



Peace and Justice
Commission

**PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, August 18, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St. Berkeley Ca, 94703**

AGENDA

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- Majdi Gaith

Babitt- Rev. Dwayne L. Phillips- **Chair**

Clark- Sonali Mascarenhas-Swan

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements
4. Review and approval of Agenda. Discussion and possible action.
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. Discussion and possible action.
7. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
The Chair reports on PJC activities and informal ad hoc subcommittees.

8. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)
Secretary updates on matters referred to City Clerk, continued orientation on Robert's Rules of Order, new equipment, and other items.

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action on establishment of the temporary ad hoc committees Immigration, LGBTQI+, and Racial Justice ad hoc sub committees and appointment of members. Public Comment.
2. 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.
3. Discussion and possible action meeting start time and location. Public Comment.
4. Letter to Council recommending that Council incorporate attention to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community in requesting monies from the County under County Measure W. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
5. Possible recommendation to Council on the City of Berkeley as a LGBTQ+ sanctuary city including prioritizing gender-neutral bathrooms, amending needed Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) language amendments and possible other accommodations. Discussion only. Public Comment.
6. Letter to Council in Support of June 4, 2025, Statement from Berkeley Mayor Adena Ishii and Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Igor Tregub, and Mark Humbert. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
7. Discussion and possible action on recommendation to approve Grace Morizawa, Carole Marasovic, and Andrea Cassidy as the Peace and Justice Commission representatives to the Mayor's Sanctuary Task Force. Public Comment.
8. Commission vote to select Peace and Justice Commission commissioner to present item to Council and Council Policy Committees on item passed at P and J last month. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
9. Recommendation to Council to refer to the City Manager outreach to local health care providers to facilitate the provision of medical care without requiring or encouraging Medi-Cal/ Medicaid applications in all instances in consultation with community-based organizations providing services for immigrants. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT



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