



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
June 3, 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 Meetings of April 8, 2002 and May 6, 2002.

SECTION B. PRESENTATION

1. Rules and Regulations for Commissioners – Manuel Hector
 - a) Checklist for Brown Act
 - b) Commissioner's Manual
 - c) Parliamentary Procedures

SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

1. 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**).
2. Discussion of the process for submitting reports to the Berkeley Unified School Board (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
3. Update and discussion of Bayer Corporation (**from Commissioner Cohen**).

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4. Discussion of Lawsuit and Injunction to Stop the Oxidation-Incineration of all Radioactive Mixed Waste at the National Tritium Labeling Facility to be filed by the Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste (**from Commissioner Cohen**).
5. Discussion of the attacks of September 11, 2001 and events flowing from that day, including: 1) subsequent military action in Afghanistan and efforts to rebuild that country; 2) the domestic and international “war on terrorism”; and 3) the reaction of governments and the public to these events; and formulation of a recommendations to the City Council and the Board of Education (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
6. 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**).
7. Discussion of Proposal to send Council a communication listing past nuclear contracts (**from Commissioner Cohen**).

New Business:

8. Discussion of Educational Aspects of Nuclear Free Act, and Action on List (**Commissioner Cohen**).
9. Purchase Agreements under Nuclear Free Act (**Commissioner Cohen**).
10. Discussion of Peace and Justice Commission Role in Environmental Justice Cases (**Commissioner Cohen**).
11. Communication item to Council re: Juvenile Hall (**Commissioner Cohen**).
12. Discussion of the proposed cuts in State funding for arts programs and how these cuts will affect Berkeley, especially under-served populations in our community; and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**from Commissioner Lavine**).
13. Discussion of Berkeley Principles and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**Commissioner Cohen**).

SECTION D. INFORMATION REPORTS

1. Commission Secretary regarding actions taken by Council on reports from the Peace and Justice Commission.
2. Status of Reports to City Council:
 - a) Human Rights Violations Against the Falun Gong
 - b) New Juvenile Justice Facility
 - c) Public Hearings Starting After 10:00 p.m.
 - d) Waiver for UCSF School of Nursing

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SECTION E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Michael Eisenscher, Labor Committee for Peace and Justice, regarding the resolution, Defend Free Speech and the Right to Protest at UC-Berkeley, adopted by the Labor Committee for Peace and Justice on May 5, 2002.
2. Weldon Rucker, City Manager, regarding compliance with the Brown Act.

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

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