



Peace and Justice Commission

REVISED AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
April 7, 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 the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2003.

SECTION B. PRESENTATION

5. Presentation from Bunjiro Hara of the Network for Refugee Law Reform on refugees being held in detention centers in Japan (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

6. 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

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recommendation on this item and the strategy for future policy recommendations within one month (*from City Council*).

7. 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*).
8. 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 a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
9. Discussion of war-free zones recognized under international law: “Non-Defended Localities” as defined in the Geneva Convention 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*).
10. Discussion of the Council referral to City boards and commissions to review and comment on three program areas (*within their purview*) that should be preserved despite the current budgetary climate, and three program areas (*again, within their purview*) where budget reductions would have the least impact on services to the community; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from City Council*).
11. Discussion of the Council referral to City boards and commissions to review and comment on the proposed Resolution that establishes “standards of conduct” for both commissioners and the public, similar to those described in the Council Rules of Procedure and Order; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from City Council*).
12. Discussion and approval of guidelines for agenda items to increase the variety of viewpoints considered, and to ensure that the information contained in the agenda items are accurate, concise, clear and complete (*from Commissioner Heinze*).
13. Discussion on three wars: War against Iraq, War on Terrorism, and War on Civil Liberties; and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Berkeley Unified School District (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

New Business:

14. Discussion of peace keeping training and peaceful demonstrations, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
15. Discussion on the timely placement of commission items on the Council agenda, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).

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16. Discussion on small pox vaccinations, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
17. Discussion of a call upon the United Nations and International community to send inspectors to assure us disarms of all weapons of mass destruction, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
18. Discussion of medical marijuana, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
19. Discussion on the establishment of a temporary subcommittee on education and student equity whose mandate shall be to gather information regarding critical issues of social justice and education, promote awareness and citizen involvement, and make recommendations to the entire Peace and Justice Commission for action(s) relating to educational access and student equity within the City of Berkeley (*from Commissioner Yuen*).

SECTION D. INFORMATION REPORTS

20. 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*).
21. Summary of the UC-Berkeley seminar on the City of Berkeley's well-known tradition of taking stands on large national and international issues held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

SECTION E. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

22. Dick Thomas, Head of Site Administration - Bayer Corporation, regarding the statement of affirmation regarding equal employment opportunity as required by Exhibit G-11-C of the Development Agreement.
23. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory regarding notification of implementation of a class 1 modification of hazardous waste facility permit.
24. Peace Rally and March held in the City of Berkeley
 - a. Pam Webster, Board Member, Berkeley Ecology Center
 - b. Mary Prophet, Women for Peace
 - c. Suzanne C. Wilson, Assistant to the Mayor
 - d. Arrietta Chakos, City Manager's Office

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT