



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
March 1, 2004
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 February 2, 2004.

SECTION B. INFORMATION REPORTS

5. Report from the Vice-Chairperson on the Department of Health & Human Services' Budget Meeting for Commission Chairpersons/Vice-Chairpersons held on February 19, 2004.

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SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

6. 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*).
7. Discussion on the rights of corporations, corporate accountability, and the City of Berkeley and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Sorgen, September 8, 2003*)
8. Discussion on actions of the Miami, Florida police as regards to FTAA protests and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Sherman, January 12, 2004*).
9. Discussion on the Geneva Accords Peace Plan for Israel and Palestine, and Senate Resolution 276 expressing the sense of the Senate regarding fighting terror and embracing efforts to achieve Israeli-Palestinian peace (*from Commissioner Sherman, January 12, 2004*).
10. Discussion on establishing ongoing institutional support for Berkeley's Sister Cities relationships within the City of Berkeley and the Berkeley Unified School District, and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education (*from Commissioner Freedkin, January 12, 2004*).
11. Discussion on sustainable wages for immigrant workers and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Litman, February 2, 2004*).

New Business:

12. Discussion of a request for a waiver of the Nuclear Free Act for a grant from the University of California for the University AIDS Research Program focused on high-risk Latino men and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from the Department of Health and Human Services*).
13. Presentation and Discussion on Community Investment Programs in Berkeley and Alameda County – their purpose, background and what our role the Peace and Justice Commission and the City of Berkeley can play in their development (*from Commissioner Brody*).
14. Discussion on the problems encountered by sponsors of initiative ordinance, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
15. Discussion of Agenda Deadline Submissions (*from Commissioner Cachola*).

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16. Discussion on the information provided for proposed resolutions and agenda items *(from Commissioner Cachola)*.
17. Discussion of Minority Recommendations *(from Commissioner Cachola)*.
18. Peace and Justice Work Plan: Discussion on what issues commissioners would like to focus on *(from Commissioner Sherman)*.
19. Discussion of a proposed Resolution endorsing the goals of Global Day of Action to be held on March 20, 2004 in San Francisco, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council *(from Commissioner McDonald)*.

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

20. Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, regarding the 2003 Statements of Economic Interests, Form 700.
21. Paul-Gerd Heiden, Ph.D., Bayer HealthCare, on the statement of affirmation regarding equal employment opportunity as required by the Development Agreement.

SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT