



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
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Monday
December 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 Regular Meetings of October 7, 2002 and November 4, 2002.

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

5. 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*).

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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 the role of the Peace and Justice Commission in Environmental Justice Cases (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
8. Discussion of a Retreat for the Peace and Justice Commission (*from Commissioner Cohen*).

New Business:

9. Discussion of letter(s) of thanks to the Japanese Peace Activists, and all who were involved to make their visit a big success (*from Commissioners Cohen and Sherman*).
10. Discussion of the problems with the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Office of Total Information Awareness, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Lavine*).
11. Discussion of the Proposed Changes in the City Council Rules of Procedure and Deadlines for Submittal of Council Agenda Reports, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council.

SECTION C. INFORMATION REPORTS

12. Status Report from the Subcommittee on Sister Cities.
13. Written 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 D. ADJOURNMENT