



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION

**Monday, June 4, 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 May 7, 2007

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion on proposal to invite the Iraqi people to vote in a Referendum about whether they want a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (from Commissioner Sorgen – carried over from May meeting)
6. Discussion on declaring the City of Berkeley as a City of Sanctuary for United States military personnel seeking Conscientious Objector status or otherwise seeking to avoid participating in the Occupation of Iraq or in combat operations in Iraq or other targets of

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United States wars for moral, ethical or religious reasons or for political/legal reasons; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (from Commissioner Meola).

7. Discussion on military recruitment at Berkeley High School, and formulation of recommendations to City Council and Berkeley Unified School District (from Commissioner Wagley).
8. Discussion on the use of e-mail system by Commissioners to spread racist propaganda (from Commissioner Cohen).
9. Discussion on effective strategies to address prejudice and the possible development of a program (from Commissioner Freedkin).
10. Discussion on Peace & Justice Commission items that go beyond statements of policy (e.g., legislative proposals, ballot measures, treaty compliance reports, workshops and events): lessons learned, requirements for effectiveness, and directions for the future (from Commissioner Freedkin).
11. Possible scheduling of an additional Peace & Justice Commission meeting in 2007 (from Commissioner Freedkin).

SECTION C. INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Status report on Sweatshop Free Berkeley Ordinance (from Commissioner Bohn).
13. Status report on Ordinance to affirm that the City of Berkeley is a City of Refuge (from Commissioner McDonald).
14. The next meeting of the Peace and Justice Commission is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2007 with a deadline of Thursday, August 30, 2007 for commissioners to submit agenda items and materials for the September agenda packet. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT