



PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION AGENDA

**Monday, November 5, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

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

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The Peace & Justice Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Announcements
3. Comments from the Public
4. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2007

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion on the Public Commons for Everyone Initiative, and formulation of recommendation to the City Council (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
6. Discussion on proposal to direct the City Manager to report to the City Council on what, if any, is the nature of the City of Berkeley business with Chevron, and what would be the consequences of ceasing all purchases from Chevron, and formulation of recommendation to the City Council (**from Commissioner Bohn**).

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7. Discussion on proposal calling upon the Governor of California to insure that the President and Congress takes immediate steps to withdraw California National Guard troops from Iraq now, and formulation of recommendation to the City Council (**from Commissioner Bohn**).
8. Discussion on the presence of the Marine Corps Recruiting Office in Berkeley, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (**from Commissioner Meola**).
9. Discussion on notice received from UC-Berkeley regarding public comments being sought on a draft report examining the current state and future of People's Park, the result of a nine-month assessment of the UC-owned site south of the campus, and formulation of a recommendation (**from Commissioner Cohen**).
10. Discussion on policy regarding Communications among Commissioners, and formulation of a recommendation (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
11. Discussion on issues of political racism, and formulation of a recommendation (**from Commissioner Cohen**):
 - a. Failure of Senator Boxer to support allowing United States born children of immigrants to remain, as well as of Senator Feinstein's racist judge to 6th circuit court of appeals;
 - b. Public hearing regarding conduct of Peace & Justice Commission members including, but not limited to racist e-mails by members of Peace & Justice Commission; and
 - c. Censure under Roberts rules regarding racist e-mails.
12. Discussion on the use of e-mail or other venues or means by the Acting Chairperson to issue "orders" or make rulings outside the purview of authorized meetings, and the legality of such actions, and formulation of a recommendation (**from Commissioner Cohen**).

SECTION C. INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Request for the Peace & Justice Commission to address the issue of reorienting the United States drug policy toward programs for demand reduction and a policy toward Columbia that promotes respect for human rights (**from Fellowship of Reconciliation Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean**).
14. 2007 Annual Commission Attendance Report (**from Commission Secretary**)
15. The next meeting of the Peace and Justice Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007 with a deadline of Wednesday, November 21, 2007 for commissioners to submit agenda items and materials for the December agenda packet. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT