

**Monday, December 3, 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 November 5, 2007

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion on proposal calling for a policy toward Colombia that at its forefront promotes respect for human rights and the rule of law, by conditioning economic aid to the Colombian government on effective action to end impunity for human rights violations and collaboration with paramilitary groups, and declaring that United States drug policy should be re-oriented toward programs for reduction in demand in the United States and to support the rights of people with the diseases of alcoholism and drug dependency to receive effective treatment; and formulation of recommendation to the City Council (from Commissioner Bohn).
6. Discussion and adoption of 2008 meeting schedule (from Commissioner Freedkin).

SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

7. 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).
8. Discussion on policy regarding Communications among Commissioners, and formulation of a recommendation (from Commissioner Freedkin).

9. 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.

10. 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 D. INFORMATION ITEMS

11. The next meeting of the Peace and Justice Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2008 with a deadline of Thursday, December 27, 2007 for commissioners to submit agenda items and materials for the January agenda packet. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT