



Peace and Justice Commission

## PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Avenue  
Berkeley, CA

Monday  
June 7, 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 Meeting of May 3, 2004.

### SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

#### **Old Business:**

5. Discussion of Proposed Resolutions regarding intelligence claims made by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify the 2003 War on Iraq, investigations of individuals, corporations and organizations, including within government, who may have provided material aid and support to Saddam Hussein, and activities of the United States Government and Businesses;

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and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Sherman, June 2, 2003*).

- a. Supporting House Resolution H.R. 2625 to establish an independent commission to investigate intelligence claims made by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify the 2003 War on Iraq.
  - b. Urging authorized United States Congressional Committees to conduct investigations of individuals, corporations and organizations, including within government, who may have provided material aid and support to Saddam Hussein, Afghan Jihadists and drug dealers, the Taliban Government of Afghanistan, or members of Al-Qaeda and forces controlled by them and refer finding to legitimate international bodies which conduct war crimes under international law.
  - c. Urging the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States and Committees of the United States Congress to investigate activities of the United States Government and Businesses before, during, and after the Airliner Crashes of September 11, 2001, the Anthrax Attacks of Fall 2001, the Bombing and Invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003, the Ricin Attacks of Winter 2004, and any links between these events and parties involved.
6. 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*).
  7. Discussion on Sustainable Wages for Immigrant Workers, and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Litman, February 2, 2004*).
  8. 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, March 1, 2004*).
  9. Presentation and Discussion on Community Investment Programs in Berkeley and Alameda County – their Purpose, Background and What Role the Peace and Justice Commission and the City of Berkeley can play in their Development (*from Commissioner Brody, March 1, 2004*).
  10. Discussion on the Problems Encountered by Sponsors of Initiative Ordinance, and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Cohen, March 1, 2004*).
  11. Peace and Justice Work Plan: Discussion of Issues that Commissioners would like to Focus On (*from Commissioner Sherman, March 1, 2004*).

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**New Business:**

12. Discussion of a Recommendation to Extend the Operations Subcommittee until July 2004 (*from Commissioner Cachola*).
13. Third Annual Berkeley Peace Lantern Ceremony, August 2004: Recommendation for the Peace and Justice Commission to Endorse the Event and to Encourage the City Council to Endorse (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
14. Presentation on Conflict Diamonds, which are sold by warlords to finance wars in Africa (*from Commissioner Litman*).
15. Discussion of a Proposal to the City Council that the City of Berkeley accept the invitation from the Nagasaki Peace Promotion Office to be the first United States city to host this year's traveling atomic-bomb exhibition from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and to ask members of the Commission to volunteer to conduct outreach to help raise funds to cover the local expenses of hosting the exhibition (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

**SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

16. Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, sending the revised Commissioners Manual.
17. Phil Kamlarz, City Manager, sending the City of Berkeley FY 2005 Proposed Budget & FY 2006 Reduction Plan.

**SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT**