



Peace and Justice  
Commission

## PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Monday, May 5, 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-** 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
4. Review and approval of Agenda
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.

8. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)  
Secretary updates on matters referred to City Clerk, continued orientation to procedures for recommendations, and other items.

## **SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. 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.
  - a. Carl Takei with the Asian Law Caucus-- Community Safety Program Director at Asian Law Caucus.
  - b. Satsuki Ina -- father was imprisoned through AEA- WW2
  - c. Grace Shimizu--Father taken from Peru imprisoned during WW@
  - d. Rebecca Gerny East Bay Sanctuary Covenant--report on how the AEA is affecting Berkeley immigrants
2. Staff update on federal cuts to the City of Berkeley based on DEI, City of Berkeley budgetary deficit and City hiring freeze. Discussion and possible action.
3. Discussion on possible authorization of Commission to make statement to Council at May 6, 2025 Council meeting on COSOW SB1343 recommendation. Discussion and possible action.
4. 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.
5. Discuss Meeting start time and location. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.

## **SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS**

A member of the public has requested a copy of the recommendation as edited by Commissioner Taylor and discussed with public comment and voted on -- with the changes -- during the 4/7/25 meeting. Please see attached that was provided in accordance with the Brown Act and other transparency laws.

## **SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

## **SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT**



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