



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
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Monday
January 6, 2003
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 Meeting of December 9, 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 a Retreat for the Peace and Justice Commission (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
8. 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*).

New Business:

9. Discussion of recommendations to improve the City of Berkeley's Sister City Program, and formulation of recommendations to the City Council (*from the Subcommittee on Sister Cities*).
10. Discussion of the proposal to establish a Sister City relationship with Sekondi-Takoradi of Ghana, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from the Subcommittee on Sister Cities*).
11. Discussion on the treatment of detained immigrants in the United States, including mass arrests in Los Angeles and other communities in recent weeks, as well as treatment of detained immigrants in Japan and other countries, and formulation of recommendations to the City Council (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
12. Discussion of war-free zones recognized under international law: "Non-Defended Localities" as defined in the Geneva Conventions including additional protocols thereto, movement in Japan for cities to declare "Non-Defended Localities" status, and potential for Berkeley to declare itself a "Non-Defended Locality"; and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Berkeley Unified School District (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
13. Discussion of the new rules adopted by the City Council, including the creation of a "Rules Committee" to evaluate items submitted for the Council agenda, and formulation of communications and recommendations to Boards and Commissions, and to the City Council (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

SECTION C. INFORMATION REPORTS

14. Report on Japanese peace and justice movement (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
15. Report on the Commissioners' FY 2004 & FY 2005 Budget Workshop held on December 12, 2002 (*from Commission Secretary*).

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16. 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*).
17. Calendar for the 2003 Meetings of the City Council, Housing Authority, and Redevelopment Agency (*from Commission Secretary*).
18. Schedule of the 2003 Council Agenda Report Timelines (*from Commission Secretary*).

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT