

Maria Ayala

From: Esther Delinko
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Joe Ortiz
Subject: RE: Invitation to all

Chief,

FYI...I notified Chaplain Park and Msgr Connelly.

Thanks.

Esther

From: Joe Ortiz <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Police Department <PoliceDepartment@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation to all

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Thanks,

Joe Ortiz, Chief of Police
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From: Tamara Binns
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Laura Mendez; Joe Ramirez
Subject: FW: Community Letter - Investigate South Pasadena Police Chief
Attachments: Care First Community Letter to South Pasadena City Council 10.2.20.pdf

From: Public Safety Commission Comment
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Tamara Binns <tbinns@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: FW: Community Letter - Investigate South Pasadena Police Chief

Tamara,
This is 2 of 2.

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From: Care First South Pasadena <carefirstsouthpas@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Robert Joe <rjoe@southpasadenaca.gov>; Diana Mahmud <dmahmud@southpasadenaca.gov>; Michael Cacciotti <mcacciotti@southpasadenaca.gov>; Stephen Rossi <srossi@southpasadenaca.gov>; Dr. Richard Schneider - Personal <Rdschneider0@yahoo.com>
Cc: Public Safety Commission Comment <psscpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov>; Pierre Arreola <PArreola@wdacs.lacounty.gov>; Joshua Parr <JParr@wdacs.lacounty.gov>; Raymond Regalado <RRegalado@wdacs.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Community Letter - Investigate South Pasadena Police Chief

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Dear Mayor Joe and Councilmembers,

The Care First South Pasadena coalition submits this letter for the council to initiate an investigation of Police Chief Joe Ortiz's recent actions with the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property, a nationally recognized hate group. The letter is joined by several groups local to South Pasadena and 19 community-based organizations throughout Los Angeles County and California. Chief Ortiz's actions in his official capacity as the head of the police department were alarming, and the association of the city and its governance with white supremacy a grave and serious matter.

We request the City Council to place this as an agenda item for discussion at the upcoming City Council meeting on October 7.

This letter also serves as a personnel complaint against Chief Ortiz, pursuant to the South Pasadena Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 320.2.2: "A personnel complaint is defined as an allegation of misconduct of an employee received from any source." We expect the City Council to investigate this matter accordingly.

Please let us know when you are available for a meeting. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Helen Tran, on behalf of

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October 2, 2020

Sent via email

Mayor Robert Joe, District 1, rjoe@southpasadenaca.gov

Mayor Pro Tem Diana Mahmud, District 5, dmahmud@southpasadenaca.gov

Councilmember Michael Cacciotti, District 4, mcacciotti@southpasadenaca.gov

Councilmember Stephen Rossi, District 2, srossi@southpasadenaca.gov

Councilmember Richard Schneider, District 3, Rdschneider0@yahoo.com

Re: Investigate South Pasadena Chief of Police for Ties to Hate Group

Dear Mayor Joe and Councilmembers:

We submit this letter of concern as organizations representing residents of South Pasadena and organizations advocating for the civil rights of our communities. We demand a formal investigation from the City Council into the recent decision of the Chief of Police to approve and promote a public event led by a local chapter of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property, scheduled to be held at the South Pasadena Police Department station on Saturday, September 26, at 10:00 am. This letter also serves as a personnel complaint against Chief Ortiz submitted under Section 320.2.2. of the South Pasadena Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual.

Chief Joe Ortiz sent an email, with the subject line, "Invitation to all," to undisclosed recipients on September 24, 2020, at around 2:55 pm. Chief Ortiz described the event as "an excellent opportunity to meet with some of our community members who want to show their support and publicly recognize all first responders and the excellent work we do." Chief Ortiz noted that, "please know that our uniformed personnel are not in attendance to endorse, support, oppose or contradict any political campaign, initiative, social issue, cause, or religion. ***Please refrain from using photos of our personnel as we welcome the community's spiritual support.***"

That evening, at around 5:58 pm, Chief Ortiz sent an email to several city email inboxes and individuals informing them that the event "has been postponed until further notice."

The next day, the City Manager's office issued a statement from Chief Ortiz apologizing for his actions. Chief Ortiz stated: "My error in judgment was the result of good intentions, albeit with poor execution. I deeply regret that my lack of due diligence in this matter has caused confusion and doubt about the many great qualities of our community that make it so special."

Chief Ortiz's invitation of a group espousing racism, bigotry and xenophobia to gather on city property is a breach of our trust and confidence. At a minimum, the City Council must investigate this incident. The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP) is a religiously-affiliated organization that promotes hate ideology, speech, and actions. On their website, TFP has a page dedicated to "Pray for Your Police Department." On that same page, TFP suggests the disproportionate number of Black lives killed during police encounters is justified.¹ The TFP website contains numerous

¹ Pray for Your Police Department—No Police, No Peace, <https://www.tfp.org/prayersforpolice/petition/pledge-rosary/> ("The leftist narrative seen in the media is that the

articles denouncing Black Lives Matter protests,² the movement for racial justice,³ and public health measures taken during this COVID-19 pandemic.⁴ TFP's articles call the coronavirus "the Chinese virus."⁵ They characterize community-based organizations and leaders "mythical" and indigenous communities and communities of color as "not exist[ing] as unified social units."⁶ The Southern Poverty Law Center describes TFP as a "virulently anti-LGBT group."⁷

Chief Ortiz's claim that he was unaware of the hateful views TFP prominently displays on its website defies credulity. What kind of diligence Chief Ortiz did exercise in sanctioning the TFP event? If Chief Ortiz did not know that TFP promotes positions at odds with South Pasadena's inclusive values, why did he caution attendees not to take photos of officers and staff taking part in the prayer? What misuse of public funds, public property, and email systems occurred? Do these actions amount to violations of the department's own policies and state laws? Is this misconduct subject to discipline?

Chief Ortiz's invitation to host TFP at the police department must be examined in context. Since May of this year, South Pasadena Youth for Police Reform and Black Lives Matter South Pasadena have been demonstrating on our streets calling for police reform and justice for the Black lives lost to police brutality. The Anti-Racism Committee of South Pasadena held a listening session with the police department and the City Council to share their personal experiences of biased and unequal treatment by police officers. Care First South Pasadena has called for our city leaders to critically examine the police budget. These public demands for police reform are occurring front and center in our city and in cities throughout our country. While our views may differ on the specifics of police reform, we share one vision: a community that respects the dignity and safety of all people. And when we dissent, we do so respectfully—not with hate.

Chief Ortiz's decision to align the police department with TFP has harmed our community. As such, the City Council must act swiftly to investigate this incident. We request that this incident be discussed as an agenda item at the next City Council meeting on **October 7 or at a special meeting called by the council**. Should there be costs to complete an investigation, Councilmembers may consider using their discretionary district funds to supplement some of these costs.

This City Council passed Resolution 7673 in August 2020 affirming the city's commitment to safeguarding the civil rights, safety, and dignity of all our residents and to *proactively* ensure our rights and privileges. The city has pledged to not tolerate any acts of discrimination motivated by hatred

police are unjust and persecuting minorities. However, almost 100% of the investigations exonerate the police that the media condemns without a thorough investigation or ruling.").

² John Horvatt II. *Why the Black Lives Matter Is Wrong and Will Promote a Revolution to Destroy America*, Aug. 11, 2020,

<https://www.tfp.org/why-the-black-lives-matter-is-wrong-and-will-promote-a-revolution-to-destroy-america/>.

³ John Horvat II. *The Riots: Why Do None Dare Call Them Evil?* Sept. 25, 2020,

<https://www.tfp.org/the-riots-why-do-none-dare-call-them-evil/>.

⁴ John Horvat II. *19 Leftist Contradictions About the Coronavirus Crisis*, May 11, 2020,

<https://www.tfp.org/19-leftist-contradictions-about-the-coronavirus-crisis/>.

⁵ Michael Whitcraft. *Communion on the Tongue: Corona-hysteria's Tragic Victim*, Sept. 1, 2020,

<https://www.tfp.org/communion-on-the-tongue-corona-hysterias-tragic-victim/>.

⁶ John Horvat II. *Leftists Propose Socialist Communities to Replace Police*, Aug. 20, 2020,

<https://www.tfp.org/leftists-propose-socialist-communities-to-replace-police/>.

⁷ <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2013/03/26/national-organization-marriage-has-rough-start-2013>;

<https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2011/10/07/extremists-many-stripes-gather-values-voter-summit-2011>

toward any group based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The City Council should act on this resolution and uphold the policies and laws that govern our city. For these reasons, we call on the City Council to investigate this matter fully, with transparency, and with a complete report back to the public.

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(2) Email from Chief of Police Joe Ortiz to city email accounts and other individuals, Sept. 24, 2020, 5:58 pm

Cc: South Pasadena Public Safety Commission
Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations

From: Joe Ortiz <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov>
Date: September 24, 2020 at 5:58:13 PM PDT
Cc: City Council <CityCouncil@southpasadenaca.gov>, Public Safety Commission <PublicSafetyCommission@southpasadenaca.gov>, Paul Riddle <priddle@southpasadenaca.gov>, Eric Zanteson <ezanteson@southpasadenaca.gov>, "pastsam@gmail.com" <pastsam@gmail.com>, "cjc@holyfamily.org" <cjc@holyfamily.org>
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Maria Ayala

From: Tamara Binns
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 8:39 PM
To: Joe Ortiz; Brian Solinsky
Subject: Fwd: PSC October Agenda

Fyi.

From: Alan Ehrlich <Alan.Ehrlich@mail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 8:36 PM
To: Sean Joyce
Cc: Dr. Richard Schneider - Personal; Lucy Demirjian; Tamara Binns
Subject: Re: PSC October Agenda

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Sean

Thank you for the responding to my e-mail. As you might have heard at last week's city council meeting, many residents are not satisfied with the chief's apology. For starters, the letter of apology released by the chief did not indicate the prayer event with AFTP was canceled, it stated it was postponed. Earlier this summer, Cpl Randy Wise accused London Lang of bringing hate to our city. Cpl Wise's comments were recorded and viewed by many residents. Generally speaking, the BLM protesters have acted responsibly, they were protesting/responding to the national conversation following the murder of George Floyd, their protest was not directed at SPPD, but police culture and practices in general.

Incidents such as the one with Cpl Wise and the Chief have caused SPY4PR (So Pas Youth 4 Police Reform), BLM, the SPHS Anti-Bias Club and the South Pasadena Anti-Racist Committee to turn their attention inwards towards SPPD. Within the last three weeks, a SPPD officer printed out a copy of the city's signage policy and gave it to Fahren James and saying the BLM signs violated the city policy. Aside from the fact that political speech is free speech and the BLM protesters were in compliance with the city ordinance. This action by the officer could be perceived as intimidating. I can get you the name of the officer if requested.

In the week following the AFTP gaffe, a resident felt it was his right to drive his vehicle up on the sidewalk threatening to harm to Fahren James. I have seen the security video from Starbucks, there is no mistaking the driver made a deliberate left turn off FairOaks on to the sidewalk in front of Starbucks and not a normal left turn into the westbound traffic lanes of Mission Street. I am not qualified to say if Mr. Cheney should have been cited for driving for not controlling his vehicle and driving onto the sidewalk, or if he should have been arrested for attempted assault with a hate crime charge. SPPD detectives conducted an investigation and forwarded their report to the District Attorney. It is outside my level of expertise to know if Mr. Cheney was treated any differently than if a black suspect had done the same thing against a white victim, but that is the allegation a number of residents are now suggesting.

As City Manger, I respect your decision to not add this topic to the agenda. In the alternative, the city council has a police reform sub-committee which had one meeting in July and nothing since. Perhaps a discussion on this can be directed to the sub-committee. As I indicated my e-mail earlier today, this issue will not go away, nor Chief Ortiz able to perform his job effectively, while this cloud is hanging over the department and the city does not make the chief available in a public forum.

Without delving too deeply into national politics, there seems to be a similarity/causal proximity to the AFTP gaffe by the chief to the assault by Mr. Cheney. Similar types of assaults have occurred nationally after tweets and comments made by the President. The BLM protesters have not brought hate to our city, but instead exposed existing white supremacist and racist residents in our city and possibly within SPPD. I can't speak for them, but in a town hall with Marina Kubesrian before she resigned, members of Vecinos

Separately, my request for a hate crime report from SPPD for the upcoming meeting still stands. Under the previous leadership (city leadership, Stephanie & Marina), trust, integrity and transparency have been destroyed in the city. The Measure U committee is/has been very concerned about the cumulative effects of events over the last 3 -18 months and that the measure will be defeated. The sooner the city 'opens its coat,' the sooner the city can heal and move forward. Sort of like peeling off a band-aid, do it quick and it stings a little, peel it slowly and the agony lasts longer.

I appreciate your replying to me this afternoon.
best, Alan

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:32 PM
From: "Sean Joyce" <sjoyce@southpasadenaca.gov>
To: "Alan Ehrlich" <Alan.Ehrlich@mail.com>
Cc: "Dr. Richard Schneider - Personal" <Rdschneider0@yahoo.com>, "Lucy Demirjian" <ldemirjian@southpasadenaca.gov>, "Tamara Binns" <tbinns@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: Re: PSC October Agenda

Alan,

Thank you for reaching out to me to reiterate your interests. Chief Ortiz has publicly apologized for his actions and has accepted full responsibility for his actions.

He stands by his unqualified apology.

Sean

On Oct 13, 2020, at 3:04 PM, Alan Ehrlich <alan.ehrlich@mail.com> wrote:

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Hi Sean,

We haven't had a chance to meet in person yet, but I'm deeply disturbed that the PSC agenda for next Monday does not include a report/explanation from Chief Ortiz about the AFTP gaffe and a report on hate incidents in the city since the beginning of the year (pre-covid, covid, and post George Floyd) I am aware of half a dozen incidents and believe it is the responsibility of the Public Safety Commission to have a report and discussion on behalf of the community.

I appreciate there is a lot on your plate trying to clean the mess handed you and run the city at the same time. I've made this request twice in the last two weeks, including copying Chief Ortiz to make him aware of my agenda request and all I've heard back from anyone is crickets.

At last week's council meeting, there were numerous public comments about how the entire AFTP event was planned and how the city became involved. Many public commenters called for Chief Ortiz to be fired. I'm strongly in the camp of innocent until proven guilty and sometimes people

make mistakes, which they hopefully learn from. IMHO, the quickest way to nip this incident is to agendize it, have a public discussion, and allow the chief to explain what happened. My fear is otherwise it will remain a festering wound with greater demands for police reform and Ortiz to be fired. Given everything the city has been through in the last 6 months, is another distraction that neither the city nor residents need.

I've seen some of the public comments submitted on this attached to the agenda packet distributed earlier today. The issue is not going away until there is a public airing. Please instruct staff to revise the agenda to add these two topics.

Thank you,
Alan
626.825.1379

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 2:24 PM
From: "Kim Kha" <KKha@southpasadenaca.gov>
To: "Public Safety Commission" <PublicSafetyCommission@southpasadenaca.gov>, "City Clerk's Division" <CityClerk@southpasadenaca.gov>, "Richard D. Schneider" <rschneider@southpasadenaca.gov>, "Diana Mahmud" <diana.mahmud@gmail.com>
Cc: "Joe Ortiz" <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov>, "Brian Solinsky" <bsolinsky@southpasadenaca.gov>, "Paul Riddle" <priddle@southpasadenaca.gov>, "Laura Mendez" <lmendez@southpasadenaca.gov>, "Kim Kha" <KKha@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: PSC October Agenda, PSC Ordinance Revision, Public Comments, September Minutes

Commissioners/Liaisons,

Attached is the agenda for the scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Commission on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 08:30 a.m. The October Minutes, PSC Ordinance Revision, and Public Comments are also attached for you to review.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be hosting the next meeting of the Public Safety Commission via Zoom Conference.

Thank You,

Kim Kha

South Pasadena Fire Department

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(626) 403-7300

KKha@southpasadenaca.gov

<Oct 19, 2020 Agenda-Signed.pdf>

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From: Tamara Binns
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Lucy Demirjian
Subject: FW: Hate Group Sponsored Police Event at City Hall

From: Elizabeth Anne Bagasao <eabagasao@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:10 PM
To: Diana Mahmud <diana.mahmud@gmail.com>; Michael Cacciotti - Personal <macacciotti@yahoo.com>; Robert Joe <rjoe@southpasadenaca.gov>; Dr. Richard Schneider - Personal <Rdschneider0@yahoo.com>; Richard D. Schneider <rschneider@southpasadenaca.gov>; Stephen Rossi <srossi@southpasadenaca.gov>; Sean Joyce <sjoyce@southpasadenaca.gov>
Cc: media@southpasadenaca.com; Noah Kuhn <ninikuhn04@gmail.com>; Tamara Binns <tbinns@southpasadenaca.gov>
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Dear Councilmembers and Interim City Manager Joyce:

An invitation to residents to participate in an event sponsored by the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property was sent out today by the Chief of Police of the City of South Pasadena.

American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property is listed by the Southern Poverty Law Center as an anti-LGBTQA hate group. You might want to take the time to google it.

Is this SPPD sanctioned event mean that the City of South Pasadena and the South Pasadena Police Department prescribe to anti-gay policies and rhetoric?

I would like to know before I decide how to vote on Measure U.

Your reply is appreciated.

Anne Bagasao

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From: Tamara Binns
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Brian Solinsky
Subject: FW: Hate Group Sponsored Police Event at City Hall

From: Elizabeth Anne Bagasao <eabagasao@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:10 PM
To: Diana Mahmud <diana.mahmud@gmail.com>; Michael Cacciotti - Personal <macacciotti@yahoo.com>; Robert Joe <rjoe@southpasadenaca.gov>; Dr. Richard Schneider - Personal <Rdschneider0@yahoo.com>; Richard D. Schneider <rschneider@southpasadenaca.gov>; Stephen Rossi <srossi@southpasadenaca.gov>; Sean Joyce <sjoyce@southpasadenaca.gov>
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Dear Councilmembers and Interim City Manager Joyce:

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American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property is listed by the Southern Poverty Law Center as an anti-LGBTQA hate group. You might want to take the time to google it.

Is this SPPD sanctioned event mean that the City of South Pasadena and the South Pasadena Police Department prescribe to anti-gay policies and rhetoric?

I would like to know before I decide how to vote on Measure U.

Your reply is appreciated.

Anne Bagasao

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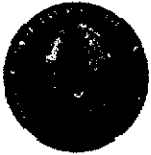
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From: Esther Delinko
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 3:43 PM
To: tjcbarron@icloud.com
Subject: FW: Invitation to all

Dear Ms. Barron:

We just wanted you to know that Chief Ortiz extended an invitation to the entire Police Department.

Thank you so much for coordinating this prayer session.

Gratefully,

Esther

Esther E. Delinko
Administrative Secretary
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Yes, Chief! I will.

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Maria Ayala

From: Esther Delinko
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Joe Ortiz
Subject: RE: Invitation to all

Chief,

Are you and the chaplain attending?

Thanks.

Esther

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Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 2:55 PM
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Maria Ayala

From: Brian Solinsky
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Joe Ortiz
Subject: RE: Application for permit

To all personnel:

Please join us this Saturday, September 26, 2020, at 10:00 am in the front courtyard of the station for a recognition and prayer offering. A local chapter of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Prosperity (Catholic Affiliation), would like to offer prayers and blessings for the men and women of the Police Department. Given the current political climate, this is a great opportunity to meet with some of our community members who are willing to publicly show their support of us and the job we do. Anyone is welcome to attend.

From: Joe Ortiz <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Brian Solinsky <bsolinsky@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: FW: Application for permit

Brian,
Can you please craft something for me that is the correct tone, has the appropriate content, ending with an invitation to all personnel and council?

Thanks,

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From: Judy Barron <tjcbarron@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Joe Ortiz <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: Re: Application for permit

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That's terrific! I appreciate your response so much. I have another request. I have a banner. It looks to be the size of the banner you have outside the building. Would it be alright to hang the one that says "st.Michael,protect our police,so that they can protect us! It would only be up for the time that we would be there. I would just tape it and not damage your banner at all. Mine is only made of beautiful paper. I'll send you the picture. Please let me know as it will sure help out. Sincerely, Judy Barron

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 22, 2020, at 9:11 AM, Joe Ortiz <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov> wrote:

Ms. Barron,
The application has been approved. I will ensure our on-duty folks are aware of the upcoming event.

Thanks,

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From: Judy Barron <tjcbarron@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Joe Ortiz <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov>
Subject: Re: Application for permit

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I am so glad that you are pleased.☺It will start at 10:00 a.m. and maybe last 45 minutes at the most. I'm hoping there will be at least 20 people. I don't think there would be any reason to close the street. Thank you and God bless you and all your fine officers. Sincerely, Judy Barron

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 21, 2020, at 3:32 PM, Joe Ortiz <jortiz@southpasadenaca.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Barron,
First of all, thank you for thinking of us and reaching out to your police department. We would be honored and blessed to receive your prayers on Saturday, September 26, 2020.
Just a few questions need to be answered to complete the application process:

- What time will the event begin, and end?
- How many folks will be assembled?
- Will you need any streets closed down to safely assemble your parishoners?

Your timely response would be greatly appreciated. Have a blessed week!

Thanks,

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