



Peace and Justice
Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA Monday, April 4, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

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SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. 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
5. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
6. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion for Bob Meola Memorial Service
8. Peace and Justice Commission Work Plan
9. Discussion on the Ukraine- Call for Immediate Cease-Fire
10. Discussion on Police Accountability, Reform, and Reimagining processes in the City of Berkeley
11. Oppose Russian Invasion of Ukraine and in Support of a Peaceful Future

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS


12. No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- A. March Draft Minutes
- B. Meeting Schedule
- C. Bob Meola Memorial Service
- D. Peace and Justice Work Plan
- E. Ukraine – Call for Immediate Cease-Fire
- F. Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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**Peace and Justice Commission Meeting
March 7, 2022**

Pursuant to March 17, 2020 Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting was held electronically.

MINUTES (Draft)

The meeting convened at 7:14 pm with George Lippman (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Community Service Specialist, Secretary.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call

Present: Morizawa (7:19pm), Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Gussmann, Lippman, Maran, Bohn, Lee, Leon-Maldonado

Absent: None

Excused: None

Leave of Absence: None

2. Announcements

3. Comments from the Public

Public Attendance: 3

Public Comments: 1

4. Review and approval of meeting minutes

Peace and Justice Commission approved minutes from 1/4/21.

M/S/C: Bohn, Gussmann

Ayes: Rodriguez, Gussmann, Lippman, Maran, Bohn, Lee, Leon-Maldonado, Jacquilin

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morizawa

Excused: None

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

6. Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Election for Peace and Justice Commission Chair

M/S/C: Bohn, Reichi

Ayes: Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Gussmann, Lippman, Maran, Bohn, Leon-Maldonado, Lee

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Excused: None

8. Election for Peace and Justice Commission Vice-Chair

M/S/C: Rodriguez, Jacquilin

Ayes: Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Gussmann, Lippman, Maran, Bohn, Leon-Maldonado, Lee

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: None

9. Peace and Justice Commission Work Plan 2022-23

Work plan has not been finalized, will continue to add additional ideas.

M/S/C:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

10. Action of Climate Change Education Bill

Send request to BUSD to support the Bill asking BUSD to pass resolution provided by Peace and Justice Commission. All students beginning next school year 2022-23 will be introduce climate change in science class. Propose BUSD to adopt resolution for AB1939, this number was given by the state at the time of passing, and moving on to the next level of approval.

M/S/C: Lee, Jacquilin

Ayes: Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Gussmann, Lippman, Maran, Bohn, Leon-Maldonado, Lee

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morizawa

Excused: None

SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

11. No communications received prior to meeting.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

M/S/C: Lippman, Rodriguez

Ayes: Rodriguez, Gussmann, Lippman, Maran, Bohn, Leon-Maldonado, Lee

Noes: None

Abstain: None

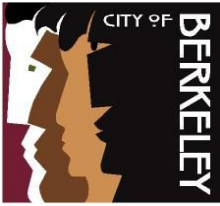
Absent: Jacquilin left meeting at 9:35pm

Morizawa left meeting at 8pm

Excused: None

Respectfully Submitted,

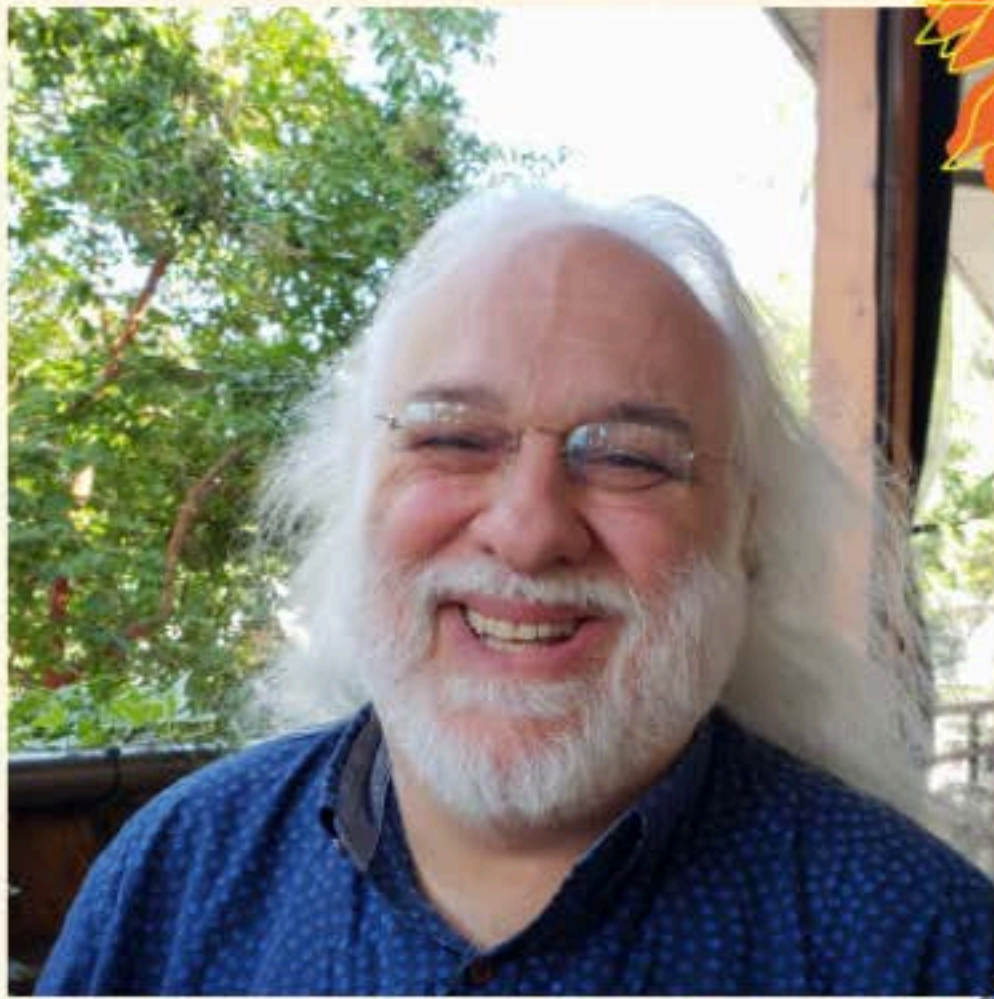
Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary
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Peace and Justice Commission Approved 2022 Meeting Schedule Zoom Webinar Meetings

1. ~~Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7pm~~
2. ~~Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7pm~~
3. ~~Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7pm~~
4. Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7pm
5. Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7pm
6. Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7pm
7. Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7pm
8. Tuesday, September 19, 2022 at 7pm
9. Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7pm
10. Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7pm



Bob Meola's Memorial
& Celebration of Life

Save the Date

10 APRIL, 2022
2:00PM PST

Dear friends and family, we are looking forward to celebrating Bob's life with you this April. Please look for a detailed invitation in your email inbox in the next month with information on how you may RSVP to attend, either over Zoom or in-person at Urban Adamah here in Berkeley. Feel free to contact Sofia with any questions.

Lots of love,
Sue and Sofia

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Appendix 1: Peace and Justice Committee Fiscal Years 2021-2022 Work Plan

Participation in Community Engagement Process to Develop a New Paradigm of Public Safety and Racial Justice

The Commission shall focus its work in Fiscal Years 2021-2022 on contributing to two priority Council initiatives: “Community Engagement Process to Develop a New Paradigm of Public Safety in Berkeley” and “Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis, a Threat and Safety Issue in the City of Berkeley.”

The Commission brings to bear on this initiative a history of engagement with subjects at the heart of re-imagining public safety, as well as a practice of community engagement. Over the last decade, it has sponsored community roundtables on such issues as “breaking the prison cycle,” sex-trafficking, immigration, and the international human rights framework. Our practice has been to bring together stakeholders concerned with a common issue but with diverse perspectives. Using a social justice lens, Peace and Justice views community concerns that are typically stovepiped in a holistic manner. The search for positive and non-punitive solutions to social problems such as conflict and anti-social behavior, providing healthcare, education, housing, and counseling at the front end rather than policing at the back end, has been fundamental to the Commission dating back to our founding mandate in 1986.

Some elements of the Commission’s participation in the re-imagining process may include:

1. Participating in the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force if invited, or else in a structured relationship with the Task Force.
2. The Commission’s participation recognizes that the Task Force’s charter integrates public safety with the public’s health. This concept is critical not only because safety and health are integrally connected, and because of the emerging awareness that armed police intervention should be minimized in mental and behavioral health incidents. Most importantly, the Commission will help ensure that a consciousness of public health shall include the social and racial determinants of health. This understanding of the interrelatedness of key human needs has long been an integral part of the Commission’s practice.
3. The Commission will pursue an anti-racist approach, recognizing and committing in our proposals to dismantle the institutional and social structures of white supremacy, and committing in our process to, as the Council has stated, “centering the voices of those who are most impacted by our current system of public safety.”
4. The Council recommended on December 15, 2020 that “Berkeley leverage our commissions and community organizations to provide additional input and research to inform the Task Force’s work.” The Peace and Justice Commission is uniquely situated to assist in coordinating work of other civic boards and commissions due to its holistic social justice

approach, its long history of work with multiple commissions, and its practice of public education on social issues.

5. Recognizing the City's priority of work on the Covid-19 pandemic, city management has asked that all commissions' work have a focus on efforts to fight the pandemic. Under the Council's "holistic, anti-racist approach to community safety," the public's health is key to community safety. Racial disparities in pandemic infection rates are gravely concerning from a human rights perspective. According to City statistics, infection rates per 100,000 of City population are over five times as high for the Latinx population as for White people, and for African Americans, twice as high as for White people. The holistic approach demands of us who seek a new paradigm of public safety that we envision an end to racial discrimination in the pandemic.
6. The "Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis, a Threat and Safety Issue in the City of Berkeley" proposal, passed by Council on January 19, 2021, provides an additional framework and greater depth for Peace and Justice participation in the Council initiative for a new paradigm in public safety.¹

Ongoing Projects

Nuclear-Free Berkeley

The Nuclear Free Berkeley Act came into force in 1986 (Chapter 12.90.070 Section 030D). The Peace & Justice Commission established the Subcommittee on The Nuclear Free Berkeley Act (NFBA) to oversee and reinforce compliance with the terms of the Act. The Subcommittee's activities have included:

- recommendation against a waiver for continuation of the Berkeley Public Library's contracts with 3M (2009-2010);
- consideration of a waiver for the City of Berkeley Public Health Division's proposal on medical supplies (2012);
- recommendation of a waiver for the SkyDeck Business Incubator-Accelerator Contract

¹ The "Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis, a Threat and Safety Issue in the City of Berkeley" proposal reflects on both the disparate impact of Covid-19 on Black, Latinx, Native American, and Asian American communities, and the heightened understanding of structural and institutionalized racism nationally. The proposal commits the City to eliminate all socioeconomic barriers to health equity. Specifically, it calls for a series of town hall meetings throughout the sessions to address the concerns of people of color and marginalized community members and to strengthen the anti-racist capacity building; establishment of a working group to promote racial equity; the City Manager to explore greater health disparities that have emerged as a result of the COVID-19 crisis; to propose a Health in All Policies Ordinance; mandatory anti-racist training for City employees; a Strategic Plan for Health Equity; an anti-racism dashboard; work with BUSD to study whether "race-based differential access means that some students have less access to educational opportunities."

(2012);

- recommendation (February 7, 2013) to the Regents of the University of California that it phase out responsibility for operating the Nuclear Weapons Laboratories in Livermore and Los Alamos;
- a letter from the City of Berkeley to President Obama in 2014 urging support of a ban on nuclear weapons.

More recently, in light of the Award of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), whose goal is international adherence to and full implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (the Treaty), the Peace and Justice Commission will seek to collaborate further with ICAN on activities of mutual concern. We would note that the California State Senate and the California State Assembly voted affirmatively on a bill in September 2018 to urge U.S. Senate adoption of the Treaty. Strong support comes also from the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement; Nuclear Ban US; The City of Los Angeles, California; the City of Takoma Park, Maryland; Physicians for Social Responsibility; and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, among others.

Indigenous Peoples

Between December 2015 and January 2016, the Berkeley City Council, upon the recommendation of the Peace and Justice Commission, adopted five important resolutions supporting the treaty rights of indigenous people in Berkeley. The resolutions included: recognition of the Ohlone people as the original inhabitants of Berkeley and the Bay Area, pledging to work in good faith with Ohlone representatives; implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as municipal policy; endorsing the upgrading of the Declaration to a Convention; honoring the Berkeley Shellmound indigenous site; and urging the East Bay Regional Parks District to protect the Ohlone place of origin sacred site.

The resolution on the Berkeley Shellmound mandated that “free, prior, and informed consent of the Ohlone and other indigenous peoples of the region should be integral to any alteration planning for the Berkeley Shellmound site, in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

Socially Responsible investment and Procurement Policy (SRIPP) and Sustainable Sweatshop-Free Berkeley

The SRIPP Subcommittee of the Peace and Justice Commission was chartered by resolution of the Berkeley City Council on July 16, 2019. Its immediate charge is to develop a proposed policy to “govern the Commission’s advisory role in socially responsible investing and socially responsible procurement.” Prior to March 2020, the subcommittee held several meetings

including one discussion with City Finance Department staff and used those conversations to craft a draft SRIPP ordinance that is responsive to the City Council's request.

The Sweatshop-Free Berkeley Policy now has a zero-dollar threshold per supplier per year for textile products purchased by the City. This threshold is an improvement over the previous minimum of \$1,000 purchase per supplier for the Policy to apply. However, the policy is complaint-driven, so the burden is on community members to research the supply chain for each supplier. The SRIPP Subcommittee proposes to establish a mechanism for suppliers to show that they are using Sweatshop Free products for City purchases.

The Policy governs textile purchases only. The goal is to identify sweat-free alternatives for technology purchases so tech can be covered as well.

The BUSD, through the School Board Policy Committee, is in the process of establishing a Sweatshop-Free Schools Policy for athletic supplies. The SRIPP Subcommittee and the Commission are supporting the BUSD to ensure the development of an effective policy.

Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The mandate of the Peace & Justice Commission's "Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (CRPD) expired in 2019. During its five years of operations, the Subcommittee educated broadly about the CRPD via public newsletters, public conferences, and initiatives with educators, non-governmental organizations, and legislators of the City of Berkeley, the State of California, and the U.S. Congress.

UKRAINE - CALL FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE

From: We, the undersigned,*

To: United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

US Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield

US Senator Dianne Feinstein

US Senator Alex Padilla

US Congresswoman Barbara Lee (serving third term as Representative of the US House of Representatives to the UN General Assembly)

Whereas: in the days since 24 February 2022, tens of thousands of Ukrainian civilians – children, mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, and other human beings - have been killed by Russian military forces' bombing and shelling of apartment buildings, private residences, hospitals including a maternity hospital, children's schools and playgrounds, and other non-military locations in cities throughout the sovereign state of Ukraine; and

Whereas: appeals to Russia and to its President Vladimir Putin from UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, and member states of the United Nations for an immediate cease-fire have gone unheeded; and

Whereas: the United Nations Charter, in force since 24 October 1945 and resulting from the entirely voluntary and wholly legally-binding ratification of the Charter by 193 sovereign states, declares:

“Chapter 1 PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES...

(The Purposes of the United Nations are: ...)

Article 1 (3) To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of a ... humanitarian character...; and

“Article 1 (4) To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.”

We hereby call upon the government of Ukraine and the government of the Russian Federation to bring about

an immediate cease-fire, inviting the good offices of the United Nations and other good-will peace-seeking intermediaries; and

the concurrent scheduling of follow-up meetings for planning the end to hostilities, during which meetings the cease-fire will continue apace.

*Signed:

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Charlotte Boliger
Mel Boynton
Verena Borton
Kathryn Burke

Dennis Boydston
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Melinda Howard-Herrarte
Karen Klayman
Karl Knobler
Liliane Koziol
Jack Kurzweil
Larry Levine
Kevin Mann
Dirk Neyhart

Paul Patropulos
Diane Patropulos
Marc Pilisuk
Ann Schwartz
Katherine Scourtes
Margot Smith
Corinna Tempelis
Connie de la Vega

1 Oppose Russian invasion of Ukraine and Support of a Peaceful Future

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3 WHEREAS, the Peace and Justice Commission advises the City Council and
4 the BUSD on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of
5 peace and social justice (Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter
6 3.68.070); and

7 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022, prior to the Russian Federation's
8 invasion of Ukraine, the Berkeley City Council adopted a resolution entitled
9 "Support of Ukraine, Continued Diplomacy, and Adherence to
10 Constitutional Procedure With Respect to Armed Conflict Amidst Ongoing
11 Tensions," standing with Ukraine and affirming that the territorial integrity
12 of a state cannot be changed by force; and furthermore, "that in resolving
13 tensions, the U.S. and its allies must vigorously pursue all potential
14 diplomatic solutions to the crisis and that any last resort move towards
15 armed conflict must be carefully debated and declared by the United States
16 Congress;"¹ and

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18 WHEREAS, since Council acted in February, the Russian government
19 escalated hostilities into a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, seizing control of
20 Ukrainian cities, committing war crimes including the deliberate attacks on
21 civilian targets, causing the deaths of thousands of children and their
22 families in Ukraine and the flight of over four million Ukrainians to other
23 countries; and

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25 WHEREAS, as Council stated in February, "While there is little doubt that
26 the Russian Federation is responsible for armed conflict in Ukraine, it is
27 important to acknowledge that Russia perceives the ongoing expansion of
28 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and U.S. activities in the
29 region as a threat to its own security and sovereignty;" and while it remains
30 clear today that such security considerations in no way justify the Russian
31 invasion of Ukraine, the present conflict clearly shows a breakdown in
32 international mechanisms to prevent military confrontations, especially
33 terrifying due to the multiple nuclear powers that are engaged or affected,
34 including Russia, the U.S., France, and the U.K., among others; and

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¹ https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2022/02_Feb/Documents/2022-02-22_Urgent_Item_-_Ukraine.aspx

36 WHEREAS, after the Second World War saw a catastrophic clash that
37 began in this same part of the world, governments formed the United
38 Nations “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,” with a
39 commitment in the UN Charter that “All Members shall refrain in their
40 international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial
41 integrity or political independence of any state;”² and
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43 WHEREAS, most governments that have pledged to comply with the legally
44 binding Charter mandates break their pledge when it is convenient for them
45 to do so; and,
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47 WHEREAS, the United Nations’ authority is compromised by the
48 undemocratic and Euro-centric structure of its top decision-making body, the
49 Security Council (UNSC), wherein the five permanent members sideline the
50 great majority of Member countries, which comprise 74% of the world’s
51 people, and exclude from any real power those who have the most at risk
52 from global turmoil: the indigenous, the marginalized, non-governmental
53 organizations and communities (civil society), and the youth; and
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55 WHEREAS, since 1945 the five permanent members of the Security Council
56 have each used their veto power to “further the national interests of these
57 countries and their allies and uphold their hegemony,” and the “lack of
58 consensus in the face of mass atrocities in the UN’s de facto executive
59 chamber has repeatedly shown to thwart any progress towards a possibly
60 peaceable world;”³ and
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62 WHEREAS, the U.S. has over the past two decades waged multiple wars in
63 coordination with military blocs including NATO, either outside the
64 structure of the United Nations, or using falsehoods to win U.N. approval,⁴
65 and today with U.S. support for the Saudi Arabian-led intervention in
66 Yemen, which a State Department lawyer concluded in 2016 could lead to
67 war crimes prosecutions of Americans as U.S. arms sales to the Saudis have

² <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/full-text>

³ “An oligarchic UN structure where there is unequal representation and a handful of countries dictate the world, not only undermines its universal nature but also renders it inefficient and frequently complicit in the face of war crimes.” “Urgent Need to Abolish UN Security Council Veto – OpEd,” Syeda Nabiha Wadood, June 17, 2021, *Eurasia Review*, <https://www.eurasiareview.com/17062021-urgent-need-to-abolish-un-security-council-veto-oped/>

⁴ “Iraq war was illegal and breached UN charter, says Annan,” *The Guardian*, September 15, 2004, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2004/sep/16/iraq.iraq>

68 led to the deaths of tens of thousands of Yemenis in the Saudi aerial
69 bombardment since 2015, and such arms sales continue up to today;⁵ and
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71 WHEREAS, the urgent humanitarian disaster stemming from the expulsion
72 from Ukraine of over four million refugees reminds us of the U.S.
73 governments failings in its own treatment of immigrants and refugees; on
74 February 8, 2022, the Berkeley City Council adopted a series of resolutions
75 asking the Biden Administration to honor its promise for a humane
76 immigration policy, overturn the cruel policies of its predecessor
77 administration, provide a path to permanent residency for protected groups
78 including beneficiaries of DACA, TPS, and DED, close three California ICE
79 detention facilities cited for many rights violations, and end deportations of
80 Haitian refugees back to an abusive dictatorship and a desperately poor
81 country;⁶ and
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83 WHEREAS, the mandate of the Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission
84 states in its Findings that “The council finds as follows: A. The intentional
85 destruction of cities in war is the rule and not the exception;” and “C. The
86 wealth that could be spent to help the poor, heal the sick, house the
87 homeless, educate the children, and care for the elderly is now spent on ever
88 more costly weapons of mass destruction;”⁷ and with that understanding, the
89 City of Berkeley has built close ties of sisterhood with cities around the
90 world, sharing our concern for our peoples’ welfare and our rejection of war
91 as a means for solving problems.
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93 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of
94 Berkeley that the world must emerge from the present crisis with new tools
95 to prevent the scourge of war.
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97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the nightmare of militarism and nuclear
98 annihilation joins with climate destruction, pandemics, the polarization of

⁵ “U.S. War Crimes in Yemen: Stop Looking the Other Way,” Andrea Prasow, Human Rights Watch, September 21, 2020, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/09/21/us-war-crimes-yemen-stop-looking-other-way#>

⁶ https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2022/02_Feb/Documents/2022-02-08_Item_12_Resolution_supporting_immigration_reform.aspx

and
https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2022/02_Feb/Documents/2022-02-08_Item_13_Resolution_in_Support_of_Justice_for_Haitian.aspx

⁷ <http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Berkeley/?Berkeley03/Berkeley0368/Berkeley0368.html>

99 wealth, and white supremacy and white nationalism as evils that demand
100 global engagement and our creativity to overcome.

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102 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley
103 rejects the current global power structure in which military and economic
104 blocs and superpowers retain all real power, and that their strategic interests,
105 including those of their energy and weapons industries, relegate human
106 needs to a powerless position.

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108 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley
109 urges national and international leaders to overhaul the decision-making
110 process of the United Nations, to abolish the veto power of the U.N. Security
111 Council (UNSC), transform the UNSC into an executive council with a
112 broader membership, and empower a non-governmental council of civil
113 society composed of climate warriors, indigenous leaders, and liberation
114 movements that comply with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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116 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley
117 strongly urges our national leaders to turn away from power politics, to
118 prioritize the search for peace with justice through negotiation and
119 compromise, and to work with other nations to strengthen the United
120 Nations' capacity to enforce "peace law" by reforming its structure,
121 empowering weaker nations, and taking control of world security and the
122 power to make war away from the world's military and economic powers.

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124 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley
125 reiterates its concerns stated on February 8 of this year about U.S.
126 government treatment of immigrants and refugees, which violate
127 international law and harm international peace and stability and equitable
128 relations among nations, particularly the deportation of Haitian refugees, and
129 degrade the legitimacy of the U.S. as a leader for global human rights.

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131 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
132 Berkeley's congressional representatives and to U.S. Secretary of State
133 Antony Blinken and United Nations Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield.