



Peace and Justice
Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

South Berkeley Senior Center

2939 Ellis St. Berkeley Ca, 94703

AGENDA (AMENDED***)

Mayor Adena Ishii:
Andrea Cassidy

Rashi Kersarwani:
Selim Yasavul

Terry Taplin:
Adam Weisberg

Ben Bartlett:
Carole Marasovic

Igor Tregub:
Deborah Fink

Shoshana O'Keefe:
Nimrod Pitsker Elias

Brent Blackaby:
Robin Mencher

Cecilia Lunaparra:
Luke Taylor

Mark Humbert:
Ilene Lee

BUSD:

Appel- Grace Morizawa

Shanoski- Jeannette McNeil

Chang- Sandy Park- **Vice Chair**

Vasudeo- Sheela Jivan

Babitt- Dwayne Phillips- **Chair**

Clark- Sonali Mascarenhas-Swan

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements
 - a. A moment to recognize Okeya Vance-Dozier's years of service and dedication to the Peace and Justice Commission
4. Review and approval of Agenda

*** This Agenda has been amended from previous posting in Section A (adding Item 8.a), Section B (adding Item 3, correcting Item 4, and Item 5 with substitute attachment), noting public comment at the end of each item in Section B Agenda attachments: adding caveat on yes vote in Section B.2 in attached draft March Minutes, and adding the new 2025 Commissioner's Manual.

5. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items. Public Comment is subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary
6. Review and approval of meeting minutes from previous meeting
7. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
The Chair reports on activities, protocol for media inquiries, matters impacting work on current referrals, and other items.
8. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)
Secretary updates on matters referred to City Clerk, appointments, stipends, orientation to procedures for recommendations, and other items.
 - a. Discussion of full commission as to how ad hoc subcommittees would operate.
Discussion only.***

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation by Oasis Legal Services on providing services to the immigrant LGBTQ community. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
2. Examining material changes that can support Trans safety in Berkeley including at BUSD. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
 - a. Discussion on AJ Stone Jonathan presentation and elements of a recommendation on transgender rights.
 - b. Discussion on SB1343.
 - c. Discussion on legislative support/opposition.
 - d. Discussion on Establishing Berkeley as a Sanctuary City for Trans and Gender Expansive People.
3. Discussion whether resolutions must have a declared author as an item for discussion by the whole Commission to be voted on. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.***
4. Proposed draft resolution calling for the city to denounce the invocation of the Enemies Alien Act and endorse the Neighbors Not Enemies Act. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.***
5. Recommendation re-affirming the People of Berkeley's Commitment to free speech and opposition to political persecution. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.***

6. Discussion as to how the commission could be part of the public education and advocacy work on Berkeley as an Immigrant welcoming sanctuary city and what may be needed now to renew our commitment to care for immigrants in our city and in our county. Discussion only. Public Comment.
7. Discuss Meeting start time and location. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

8. No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

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