



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
May 6, 2002
7:00 PM

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SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Announcements
3. Comments from the Public
4. Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting of March 11, 2002, and the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2002.

SECTION B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Berkeley Nuclear Free Act (**from Commissioner Cohen**).

SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

1. Discussion of the Council Referral to work with staff in order to determine a) what contracts are subject to the Nuclear Free Act; b) what contracts may be approved as a categorical matter because there is no reasonable alternative; and c) what contracts must be reviewed on an individual basis; and to propose a process to address these issues (**from City Council**).
2. Discussion of the Council Referral to work with staff to also develop a strategic approach for distributing policy recommendations and to bring back to Council for approval the recommendation on this item and the strategy for future policy recommendations within one month (**from City Council**).
3. Discussion of the Bayer Corporation (**from Commissioner Lavine**).

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4. Discussion of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and other threats and attacks; reaction of governments and the public to these events; and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Board of Education (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
5. Discussion of the process for submitting reports to the Berkeley Unified School Board (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).

New Business:

6. Discussion of a Waiver Request of the Nuclear Free Ordinance for a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of California at San Francisco, School of Nursing and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**from Department of Health and Human Services**).
7. Discussion of Hate Crimes and Other Acts of Prejudice in Berkeley, and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
8. Discussion of Proposal to send Council a communication listing past nuclear contracts (**from Commissioner Cohen**).

SECTION D. INFORMATION REPORTS

1. Commission Secretary regarding actions taken by Council on Peace and Justice reports.
2. Copy of letter to Citizens Campaign for Old-Growth Preservation regarding Council's approval of the Commission's recommendation to endorse the effort to place a ballot initiative on the State-wide ballot to preserve old growth trees.

SECTION E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Commissioner Cohen regarding why the Peace and Justice Commission should not place the Middle East item on the May 6 agenda.
2. Commissioner Cohen regarding a peace march in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

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