



Peace and Justice Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
July 12, 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 June 7, 2004.

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

5. Discussion of Proposed Resolutions regarding claims made by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify the 2003 War on Iraq; and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Sherman, June 2, 2003*).

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- a. 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.
 - b. 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 Sustainable Wages for Immigrant Workers, and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Litman, February 2, 2004*).
 7. 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*).
 8. 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*).
 9. Peace and Justice Work Plan: Discussion of Issues that Commissioners would like to Focus On (*from Commissioner Sherman, March 1, 2004*).
 10. Presentation on Conflict Diamonds, which are sold by warlords to finance wars in Africa (*from Commissioner Litman, May 3, 2004*).

New Business:

11. Discussion of a Resolution relating to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (*from Commissioner Maran*).
12. Discussion of a Resolution approving a waiver of Section 12.90.070 of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act for the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of California for the construction and maintenance of the Lower Codornices Creek Restoration and Site Improvement Project (*from the Department of Parks Recreation & Waterfront*).
13. Discussion on Robert's Rules – short version (*from Commissioner Litman*).

SECTION C. ADJOURNMENT