



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
September 8, 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 July 7, 2003.

SECTION B. INFORMATION REPORTS

5. Announcement by Commissioner Freedkin on Peace and Justice Commission procedures.
6. Oral report from Commissioner Cohen on his trip to Japan.
7. 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:

8. 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*)
9. 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*)
10. 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-Berkeley, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, July 7, 2003*).
11. Discussion on increasing access to medical marijuana, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen, April 7, 2003*).
12. Discussion of a call upon the United Nations and international community to send weapons inspectors to the United States 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*).
13. 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, July 7, 2003*).

New Business:

14. Election of new Vice Chairperson and Second Vice Chairperson of the Commission (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
15. Rights of Corporations, Corporate Accountability, and the City of Berkeley: Discussion and formulation of a recommendation to City Council (*from Commissioner Sorgen*).
16. Discussion of a work program for FY 2004 (*from Commission Secretary*).

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17. Discussion regarding the Sister Cities Program on creating institutional procedures to keep relations with other sister cities alive: Discussion and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and School Board. (*from Commissioner Freedkin*)
18. Diplomas for Japanese Students Interned during World War II: Discussion and formulation of a recommendation (*from Commissioner Cohen*).

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

19. Wendy Cosin, Deputy Planning Director, regarding the annual review of the Development Agreement between Bayer Corporation and the City of Berkeley.
20. From the State of California, Office of Planning and Research, regarding construction and operation of building 49.
21. From Tim Stroshane in the City of Berkeley Housing Department, public notice concerning federal environmental review procedures concerning The Single Family Rehabilitation Program operated by the City of Berkeley and funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant Program.
22. Political Cartoon from The Times.

SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT