



PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, February 4, 2008
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 January 7, 2008

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion on the Seventh Annual Peace Lantern Ceremony - endorsement of the event taking place in August 2008, and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Berkeley School Board (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
6. Approve the appointment of Commissioner Lippman to the Subcommittee on Reports to the United Nations (**from Commissioner Bohn**).
7. Approve a five-minute presentation for the March 3, 2008 meeting from a local youth group on the types of activist activities that will take place on Cinco de Mayo Day in the Bay Area (**from Commissioner Kenin**).

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8. Discussion on the City's policy for the use of resolutions and its effect on the format of the Commission's recommendations to the City Council (**from Commissioner Kenin**).
9. Discussion on a recommendation for the Council of the City of Berkeley, in solidarity with the Haitian people in their ongoing struggle for full human rights and true democracy, call on all authorities in Haiti, the United Nations Mission to Haiti, and the United States, Canada, France, and Brazil, who call themselves the friends of Haiti, to exercise their influence to (a) release all political prisoners, (b) guarantee freedom of speech and assembly, (c) bring about the safe return of Human rights activist Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine, and (d) compensate victims of United Nations raids in Cite Soleil and elsewhere as well as victims of rapes and sexual exploitation by United Nations troops (**from Commissioner Bohn**).
10. Discussion on a recommendation for the Council of the City of Berkeley to go on record as opposing the use by the United States of Blackwater and other private mercenary contractors in Iraq or anywhere else and call on the United States to stop all such mercenary employment (**from Commissioner Meola**).
11. Election of Officers for 2008 (**from Commission Secretary**).
 - a. Parting Thoughts from the Outgoing Chairperson

SECTION D. INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Clarification on whether the Peace & Justice Commission may endorse an event separate from Council action.
13. Thank you letter from the Committee to Free the San Francisco 8.
14. Marine Recruiting Office in Berkeley – Communications Received
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 - g. Terry Ostlund
 - h. Jose Duck
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 - j. Todd Godair
 - k. Talon
 - l. Matt Stone
 - m. Morris Bird
 - n. Greg
 - o. Rick Moore
 - p. Scott Briscoe

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15. The next meeting of the Peace & Justice Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008 with a deadline of Friday, February 22, 2008 for commissioners to submit agenda items and materials for the March agenda packet. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

SECTION E. ADJOURNMENT