



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
October 20, 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 September 8, 2003.

SECTION B. INFORMATION REPORTS

5. Oral report from Commissioner Freedkin on the Berkeley Tour Delegation from ZENKO Assembly for Democracy and Peace, Japan.
6. Oral report from Commissioner Cohen on the status of the recommendation to increase access to medical marijuana.

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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*).

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 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*).
10. 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*).
11. 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*).
12. Discussion on the rights of corporations, corporate accountability, and the City of Berkeley and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*Commissioner sorgen, September 8, 2003*).
13. Discussion of a work program for FY 2004 (*from Commission Secretary, September 8, 2003*).

New Business:

14. Discussion of the request for a waiver of section 12.90.070 of the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act for the grant agreement between the City of Berkeley and University of California-San Francisco, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Department of Health and Human Services*).

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15. Discussion on supporting Mayor Bates' proclamation on behalf of the United Nations, which will be presented at the Council meeting on October 21, 2003, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Maran*).

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

16. Police Review Commission's Statistical Report Year 2002.
17. Community Health Commission regarding amendments to Berkeley's Medical Marijuana Laws.
18. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory regarding the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Building 49 Project.
19. The War & Peace Foundation, War & Peace Digest, September and October 2003.

SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT