



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
July 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 minutes from the regular meetings of May 5, 2003 and June 2, 2003.

SECTION B. INFORMATION REPORTS

5. Oral report from the Education Issues Working Group on educational access and student equity with 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, March 3, 2003*).
 - a. Ways to Strengthen Anti-Patriot Act Resolutions (*Commissioner Cohen, April 7, 2003*)
 - b. Smallpox Vaccination Programs (*Commissioner Cohen, April 7, 2003*)
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, May 5, 2003*).
9. Discussion on medical marijuana, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen, April 7, 2003*).
10. Discussion of a call upon the United Nations and International community to send weapons inspectors to Iraq to assure the disclosure of all weapons of mass destruction, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen, April 7, 2003*).
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, March 3, 2003*).
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, March 3, 2003*).
13. 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, June 2, 2003*).
14. 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, June 2, 2003*).

New Business:

15. Discussion of the request for a waiver of section 12.90.070 of the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act for the license agreement between the City of Berkeley and University of California-

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Berkeley, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront*).

16. Discussion of a proposed resolution supporting Amnesty International's opposition to the Cuban Government's human right abuses and sending a letter to the Cuban Interest Section in Washington and to the appropriate contact people in our Sister City in Cuba; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from City Council*).

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

17. City of Berkeley Annual Report from the Office of the City Manager.
18. Police Review Commission on its endorsement of the study conducted by the Neighborhood Partnership on Homelessness to underscore the need to create a detoxification facility.
19. Deborah Bellush, Bayer Corporation, regarding the status report on the Long Term Development Agreement between Bayer Corporation and the City of Berkeley.
20. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory regarding the Public Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed construction and operation of Building 49 and the G-4 Parking Lot.
21. Weldon Rucker, City Manager, regarding the relocation of certain City offices.
22. Berkeley-Palma Soriano Sister-City Association regarding support for the Amnesty International's Opposition to the Cuban Government's Human Right Abuses.
23. Frank Vargas, member of the Berkeley-Palma Soriano Sister-City Association, regarding support for the Amnesty International's Opposition to the Cuban Government's Human Right Abuses.
24. Elliot Cohen regarding the San Francisco Mime Troupe's Veronique of the Mounties in Operation: "Frozen Freedom".

SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT