police officers use force on Altadena residents they have stopped, and what are the rules/policies governing the use of force by Pasadena Police Department officers operating in Altadena?

3) Under what circumstances may Pasadena police officers cite Altadena residents for minor infractions such as missing license plates or tinted windows?

4) How does PPD interface with Altadena Sheriffs, Altadena Sheriff's traffic officers, and California Highway Patrol when PPD officers are in Altadena and pull over a motorist to cite missing license plate, tinted windows, or some other minor traffic violation?

NBBA further asks Altadena Town Council to publicly report back to the community at the February 20, 2018 Town Council meeting on jurisdictional and use of force issues and urges ATC to be public advocates for this community and the people.

Joan Risack expresses her support of ATC's statement of position and requests that the statement is backed up by appropriate and logical consequences. She shares that this is a defining moment for the community and law enforcement. Ms. Risack calls for law enforcement officers to treat each person they stop as their own child and asks that the theme move beyond sexual misconduct into any kind of misconduct, including police brutality.

Julie McKune states that she has been a resident of Altadena since 1960 and wants to live in a community of trust and respect and not violence on the body of black women and men. She suggests Pasadena police officers Lerry Esparza and Zachary Lujan should be suspended and terminated; annual training on the use of tactics to reduce the need for the use of force; and implementation of the Racial and Identity Profiling Act.

Dr. Anne Chomyn shares that she believes the beating of Christopher Ballew by Pasadena police is clearly a case of racial profiling. She asks Pasadena Police Department and city council to look into the policy on training police, policies, and recommendations on the use of force. Dr. Chomyn states that it is appropriate for ATC to write a letter to offices in Pasadena.

Stephanie Ballard, representing White People for Racial Justice of San Gabriel Valley, states that she disagrees that the problem is not Altadena's jurisdiction and feels the incident is clearly racial profiling. It is her opinion that Pasadena Police believe they can leave their jurisdiction and insert themselves into situations wherever they like without consequence. Ms. Ballard recommends citizens and elected officials pressure the police to hold them accountable.



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Nicole Moore, Census Tract 4610 resident, shares a personal incident she experienced two nights before release of the video. Less than two blocks from the location of the Christopher Ballew incident, law enforcement shined a light into her car while she was driving with her African American partner. She expresses that not knowing who was shining the light into the car harms relationships with the community and beat officers from the Altadena Sheriff's Station. Ms. Moore recommends ATC take action and place pressure on the Pasadena Police Department, police chief, and body of Pasadena.

Steve Lamb, Center for Progressive Urban Politics, states that this is not only a racial issue. In 1987, he was also beaten by Pasadena police. He shares that this is part of a long-standing pattern and practice by the Pasadena police. Mr. Lamb asks ATC to write Supervisor Barger and ask her to have District Attorney Lacey inquire into this matter.

Karen Gibson yields her time.

Council asks Chair Ezieme to send letter to mayor of Pasadena and Supervisor Kathryn Barger summarizing community comments. Chair Ezieme states that he has reached out to the Pasadena police chief, and confirms that the Community Relations Committee is working on a letter to appropriate authorities. Councilmember Matthews moves that Councilmember Jones continues her comments addressing the Christopher Ballew incident in lieu of including it with the census tract report.

Motion: Judy Matthews

Second: Billy Malone

Aye: Unanimous

The motion carries.

Councilmember Jones informs community that John Burton, attorney for Christopher Ballew, will be present to address the incident with Pasadena police. A town hall meeting is being formed to address the issue at hand. She states that there is continued due diligence by monitoring the process and communicating with the Pasadena city manager and asking for transparency and investigation in good faith.

Chair Ezieme states that the incident is an Altadena matter, not one census tract, and council is addressing accordingly under the guidance of Census Tract 4610 representatives Nestor De La Torre and Veronica Jones.

Chair Ezieme states that Councilmember Thomas' earlier motion to accept the Community Relations Report and public comment cards and to submit letter was properly motioned and second.



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Aye: Unanimous
Abstention: None
The motion carries.

4.2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Michele Zack reports on contributions Altadena Heritage has received to support Triangle Park. The signage and historical interpretive signs are to be placed in Triangle Park and there is a pending proposal to plant street trees at Fontanet Way. Council is asked to support the proposal and may email Jim Daly, Department of Public Works, (jdaly@dpw.lacounty.gov). A memorial monument in honor of government employees, including sheriffs, firemen, and highway patrol, has been placed in the park.

Granny Shakur reports that a new prison is being planned and asks community and council to write a letter to Supervisor Barger in opposition. She believes there are better ways to use funding. It is stated that quarterly town council meetings should be held in different locations to reach more residents and gain better interest from the community.

David Wader, resident in the 2800 block of Maiden Lane, shares concern about speeders. His pet was killed by speeders on Maiden Lane. He provides specific times and locations of incidents with speeders. Mr. Wader is preparing a map showing locations of speeders to present at the next ATC meeting. He encourages the community to fill out CHP traffic complaints.

Carlos Ponce expresses concern regarding dumping in Altadena. Councilmember Marcussen will contact county to have trash picked up but encourages residents to visit the ATC website (altadenatowncouncil.org) and contact census tract representative(s).

Dr. Anne Chomyn announces Complete Streets (CS) to be addressed at the ACONA meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. CS are streets that are designed to be accessible for everyone.

Attorney John Burton, retained by the Ballew family, shares his daughter's experience of being allegedly stopped inappropriately by Pasadena Police Department on Thursday, January 11, 2018 in Altadena.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5.1. 2017 Year Review _____ Hector Rodriquez, Field



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Representative, Office of Assemblymember Chris Holden, California State Assembly 41st District, reports on behalf of Assemblymember Chris Holden. He shares the 2017 year-end review on legislative wins, legislative highlights, and local victories for California. (For more information on the 2017 Year-End Report for California, visit <https://a41.asmdc.org>.)

5.2. Get Healthy Altadena _____ Chair Ezieme reports on behalf of Jim Morris announcing free health screenings at Get Healthy Altadena 2018, Saturday, February 24, 8:30 AM, Altadena Senior Center. Free lunch will be served. For more information, flyers are available in Spanish and English in the Assembly Room.

5.3. Fallen Officer Memorial _____ Rene Amy, Triangle Park volunteer, reports that upon placing a replica of the head Stone of Owen Brown in Triangle Park, he found that there was not a monument for fallen officers of Altadena Sheriffs' Station. Mr. Amy requests ATC writes a letter to the appropriate Los Angeles County Parks' official in support for the placement of a monument. Current supporters for the monument are Altadena Rotary, Altadena Chamber of Commerce, Association for LA Deputy Sheriffs, and LA Sheriff's Athletic Association. He states that the monument will include a small mount to hold the official torch used during the annual run and engraved with the names and death dates of fallen officers. The annual memorial run through Los Angeles County commemorates fallen officers and is represented by the carrying of the "Torch," which will be placed on the monument mount upon completion of the run. In response to council inquiry, Mr. Amy expresses that the existing monument does not include fallen Altadena Sheriffs. It is not respectful to the fallen officers who lost their lives in the line of duty to list them on the memorial for Altadena public service personnel. The cost to create the monument is nominal and any overage from fundraising will go to children programs at Loma Alta Park.

5.3.1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbie Ishida expresses that she finds one monument is sufficient for all deceased.

Dr. Anne Chomyn shares that a monument to cover all fallen service personnel is sufficient; not one for each branch of service.

Michelle Zack, on behalf of Altadena Heritage, suggests adding other names to present monument to avoid cluster of monuments in the park.

In response to public comments, Rene states that no firefighter has fallen in the line of duty in Altadena. Part of the process is an on-line petition. A discussion is



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held to determine if or when ATC will present letter of support. Chair Ezieme states that council reserves the right to get back to him after a discussion is held. Rene indicates that the matter may be presented to County without letter of approval from ATC.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. Land Use Committee _____ Diane Marcussen, Chair, reports that at the January meeting, Grocery Outlet responded to questions, and CUP conditions will be addressed with a possible vote in February. Action was taken on Subdivision of 1 lot to 4 lots at 638 W. Mariposa.

- 6.1.1. Action Item PM060661 a Subdivision of 1 lot to 4 lots at 638 W. Mariposa ____ Dr. Sandra Thomas indicates that she, Councilmember Gloria Sanyika, and applicant did their due diligence by canvassing the neighborhood speaking with residents and distributing flyers to notify residents of the January meeting. No public comment received. The LUC voted on the project and recommends approval with no conditions. Dr. Thomas moves that ATC sends a letter to the Regional Planning Commission for approval of the project.

Motion: Dr. Sandra Thomas

Second: Sylvia Vega

Abstention: One

The motion carries.

A discussion is held, in response to council inquiry, clarification is made that there was one abstention at the December 2017 LUC meeting.

- 6.1.2. Public Comment _____ None.

- 6.2. Education Committee _____ Councilmember Jennifer Lee reports two upcoming events: (1) neighborhood mixer organized by Altadena Elementary School Principal Bonita Scheckel on Sunday, January 21, 2018, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and (2) town hall meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Altadena Community Center, to address all public schools under PUSD and how public schools are part of our community democracy. (For more Information, contact Jennifer Lee at jennifer.lee@altadenatowncouncil.org.)

- 6.3. Community Relations Committee _____ Councilmember Sandra Thomas reports that the following items have been brought before the committee to be addressed: 1) marijuana dispensary, 2) mural on side wall of business on Lincoln Avenue south of Altadena Drive, 3) park assessment and funding, 4) Monica Hubbard's request that CT representatives report monthly on PUSD schools within their CT-referred to the Education Committee chair, 5) requests that Walker Drugs, the first black owned



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pharmacy in Altadena, is given consideration for recommendation during Black History Month, 6) certificate recognizing the 100th birthday of Mr. Karl Dietzel, 7) certificate recognizing one of Altadena's oldest residents, Mr. Truman, 8) Neighborhood Watch Group Night at ATC, 9) collaborating with Chamber of Commerce to introduce awards for old and new businesses, and 10) continue following the Christopher Ballew incident.

Councilmember De La Torre informs council that the mural project is vetted and properly permitted. In regards to park assessment and funding, County is aware of needs and a presentation will be made on park projects July 1, 2018. Chair Ezieme to present certificate to Karl Dietzel on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

7. ALTADENA COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 7.1. Altadena Library _____ Mindy Kittay, Director, provides a report highlighting January 2018 newsletter, US citizenship classes, and operating plan initiatives and updates for the mid-fiscal review. Mindy Kittay is continuing Community Conversations and encourages residents to join and express their wishes for the library and the community. (For more information, visit www.altadenalibrary.org.)
- 7.2. Chamber of Commerce _____ Councilmember Billy Malone announces new executive board— president, Doug Colliflower; vice president, Kelly Bennett; secretary, Rebecca Tufenkian; and treasurer, Craig Sloane. Ben McGinty is the 2018 Citizen of the Year, and Hugo Arteaga Graphic Design is the Business of the Year. Councilmember Malone highlights chamber activities and accomplishments for the year and extends congratulations to all 2018 applicants. The installation dinner is Friday, February 9, 2018, 6:30 PM at Altadena Town and Country Club. The first business directory in 13 years is now available for the public. (For more information on the chamber and to purchase tickets for the installation dinner and awards ceremony, visit www.altadenachamber.org.)
- 7.3. Collaborate PASadena _____ Councilmember Gloria Sanyika provides a report and overview of 2017 accomplishments. She announces that Collaborate PASadena is hosting a series of community listening sessions to explore ideas and solutions. Dates and time for the listening sessions, which are being held every other month, will be announced. A community forum to share strategies to ensure neighborhood inclusion is being hosted by Collaborate PASadena's Supportive Communities Work Group and the Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (ACONA) on February 5, 2018, 6:00-7:15 PM, Flintridge Center, Suite 117. (For more information and to RSVP, contact elizabeth@collpas.org by February 1, 2018.)
- 7.4. LA County Department of Parks and Recreation__ No report.
- 7.5. 2018 Altadena Homeless Count _____ Councilmember Judy Matthews shares a reminder that the 2018 Altadena Homeless Count is Tuesday, January 23. Those



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interested in participating may sign up at theycountwillyou.org. A special thank you is extended to those who have already committed.

[Chair Okorie announces ATC meetings are broadcasted on Charter channel 32 and AT&T channel 99. Channels will be confirmed and viewing times provided at the next ATC meeting.]

8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1. 4610 Councilmember Veronica Jones provides a report. A scavenger hunt was held to assist an Odyssey School student with a project on trash in Altadena. Residents and businesses were asked to pick up trash in their area and share photos on social media. The 99 Cents Only Store on Fair Oaks Avenue and Woodbury Road is being gutted and redone. A new business, Earthtone Natural Kitchen and Market, is coming to Lincoln Avenue next to Subway Restaurant near 24 Hour Fitness.

9. ADJOURNMENT 10:14 PM

Motion: Sylvia Vega
Second: Dr. Sandra Thomas
Aye: Unanimous
The motion carries.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

By: _____

Judy A. Matthews, Recording Secretary
Councilmember 4603.01

Exhibit A

Christopher Ballew Incident - Pasadena Police Department Brutality/Racial Profiling/Jurisdiction Community Questions and Responses from Captain Vicki Stuckey, Altadena Sheriff's Station

1. What Departmental **changes** have been made to address issues such as this in our community?
(Related to questions 2 and 6.)

Response: Our Department has been the forefront addressing various community issues. To ensure that our personnel are well trained they attend the following TRAINING:

- Racial Profiling and Cultural Diversity once every five years. As part of this training personnel attend eight hours training at the Museum of Tolerance. During the training there are lectures, group discussions about race relations and on diversity in the community we serve.
- Racial Profiling training and then updates.
- Last year we began sending our sworn personnel to a 32 hour training dealing with persons with Mental Health issues and calls for service. As of today, 85% of our sworn personnel assigned to Altadena (ALD) have attended this training.
- We continuously have recurrent training on tactical communication discussion in briefing.
- All of this is addition to training deputies receive in the academy.
- We are also training, Pull Over Protocol (POP), strives to educate the public about what to do when pulled over by law enforcement.

2. Although we've not had these issues in resents years – what has been done to Prevent or Discourage these type of activities?

Response: See comments under Question 1 and 6

3. Captain Stuckey – can you please explain the jurisdictional structure?

Response: As a peace officer for the State of California, I can enforce the laws in the state of California. As you know, the jurisdictional lines between Altadena and Pasadena are very fluid. In some areas one block is Altadena and around the corner is Pasadena. Just because an officer observes a violation in one city he or she can make the stop in the neighboring city. Each Captain or Chief would prefer our personnel stay within our town or city but periodically personnel find ourselves in an adjoining town/city. As you know, crime does not stop and start in the same city or town.

4. How will information be share with the community on “all” public safety issues?

Response: Currently, we decimate weekly crime stats via Nextdoor, ALD Facebook, NIXLE, Instagram and Twitter. A monthly crime report is made also to our Town Council. Press releases are generated in certain circumstances to local newspaper(s).

5. In the past – In the past, we had these issues? How many have we had in the last 12 to 24 months?

Response: When you say “these issues” hopefully you are speaking of the force and communication issue? Regarding the force, as I have said, I can only speak about the Sheriff's Department, specifically Altadena Station. We would categorize the force as a Level 3, and we have not had a Level 3 Use of Force in the 2 ½ years I have been assigned to the station. A Category 3 Use of Force is described as:

- 1) All shootings in which a shot was intentionally fired upon a person by a Department member
- 2) Any type of shooting by a Department member which results in a person being hit
- 3) Force resulting in admission to a hospital
- 4) All head strikes with impact weapons
- 5) Kick delivered from a standing position, to an individual's head with a shod foot while the individual is lying on the ground/floor

- 6) Knee strikes to an individual's head deliberately or recklessly causing their head to strike the ground, floor, or other hard fixed object
- 7) Deliberately or recklessly striking an individual head against a hard, fixed object
- 8) Skeletal fractures, with exception for minor fractures of the nose fingers or toes, caused by any Department member
- 9) All canine bites or
- 10) Any force which results in a response from the Internal Affairs Bureau Force/Shooting Response Team

6. Is our law enforcement trained on how to develop better relationships with the community?

Response: Same as response to questions 1.

7. Is there a Civilian Oversight Committee?

Response: The Sheriff's Department has a Civilian Oversight Commission. The Oversight Commission shall review, analyze, where appropriate solicit public input, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Sherriff on LASD operational policies and procedures affecting the community or make recommendations to create additional operational policies. The next meeting is Thursday, January 25, 2018, 0900 hours at the Municipal Water District, 700 Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

8. Can a Sub-Committee be formed to work with Captain Stuckey and the Altadena Sheriff Department to deal with Public Safety – Preserving Dignity – Race Relations -- Homelessness and Mental Health Issues?

Response: Altadena Station has a Community Advisory Council (CAC) that meets every other month to discuss neighborhood concerns, crime stats and any other concerns of Altadena residents. If you are interested in being a part of CAC, please see me after the meeting or give me a call at the station.

9. How can we promote Justice and Equity in law enforcement more generally besides protesting?

Response:

- Becoming involved in your community. Become a member of your neighborhood watch program, keeping the lines of communication open between you and your Town Council member. Also become involved in one of the sub-committees on Town Council.
- If you have a topic to discuss feel free to call my office.
- Through my Community Relations Office we periodically offer a citizens academy. I invite you all to attend, once we receive a sufficient interest we will schedule a class, it last 4-6 weeks. In this class you will learn about the Sheriff's Department.

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