

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA Monday, March 2nd, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Berkeley City Hall, 2180 Milvia, Cypress Room, Berkeley, CA

AGENDA

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Roll Call
- 2. Announcements
- 3. Comments from the Public (subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary)
- 4. Review and approval of meeting minutes (Attachment B)
- 5. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
- 6. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 7. Adopt a recommendation to the City Council that they pass a revised resolution opposing the new U.S. base construction in Henoko-Oura Bay of Okinawa (**Attachment C**) (Bohn)
- 8. Adopt a recommendation to the City Council that they pass a resolution opposing war with Iran (**Attachment D**) (Bohn)
- 9. Discuss and approve process for electing Chair and Vice Chair of the Peace and Justice Commission
 - Recommended Action: Approve the following process for elections of PJC Officers: (1) open nominations; (2) nominate individuals; (3) nominated individuals accept/decline; (4) close nominations; (5) each candidate given up to 2 minutes to describe qualifications and interests; (6) Q & A; (7) roll call majority voting to select candidates.
- 10. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Peace and Justice Commission.
- 11. Update and discussion of Social Justice Framework on Human Needs in Berkeley (Attachment E) (Lippman)
- 12. Discussion and possible approval of a letter to the City Council giving feedback on its recent action allowing assignment of commission recommendations to a policy committee (Lippman)

SECTION C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 13. Subcommittee on Socially Responsible Investments and Procurement Policy (Bohn)
- 14. BUSD subcommittee discussion and potential appointments (Pancoast)

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

- 15. 2/16/20 email from Diana Bohn re: petition to Keep East Bay Community Choice Energy Nuclear-Free--Close Diablo Canyon Now (**Attachment F**)
- 16. 2.21.20 email from Diana Bohn re: Save the Okinawa Dugong (Attachment G)
- 17. 2.18.20 email from George Lippman re: Sanctuary City Task Force Agenda (Attachment H)

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- A. Roster
- B. Draft minutes of February 3rd, 2020 meeting
- C. Proposed resolution opposing the new U.S. base construction in Henoko-Oura Bay of Okinawa
- D. Proposed resolution opposing war with Iran
- E. Proposed 2020 Peace and Justice Commission Project: Social Justice Framework on Human Needs in Berkeley
- F. 2/16/20 email from Diana Bohn re: petition to Keep East Bay Community Choice Energy Nuclear-Free -- Close Diablo Canyon Now
- G. 2.21.20 email from Diana Bohn re: Save the Okinawa Dugong
- H. 2.18.20 email from George Lippman re: Sanctuary City Task Force Agenda

The next meeting of the Peace & Justice Commission is tentatively scheduled for April 6th, 2020. All proposed Commission agenda items should be submitted to the Commission Secretary by or before March 25th, 2020. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary by email at ngoldman@cityofberkeley.info to confirm receipt of submitted items.

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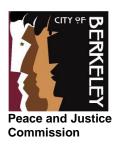
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Zo Pancoast	Alper	BUSD
Zaira Rodriguez	Student Director	BUSD
Rachel Pierce	Julie Sinai	BUSD
VACANT		BUSD
Grace Morizawa	Appel	BUSD
Igor Tregub (Chair)	Arreguin	Mayor
Rita Maran	Kesarwani	1
Dr. Hatem al-Bazian	Davila	2
J. George Lippman (Vice Chair)	Bartlett	3
Diana Bohn	Harrison	4
Judith Gussmann	Hahn	5
Robert L Meola	Wengraf	6
Jasmine Perry	Robinson	7
Terry Taplin	Droste	8



Peace and Justice Commission Meeting Regular Meeting – February 3rd, 2020 Berkeley City Hall, 2180 Milvia, Berkeley, CA, Cypress Room

MINUTES (Draft)

The meeting convened at 7:03 pm with Chair Tregub presiding.

1. Roll Call

Present: al-Bazian, Gussmann, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce, Rodriguez,

Tregub

Absent: Askary, Bohn, Lippman, Maran

Excused: None

Leave of Absence: None

Commissioner Bohn arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioner Maran arrived at 7:15 p.m.

2. Announcements

3. Comments from the Public

Public Attendance: 1 Public Comments: 0

4. Review and approval of meeting minutes

Peace and Justice Commission approved minutes from 11/4/19 and 1/6/20 (with one correction on the 1/6/20 minutes, item #7).

M/S/C: Morizawa, Gussmann

Ayes: al-Bazian, Gussmann, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pierce, Rodriguez,

Tregub
Noes: None

Abstain: Pancoast (did not attend 1/6/20 meeting)

Absent: Askary, Bohn (arrived later), Lippman, Maran (arrived later)

Excused: None

5. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report (No Action Taken)

6. Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)

7. Approve the Calendar Year 2020 Peace and Justice Commission Meeting Schedule – Re-agendized from 1/6/20 meeting

Adopt Peace and Justice Commission adopted 2020 meeting schedule as proposed.

M/S/C: Maran, Pierce

Ayes: al-Bazian, Bohn, Gussmann, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce,

Rodriguez, Tregub

Noes: None Abstain: None

Absent: Askary, Lippman

Excused: None

8. Proposal to co-convene a policy conference with other human needs commissions, CBO's, academic partners, and, as appropriate, City staff and leaders in the Spring or Fall of 2020 – Re-agendized from 1/6/20 meeting

Adopt proposed PJC Project (as described in attachment 5 of the January 6, 2020 PJC Meeting Agenda with amendments) to develop a framework for a social justice approach to human needs in Berkeley.

M/S/C: Maran, Gussmann

Ayes: al-Bazian, Bohn, Gussmann, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce,

Rodriguez, Tregub

Noes: None Abstain: None

Absent: Askary, Lippman

Excused: None

9. Proposal to sponsor an educational forum regarding the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and host a rally in support of ending the research and development of nuclear weapons at Livermore National Weapons Lab and all other locations – Re-agendized from 1/6/20 meeting

Approve, pending City Council approval, proposal to co-sponsor an educational rally on July 16th, 2020, in recognition of the 75th anniversary of U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945.

M/S/C: Meola, Morizawa

Ayes: al-Bazian, Bohn, Gussmann, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce,

Rodriguez

Noes: None

Abstain: Tregub (recusal)* **Absent**: Askary, Lippman

Excused: None

*Commissioner Tregub recused himself from the vote because he is an employee of the U.S. Department of Energy

10. <u>Discuss and approve process for electing Chair and Vice Chair of the Peace</u> and Justice Commission

Approve the following process for elections of PJC Officers: (1) open nominations; (2) nominate individuals; (3) nominated individuals accept/decline; (4) close nominations; (5) each candidate given up to 2 minutes to describe qualifications and interests; (6) Q & A; (7) roll call majority voting to select candidates.

M/S/C: Meola, Morizawa

Ayes: al-Bazian, Bohn, Gussmann, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce,

Rodriguez, Tregub

Noes: None Abstain: None

Absent: Askary, Lippman

Excused: None

Appoint Bob Meola to temporarily chair the elections process.

M/S/C: Meola, Morizawa

Ayes: al-Bazian, Bohn, Gussmann, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce,

Rodriguez, Tregub

Noes: None Abstain: None

Absent: Askary, Lippman

Excused: None

11. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Peace and Justice Commission

Discussion held.

Motion to continue election of chair and vice chair until the March 2020 PJC meeting.

M/S/C: Tregub, Bohn

Ayes: al-Bazian, Bohn, Gussmann, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce,

Rodriguez, Tregub

Noes: None

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Abstain: None

Absent: Askary, Lippman

Excused: None

- 12. <u>Discussion and possible action on potential Council proposal to modify role of commissions (No Action Taken)</u>
- 13. <u>Discussion following up on City Council's consideration at 1/21/20 Council meeting of PJC's recommendation to adopt a resolution in opposition of the new U.S. base construction in Henoko-Oura Bay of Okinawa (No Action Taken)</u>
- 14. <u>Subcommittee on Socially Responsible Investments and Procurement discussion of interim document (No Action Taken)</u>
- 15. <u>BUSD subcommittee discussion and potential appointments (No Action</u> Taken)
- 16 18. Communications (No Action Taken)
- 19. Background Information (No Action Taken)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nina Goldman, Interim Secretary Peace and Justice Commission

Keynote speech: Where do we go from here...Chaos or Community?

BY DONALD FRAZIER, BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY (BOSS), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Editor's note: On Monday, January 20, close to 400 members of the community gathered in the Pauley Ballroom on the Cal campus for the 9th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast. Donald Frazier, executive director of Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), was the keynote speaker, and these were his words:

We live in a country where if you want to bomb somebody, there is little discussion about how much it would cost. But then you have a discussion about whether or not we can assist people who are suffering, then suddenly we become very cost conscious

Good morning and welcome to the 9th annual Berkeley Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration with a very special thanks to the MLK Planning Committee.

My name is Donald Frazier, and I am the executive director of BOSS. We are based here in Berkeley. As an organization, we develop solutions to mass homelessness, mass incarceration, and community violence with programs and services tailored to meet the needs of the people we serve in five cities in Alameda County. We developed a social justice component to advocate and educate policy makers, administrators, business leaders and community members about the debilitating policies that negatively impact the people we serve, all of whom are living in deep poverty and disproportionately African American.

My grandfather Jesse B. Wideman was born into slavery, 1857, in Smithsville, South Carolina. He and my grandmother, Josephine Martin, born in 1881 in South Carolina, married in 1898. My mother, their youngest child of 15 was born in 1919, married Robert Frazier in 1939, and I the youngest child of 11 was born in 1960.

I have been working in the social service field for more than 30 years in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Marin and now Alameda County. My work has been focused on providing basic needs to the masses in crisis while unapologetically deconstructing racist norms in an effort to create social innovation for individuals, families, and communities impacted by systems that are not designed for them to succeed.

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights maica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript: "Where do we go from here, community or chaos?"

In this prophetic work, which was unavailable for more than 10 years, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind – for the first time – has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.

I will safely assume that the room is populated with likeminded people who favor Dr. King's legacy and vision. Based on that assumption, aligned with our theme and in the spirit of a powerful statement Dr. King made in his I Have a Dream speech, and I quote: "In a sense we have come to cash a check... It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note... Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds'."

With that, I offer a thought experiment to proportionately repair the racial inequities through an economic and legislative lens, with the expectation that a moral and social ethos would follow.

In our collective consciousness, the premise of our experiment is based on capitalism as the engine of all things American, then follows the question: Can we have a conversation to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the center of our national narrative?

Quite frankly, why not place the issue at the center of our living room conversations, then town hall meetings, City Council meetings, Board of Supervisor meetings, state legislative and congressional hearings that are specific to the need for truth and reconciliation for the crimes against humanity that slavery, lynching, Black codes, redlining, block busting, Jim Crow, the drug war, mass incarceration and its intergenerational impact.

By all accounts of what I've read, other countries have faced their humanitarian atrocities.

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I even read in the New York Times (June 18, 2019) that Govapologized for the Native Genocide in the State of California and created a Truth and Healing Council to explore the historical relationship between the state of California and California Native Americans.

In America, we celebrate the past all the time: The Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, the Bill of Rights, and so much more. It doesn't matter that these all took place long ago, before anybody alive today was born; these historical triumphs make many of us feel good about who we are as Americans, so we eagerly claim them as our own.

I'm sure you've read or heard the first enslaved people sold in America were brought to Jamestown, a colony of Virginia, in 1619 – 400 years ago. We don't like to talk as much about that. After 400 years, don't you feel like it's finally time to honestly discuss the legacy of slavery?

If we ever want to have an honest accounting of who we are as Americans, we can't pick and choose what we wish to remember.

We need to understand that slavery wasn't just some kind of unfortunate regional fluke; it was an economic engine for the entire country. For more than two centuries, white Americans profited from forced Black labor. So when slavery officially came to an end in 1865, efforts to subject Black lives and communities to state control did not end. Black Codes, and lynching immediately followed, then Jim Crow laws. which emerged a decade or so after the Civil War, effectively legalized segregation in all aspects of American life for the next 100 years. Jim Crow was a century of state-sponsored terror against Black people intended to maintain the prewar racial hierarchy.

It wasn't until the 1960s, with

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Keynote speech: Where do we go from here...Chaos or Community.

the passage of the Vofing Rights and Fair Housing acts that the Jim Crow era officially ended. The Fair Housing Act (FHA) also finally outlawed redlining, a decades-long strategy used all across the country to effectively deny homeownership to Black Americans. The thing to remember here is that redlining was official government policy. It was

the law of the land. In the housing boom of the 1950s, as white America began building wealth in the suburbs, Black people, by law, were deliberately and systematically shut out.

While the FHA made redlining illegal, racism in the mortgage industry didn't go away. Black Americans were hardest hit by the recent subprime mortgage crisis, in part because they were targeted by many subprime mortgage lenders, Similarly, the end of slavery didn't stop former slaveholders. From thinking of Black people as slaves. The 13th Americanant abolished slavery, but left in a leophole: 'except as punishment for crime.'

States throughout the former Confederacy immediately began drafting laws guaranteed to lead to the arrest of Black people, who were then put back to work (sometimes in prisons that had once been plantations, like An

gola in Louisiana). The roots of today's mass incarceration are in those Black Codes.

The past matters. There's a direct line from slavery to the fact that the average Black family has only 10 cents for every dollar held by the average white family.

There is a direct line from slavery to the fact that Black people, while only 13 percent of the overall population, make up 40 percent of the prison population.

There is a direct line from slavery to Black people as it relates to disproportionate percentages living in deep poverty, high unemployment. honelessness, healthcare (mortality/morbidity rates), education, and access to capital, to list a few.

Slavery isn't sometimg from the distant past. Its impact is felt and seen right now, particularly by Black Americans, every single day, and to date, this country has never truly reconciled slavery.

and we can't ever hope to effectively fight systemic racism if we don't truly understand why and how things got to be the way they are...and then take action to correct it.

To create a more just future, we can start by separating myth from fact. Many, if not most, Americans have little understanding of what slavery was really like. We hide from the brutal reality and create myths instead — myths about benevolent slave owners, about how slavery wasn't really all that bad, about how slavery wasn't really all that bad, about how slavery in happened long ago and has nothing to do with us today.

I truly believe the future of this country depends on our ability to embrace the truth about our collective history, even the parts that make us want to look away.

In keeping with our theme "Where do we go from here... chaos or community?"

I choose community, but our

experiment won't be easy or comfortable. But I believe it's necessary Looking away isn't an option. Not for any of its. Every citizen, every politician, every business leader must do their part to look at the truth without flinch-

And then let's be intentional... let's begin serious conversations about Truth and Reconciliation for the crimes against humanity that still today has damaging and destructive impacts on American life, especially Black life.

It's been said that when Americal sneezes the world catches a cold. In our efforts to repair racial mequities through truth and reconciliation, let's repluase that statement to when Berkeley sneezes the nation catches a cold.

Thank you, and I look forward to the conversation!

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3 February 2020

City of Berkeley

Peace & Justice Commission

Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

To: Fellow Commissioners and supporters of the Subcommittee

From: Rita Maran, PJC Commissioner

As Subcommittee Chair and PJC Commissioner, I would like to take this moment to express great appreciation to Berkeley Mayor Arreguín, to all City Council members, to the many Peace & Justice Commissioners and Subcommittee advisors from the City of Berkeley Commission on Aging, the Commission on Disability, the Commission on Mental Health, and the Commission on the Status of Women, and to City Clerk Mark Numainville for the support and guidance supplied in good measure to the Subcommittee from the time of its establishment in September 2014 until the present day, 3 February 2020.

The Subcommittee's thanks go in full measure as well to Ed Roberts Campus Director Susan Henderson, to Disability Rights & Education Fund, to Disability Rights Advocates, to the Center for Independent Living, and to other disability rights organizations for their generous cooperation and information-sharing.

Last month, January 2020, the PJC's "Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (SCRPD) was asked to close up shop for now. City Clerk Mark Numainvillle's recommendation was conveyed to me by PJC Chair Igor Tregub. According to the City Clerk, Subcommittees ordinarily run for one year. The SCRPD has been running for more than 5 years. It is considered to be no longer in conformity with City policy and practice on Commission Subcommittees. Appreciation for the work of the Subcommittee was highlighted.

In the ongoing context of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other related U.S. legislation, the Subcommittee established several goals in support of U.S. ratification of the international treaty called the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by 177 nations of the world. For the record, I would like to name a few of the Subcommittee's founding goals that were met during those years:

- 1. The City Council in its letter to the US Senate urged the Senate to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Senate has not done so.
- 2. The Subcommittee, in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations already called out, ran two public open Forums on Access and Disability, the first in May 2018 and the second in May 2019, with eminent speakers from fields related to disability rights.
- 3. The Subcommittee edited and circulated five informational e-newsletters to the Subcommittee's mailing list of organizations and individuals in the field of disability rights. For your convenience, a copy of the latest "In The News" for Winter/Spring 2020 is at your seat.

My thanks, again, for the opportunity to add voices on behalf of the claimable rights of persons with disabilities.



41st Anniversary of the Day of Remembrance

Sunday, February 16, 2020 2 pm – 4 pm AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres Japantown San Francisco 1881 Post Street, San Francisco CA

PROGRAM

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Michael Yoshii,

Pastor, Buena Vista United Methodist Church

Emcees:

Dianne Fukami, Award-winning filmmaker Lauren Ito, Poet and activist

Clifford I. Uyeda Peace & Humanitarian Awardee: Chizu Omori, Community activist, writer

RECEPTION: 4-6 PM

Japanese Community & Cultural Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street

\$8 suggested donation All are welcome!

For more info: (415) 921-5007 njahs@njahs.org

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Join us this month as we stand with those directly impacted by unjust systems: mass incarceration, U.S. immigration systems and laws, and aspects of U.S. foreign policy that damage people's lives. Together we will respond to inspire and be inspired, sing and pray, support and be supported, and honor all of humanity.

In February, our co-hosts are the Japanese American Religious Federation and the Bay Area Day of Remembrance Organizing Committee. We are honoring the Day of Remembrance on February 19, 1942 when Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which led to the detention of 120,000 Japanese Americans throughout the West Coast. We remember these stories to call for the end of family separation and detention around the country today.

Attachment C

Resolution opposing the new U.S. base construction in Henoko-Oura Bay of Okinawa. 1

- 2 3 4 WHEREAS, the Peace and Justice Commission advises the City Council on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice (Berkeley Municipal Code
- 5 Chapter 3.68.070); and
- WHEREAS, a new U.S. military base is being constructed in the ocean of Oura Bay¹. This bay 6
- is in the Henoko region of Okinawa. It is one of the most bio-diverse ecosystems on the planet 7
- with over 5,300 species and world-renown coral reef systems. 262 of the species in Oura Bay 8
- are endangered, including the dugong², which have been closely monitored internationally by 9
- environmental groups due to its diminishing numbers as well as its status as a designated a 10
- cultural property³ of indigenous historical value; and 11
- 12 WHEREAS, on August 21, 2017, The 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals affirmed the right of
- American and Japanese conservation groups and Okinawan citizens to sue to compel the U.S. 13
- military to fully consider the impacts of a new U.S. military base in Okinawa, Japan. The base 14
- would pave over some of the last remaining habitat for endangered Okinawa dugongs, ancient 15
- cultural icons for the Okinawan people. The lawsuit is part of a long-running controversy over 16
- the expansion of a U.S. Marine air base at Okinawa's Henoko Bay. The court remanded the 17
- case to the district court for further proceedings⁴; and 18
- 19 WHEREAS, on January 9, 2020, American conservation groups and residents of Okinawa filed
- the opening brief in an appeal of a court ruling allowing construction of a US Marine Corps air 20
- base in the Japanese island's coastal waters. 21
- The brief, filed in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, highlights the base's threat 22
- to the Okinawa dugong, a critically endangered marine mammal related to manatees. Building 23
- the base will involve filling in and paving over hundreds of acres of rich coral and seagrass 24
- habitat crucial to the last surviving Okinawa dugongs. 25
- Turtle Island Restoration Network, The Center for Biological Diversity, and the Japanese co-26
- plaintiffs are represented in the case by Earthjustice, which filed the appeal. The 9th Circuit 27
- ruled in 2017 that Okinawa residents deserved a full hearing on their concerns. 28
- "The Okinawa dugong, sea turtles, coral reefs, humans and the ocean environment need the 29
- U.S. justice system to guard our genuine national security by rejecting this ecologically 30
- horrendous project," said Todd Steiner, founder and executive director of Turtle Island 31
- Restoration Network⁵; and 32
- WHEREAS. Construction of the replacement facility in Okinawa for U.S. Marine Corps Air Station 33
- Futenma will take nearly twice as long and cost three times as much as the initial estimates. This makes it 34
- certain that shutting down Futenma will now be delayed into the 2030s at the earliest due to additional 35
- 36 work to improve the soft ground on the seafloor in the site's offshore areas — which was found in a
- boring survey three years ago. The entire cost of the project will balloon from the initial forecast of ¥350 37
- billion to ¥930 billion6; and 38

- 39 WHEREAS, the construction of this base has been opposed by the Okinawan people
- 40 repeatedly. Most recently on February 24, 2019, over 70% of Okinawans voted in opposition to
- 41 the construction of this particular U.S. Marine Corps base outside of Camp Schwab. Still, the
- Japanese government, in partnership with the U.S. government, continues building this U.S.
- base in the ocean dropping concrete blocks on top of precious coral and suffocating the
- 44 marine habitat with dirt and concrete causing irreversible harm to the ecosystem. It is already
- adversely impacting the region; contributing to species collapse and furthering environmental
- damage already sustained from rapid climate change; and
- WHEREAS, already, Okinawa has been forced to host almost 70% of U.S. military facilities in
- Japan⁸ despite consisting only 0.6% of national landmass; and
- WHEREAS, this treatment of Okinawa as a colonial military outpost has continued since the
- Japanese annexation of the once sovereign nation of the Ryūkyū Kingdom. Then during WWII,
 - Okinawan land was destroyed in a war between U.S. and Japan, taking almost a third of the
- 52 entire Okinawan population. From there, the U.S. construction of military bases began against
- the will of the Okinawan people and continues today⁹; and
- 54 WHEREAS, Okinawan people have exhausted all legal and peaceful means of opposing this
- new base from being forced upon them from elders staging nonviolent protests and sit-ins to
- Okinawan governors challenging the Japanese government through the legal system, only to be
- 57 disregarded in Tokyo and Washington, D.C. Okinawan Diaspora members of Global
- Uchinanchu Alliance (GUA¹⁰) have come together to reach out for support in this international
- 59 crisis; and

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- 60 WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has expressed its solidarity with the Okinawan people by
- passing a resolution in support of the immediate halting of new U.S. military base construction
- at Henoko, Okinawa, passed through the Berkeley City Council on September 9, 2015.¹¹
- 63 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley directs the City
- 64 Clerk to send the following message to the U.S. House Armed Services Committee:
- 65 The City of Berkeley, California stands in solidarity with the people of Okinawa in demanding
- the immediate and complete halt of the U.S. Marine Corps base construction in Henoko,
- 67 Okinawa.

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- This military facility is being constructed upon the pristine reef of Oura Bay among the most
- 69 bio-diverse ecosystems on the planet with over 5,300 species of which 262 are endangered
 - including the designated cultural property, the dugong. In addition to violating the U.S.
- 71 National Historic Preservation Act and the Administrative Procedure Act, it also violates the
- democratic will of the Okinawan people whom again voted over 70% in opposition to the
- construction in a February 24, 2019 referendum.
- 74 This offshore construction of yet another military base on Okinawa must end now as it is
- already adversely impacting the region contributing to species collapse and furthering

- 76 environmental damage already sustained from rapid climate change. Okinawa has been forced
- to host almost 70% of US military facilities in Japan despite consisting only 0.6% of national
- landmass. Resources that sustain life for Okinawan communities are greatly affected and this
- heavy base presence alone already threatens public health and safety daily.
- In the protection of our ocean and precious ecosystem as well as the genuine human security
- and sustainability, we request the immediately stop of this base construction and ocean
- 82 destruction at Henoko-Oura Bay; and
- 83 FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley Asks the City Clerk to
 - send a copy of this resolution to Representative Barbara Lee and Senators Dianne Feinstein and
 - Kamala Harris.

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Resolution Opposing a US War on Iran

WHEREAS, the Peace and Justice Commission advises the City Council on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice (Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.68.070); and

WHEREAS, in July 2015, the United States, along with China, France, Germany, Russia, and the United Kingdom, reached a historic diplomatic accord with the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereafter, referred to as Iran) known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA);¹ and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2018, President Trump unilaterally withdrew the United States as a party to the JCPOA, despite the objections of all European allies;² and

WHEREAS, following the U.S. unilateral withdrawal from the JCPOA, the U.S. Government reinstated severe economic sanctions on the country of Iran, including a full embargo on Iranian oil exports;³ and

WHEREAS, since the reinstatement of the sanctions, the Iranian economy has suffered greatly, the value of its currency has plummeted, there are shortages of essential items such as medicine, and inflation is soaring, with food costs increasing by over 50% for some basic items. Everyday people in Iran are shouldering the effects of the sanctions, with the greatest burdens felt by women, children, those with chronic illness and the elderly; ⁴ and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2020, President Donald Trump violated domestic and international law by ordering the assassination of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani on Iraqi soil, thereby intensifying the conflict;⁵ and

WHEREAS, President Trump has threatened further strikes on up to 52 critically important sites in Iran, actions that would inevitably result in a wider and much more dangerous conflict;⁶ and

WHEREAS, no state of war presently exists between the United States and Iran and any attack upon Iran without Congressional authorization would be a violation of U.S. law and the U.S. Constitution;⁷ and

WHEREAS, a war with Iran would be devastating to the people of Iran and the entire region, as well as to the safety and interests of the United States;⁸ and

WHEREAS, we have seen in the cases of the endless wars Iraq and Afghanistan that it is much easier to start a war than to end one and that the unintended consequences are enormous;⁹

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley expresses its opposition to a war with Iran, urges the State of California's U.S. Congressional delegation to support all actions to prevent war with Iran, end sanctions and bring the United States back into the JCPOA and support any other diplomatic initiatives that will enhance dialogue and stability in the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley asks the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Barbara Lee and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

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Attachment E

Proposed 2020 Peace and Justice Commission Project: Social Justice Framework on Human Needs in Berkeley

Summary: With approval of the city council, co-convene a conference together with other human needs commissions, CBO's, academic partners, and as appropriate City staff and leaders in the spring or fall of 2020.

Goal: Define social-justice and human rights solutions to human needs crises facing the City of Berkeley.

Primary areas of focus: Housing, homelessness, public health, mental health, public education, economic justice, public safety, disability, environmental justice.

Format: The conference will hear one presentation on each focus area. Community-authored papers are also encouraged.

Requirements:

- 1. Each presentation will lay out a transformative proposal rooted in a specific focus area. The presentation should highlight how the proposal will promote equity, and social justice in the spheres of racial justice, feminism, LGBTQ+ issues, disability justice, labor, youth and elder rights.
- 2. Each presentation should take an integrated approach, as pioneered in the transdisciplinary framework of public health. Presenters should strive to show the positive effects of their proposal on the other eight areas of focus. Also, they should show the required programmatic changes in the other areas of focus that are required for their areas of focus.
- 3. Presentations should include these aspects:
 - a. a problem definition regarding the current state of the focus area
 - b. a transformative vision of the desired state of affairs at a future date, e.g. 2050
 - c. a roadmap to the transformation, including quick fixes that could be implemented in the near term
- 4. The presentations should take into account the likely catastrophic direction for the physical and economic environments, and the negative effects of those twin disasters on the country's politics and social psychology.
- 5. In developing the proposals, the presenters should engage with stakeholders in their areas of focus, including experts, practitioners, consumers, policy-makers, and advocates, to verify the assumptions in their proposals.

Target audience: COB stakeholders and the general public

Follow-up: Commission representatives and possibly a steering committee will integrate the presentations into an actionable package

Outcome: an integrated package of policy outlines for social-justice

Attachment F

Goldman, Nina

From: Goldman, Nina

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 8:33 AM

To: Goldman, Nina

Subject: FW: Hi. Please forward this anti-nuclear petition to the PJC members.

Dear PJC Commissioners:

Below please find information being forwarded at the request of Commissioner Diana Bohn.

Nina Goldman, Manager

Berkeley's 2020 Vision: Equity in Education

Peace and Justice Commission, Interim Secretary

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ngoldman@cityofberkeley.info www.cityofberkeley.info/2020-vision

From: Diana [mailto:nicca@igc.org]
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:38 AM

To: Goldman, Nina < NGoldman@cityofberkeley.info>

Subject: Hi. Please forward this anti-nuclear petition to the PJC members.

HI. Please send this out to the PJC members.

THANKS!

Codepink Golden Gate is an ally in the campaign to keep nuclear power out of the mix of clean energy in the East Bay. Some East Bay mayors are pushing to include PG&E's toxic nuclear power from Diablo Canyon nuclear plant. Taking nuclear power into the mix would assure that PG&E keeps Diablo open as long as possible. And we want it shut now, this year.

Please sign this petition and forward it to your friends. Thank you so much.

Together we will shut Diablo in 2020.

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Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Attachment G

Goldman, Nina

From: Goldman, Nina

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:04 PM

To: Goldman, Nina

Subject: FW: Please send this to PJC members: Fw: Add your name to save the Okinawa dugong

Below please find a communication from Commissioner Diana Bohn.

Nina Goldman, Manager

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From: Diana [mailto:nicca@igc.org]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:01 PM

To: Goldman, Nina < NGoldman@cityofberkeley.info>

Subject: Please send this to PJC members: Fw: Add your name to save the Okinawa dugong

Hi. Please send this petition to PJC members. THANKS See you soon.

diana

----Forwarded Message-----

From: Annalisa Batanides Tuel from Turtle Island Restoration Network

Sent: Feb 5, 2020 12:32 PM

To: nicca@igc.org

Subject: Add your name to save the Okinawa dugong

Save endangered dugongs from the construction of a U.S. military base



Dear Diana,

On Monday more than 70 activists, students, lawyers, environmental organizations, advocates from Japan, and local Okinawan activists took to the streets of San Francisco with Turtle Island Restoration Network to stand for the Okinawa dugong.

The Okinawa dugong is a critically endangered relative of the manatee that holds a central place in the culture of Okinawa, Japan. In 1997 it was estimated that there may have been as few as 50 Okinawa dugongs left in the world; more recent surveys have only been able to conclude at least three dugongs remain in Okinawa.

But the last remaining population of these marine mammals are facing a grave threat from the U.S. Department of Defense, which is planning to construct and operate a Marine Corps base in the Japanese island's shallow coastal waters.

Building the base will involve filling in and paving over hundreds of acres of rich coral and seagrass habitat critical to the survival of dugongs and several species of endangered sea turtles. Please join us in demanding the U.S. military save the last remaining dugongs by halting this environmentally, culturally, and politically disastrous project.



Dugongs have long been revered by native Okinawans and even celebrated as "sirens" that bring friendly warnings of tsunamis. The dugong is listed as an object of national cultural significance under Japan's Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act and international law, however, the United States must avoid or mitigate harm to places or things of cultural significance to another country. That is why the U.S. Department of Defense's base plan is currently facing legal action by TIRN, the Center for Biological Diversity and residents of Okinawa.

At Monday's rally, we heard compelling speeches from local Okinawan professors, activists and students, and a buddhist priest on topics surrounding the Okinawan diaspora, militarism in Okinawa, and the implications of the new base for both Okinawans and dugongs. The rally concluded with music from a local Okinawan professor played on the sanshin, an Okinawan musical instrument.

TIRN and local environmental organizations also spoke, chanted, made noise, and held signs in solidarity with the people of Okinawa and the critically endangered dugong.

The message was clear: losing the Okinawa dugong would result in the loss of both cultural heritage and an ancient ocean creature.

<u>Please join us in this fight Diana, and urge the U.S. Department of Defense to stand with the Okinawan people and to save the last remaining Okinawa dugongs by halting this horrendous project.</u>



Thank you for your support,



Annalisa Batanides Tuel

Policy & Advocacy Manager
Turtle Island Restoration Network

Join Our Network





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Goldman, Nina

From: Goldman, Nina

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 8:40 AM

To: Goldman, Nina

Subject: FW: 03.2.20 DRAFT Sanctuary City Task Force Agenda.docx

Dear PJC Commissioners:

Below please find a communication that I am forwarding at the request of Vice Chair George Lippman.

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On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 4:59 PM J. George Lippman < george@igc.org > wrote:

Nina, would you be willing to forward this message to the members of Peace and Justice to ask if anyone is able to attend this meeting on behalf of the Commission? I'd be willing to talk with the volunteer prior to that meeting.

George Lippman

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Trachtenberg, Tano" < TTrachtenberg@cityofberkeley.info> Subject: 03.2.20 DRAFT Sanctuary City Task Force Agenda.docx

Date: February 18, 2020 at 4:44:09 PM PST

Greetings All,

We hope you are able to join us for a reconvening of the Sanctuary City Task Force on **Tuesday, March 3**rd from **4:00-5:30pm at 2180 Milvia St. Berkeley CA**.

Attached is a draft agenda.

The agenda reflects the feedback I have received from Task Force members so far. While the agenda may appear light, the proposed topics are important ones. It has been a while since we convened and it is always good to bring people together and connect with new members.

We welcome any additional agenda items so please review this and **submit any additional agenda items** you would like to discuss as well as materials you want circulated with the group by **Tuesday, February 25**th. So far I have not heard of any specific state or federal legislative updates, however if there are issues you are interested please share and we can ask our partner to provide some background and insight.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

If there are representatives that should be added or removed from this list please let me know that as well.

We hope to see you in a few weeks.

Best,

Tano

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