



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
September 9, 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 June 3, 2002.

SECTION B. PRESENTATIONS

5. Update from Al Lozano and Barbara Coleman, Department of Health and Human Services, on the City's Efforts to Improve Coordination of Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services.
6. Request from the Berkeley Sekondi-Takoradi Sister City Committee to establish a sister city relationship with the Twin City of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council.

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SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

New Business:

7. Discussion of the City of Berkeley's tenth-year review of the Development Agreement with Bayer Corporation, and the formulation of questions or comments that relate to the achievement of the public benefits associated with the Development Agreement for a presentation to the City Council (*from Weldon Rucker, City Manager*).
8. Discussion of the usage of biodiesel fuel by the City of Berkeley, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from the Ecology Center*).
9. Report from Subcommittee on the Falun Gong, and recommendation for the City Council to send a letter to President George W. Bush expressing concerns regarding the invitation to Jiang Zemin, President of the People's Republic of China, to visit the United States and President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, and requesting that President Bush specifically raise the issue of human rights abuses against Falun Gong members in his discussions with President Jiang Zemin (*from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Falun Gong*).
10. Discussion of a Resolution calling for the United States not to invade Iraq and to refer this matter to the United Nations, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner McDonald*).
11. Discussion of a Retreat for the Peace and Justice Commission (*from Commissioner Cohen*).

Old Business:

12. Discussion of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and other threats and attacks; reaction of governments and the public to these events; threats to civil liberties and other actions under the guise of fighting terrorism, including actions regarding Iraq; and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Berkeley Unified School Board (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
13. Discussion of the process for submitting reports for the agenda of the Berkeley Unified School Board, and formulation of a recommendation to the Berkeley Unified School Board (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
14. 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*).
15. 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*).

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16. Discussion of a proposal to send the City Council an Information Report listing prior City of Berkeley contracts with entities engaged in work for nuclear weapons (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
17. Discussion of City of Berkeley proposals to contract with entities, other than the University of California, engaged in work for nuclear weapons under the Nuclear Free Act (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
18. Discussion on the educational aspects of the Nuclear Free Act (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
19. Discussion of the role of the Peace and Justice Commission in Environmental Justice Cases (*from Commissioner Cohen*).

SECTION D. INFORMATION REPORTS

20. Summary of actions taken by the City Council on items of interest to the Peace and Justice Commission since the last regular meeting of the Peace and Justice Commission (*from Commission Secretary*).

SECTION E. COMMUNICATIONS

21. The Borneo Wire, Summer 2002, a publication of The Borneo Project.
22. Excessive Force – Human Rights Violations during IDF Actions in Area A, a publication from B'TSELEM, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories (*to be delivered*).
23. Policy of Destruction – House Demolitions and Destruction of Agricultural Land in the Gaza Strip, a publication from B'TSELEM, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories (*to be delivered*).

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT