



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION

**Monday, May 7, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA

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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 March 5, 2007

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

5. Review and discussion of Draft Regulation for Investigations of First Amendment Activities being considered by the Police Review Commission, and formulation of a recommendation to the Police Review Commission (from Commissioner Sherman).
6. Discussion on establishing a subcommittee, including representatives from other affected City commissions and non-governmental organizations, to develop recommendations for Council consideration on a formal system to obtain data from the Berkeley Unified School

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District, non-governmental organizations, and other entities in the City of Berkeley for future reports required under United Nations' Treaties (from Commission Secretary).

7. Discussion on keeping City/County/State government informed of the reporting requirements and deadlines under the International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (from Commissioner Bohn).
8. Discussion of a proposal to affirm that the City of Berkeley is a City of Refuge and establish such as part of the Berkeley Municipal Code, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (from Commissioner McDonald).
9. Discussion on How to Increase the Effectiveness/Impact of the Peace & Justice Commission work (from Commissioner Freedkin).

SECTION C. INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Laurence Schechtman - proposal to invite the Iraqi people to vote in a Referendum about whether they want a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.
11. The next meeting of the Peace and Justice Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2007 with a deadline of Thursday, May 24, 2007 for commissioners to submit agenda items and materials for the June agenda packet. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT