



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
June 2, 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 May 5, 2003.

SECTION B. INFORMATION REPORTS

5. Oral report from the Education Issues Working Group on educational access and student equity within the City of Berkeley (*from Commissioner Yuen*).
6. 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*).

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SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

7. 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*).
 - a. Exempting Libraries and Bookstores from the Provisions of the Patriot Act (*Commissioner Cohen*)
 - b. Ways to Strengthen Anti-Patriot Act Resolutions (*Commissioner Cohen*)
 - c. Smallpox Vaccination Programs (*Commissioner Cohen*)
8. Discussion of the Report on Drugs, the Drug War, and Public Health and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Sherman*).
9. Discussion on medical marijuana, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
10. Discussion of a call upon the United Nations and International community to send weapons inspectors back to Iraq to assure the disclosure of all weapons of mass destruction, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
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 is accurate, concise, clear and complete (*from Commissioner Heinze*).

New Business:

13. 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*).
14. Discussion of a proposed resolution endorsing the Peace Lantern Ceremony to be held August 2003 in Berkeley, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*Commissioner Lippman*).
15. Discussion of a proposed resolution to support United States Resolution 111 expressing sympathy for the loss of Rachel Corrie in the Palestinian village of Rafah in the Gaza Strip on March 16, 2003 and calling for a fair investigation into her death, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*Commissioner Lippman*).

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16. Discussion of a Proposed Resolution urging the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States to investigate activities of the United States Government and Businesses before, during, and after the airliner crashes of September 11, 2001 and the Anthrax attacks of Fall 2001; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Sherman*)
17. Discussion of the City Council Agenda Process (*from Commission Secretary*)
 - a. Agenda Process & Schedule
 - b. Types of Agenda Reports
 - c. Commission Reports – Majority & Minority
 - d. Review by Other Commissions
 - e. Addressing Council at Council Meetings

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

18. City of Berkeley Proposed FY 2004 & FY 2005 Biennial Budget from the Office of the City Manager.

SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT