



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
October 7, 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 Regular Meetings of June 3, 2002 and September 9, 2002.

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

New Business:

5. Discussion on the establishment of a subcommittee on sister cities, and formulation of a recommendation (*from Commission Secretary*).
6. Discussion of the City Council agenda and formulation of a recommendation (*from Commissioner Cohen*).

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Old Business:

7. 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*).
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. 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*).
10. 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*).
11. Discussion of a Retreat for the Peace and Justice Commission (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
12. Discussion on the educational aspects of the Nuclear Free Act, and 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*).
13. 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*).
14. 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*).
15. Discussion of the role of the Peace and Justice Commission in Environmental Justice Cases (*from Commissioner Cohen*).

SECTION D. INFORMATION REPORTS

16. 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*).

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SECTION E. COMMUNICATIONS

17. Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, regarding Council agenda reports on the internet and captioning of Council meetings.
18. Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, regarding the recently re-adopted stipend resolution.

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT