



Peace and Justice Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
September 13, 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 July 12, 2004.

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

New Business:

5. Discussion of a Waiver of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act for a contract with the University of California, Davis Extension Program to provide training for the City of Berkeley's new Leadership Development Program, and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from the Department of Human Resources*).

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6. Discussion on the Council Referral to develop a budget for the Atomic Bomb Exhibition from the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from City Council*).
7. Discussion on the United States-Central American Free Trade Agreement, and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from Commission sorgen*).
8. Discussion on Progressivism and the African-American Community (*from Commissioner Seaton*).
9. Election of Interim Vice-Chairperson to serve during Commissioner Cachola's authorized leave of absence (*from Commission Secretary*).

Old Business:

10. 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*).
 - 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.
11. 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*).
12. 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*).
13. Peace and Justice Work Plan: Discussion of Issues that Commissioners would like to Focus On (*from Commissioner Sherman, March 1, 2004*).
14. Discussion on Conflict Diamonds, which are sold by Warlords to Finance Wars in Africa, and Formulation of a Recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Litman, May 3, 2004*).

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15. Discussion on Robert’s Rules – short version (*from Commissioner Litman*).

SECTION C. INFORMATION ITEMS

16. Copy of letter sent to George Bush, President of the United States, regarding Resolution No. 62,617-N.S. supporting the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

17. Not a “Natural Person”, editorial published in the Providence (Rhode Island) Journal on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

18. Berkeley Fights Corporate Rule by Liam O’Donoghue, Fault Lines-Issue 2 (www.IndyBay.org).

19. Memorandum from the City Attorney to the City’s boards and commissions regarding the endorsement of candidates and ballot measures.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT