



Peace and Justice  
Commission

**PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION  
MEETING**  
**Monday, November 18, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**  
South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis St. Berkeley Ca, 94703

**AGENDA**

**Mayor Arreguin:**

**Rashi Kersarwani:**  
Allegra Guarino

**Terry Taplin:**  
Veta Jacquelin

**Ben Bartlett:**  
George Lippman

**Igor Tregub**  
Diana Bohn

**Sophie Hahn**  
Nimrod Pitskar Elias

**Susan Wengraf:**  
Robin Mencher

**Cecilia Lunaparra:**  
Luke Taylor

**Mark Humbert**

**BUSD:**  
Grace Morizawa- Chair  
Jeannette McNeil  
Sandy Parks  
Sheela Jivan  
Dwayne Phillips

**SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

**SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

8. Gaza Roundtable Discussion and Action
9. Discussion of Possible Actions in Light of Elections
10. Discussion and Action for the Peace and Justice Commission Work Plan
11. Meeting Schedule for 2025

## SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

12. No communications received.

## SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

## SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

### Attachments:

- A. September 2024 Draft Minutes
- B. Land Acknowledgement

 Meeting Access: To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Disability Services Specialist, at 981-6418 (V) or 981-6347 (TDD), at least three (3) business days before the meeting date.

### Communications Disclaimer

*Communications to Berkeley boards, commissions or committees are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. **Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to a City board, commission or committee, will become part of the public record.** If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the secretary of the relevant board, commission or committee. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the secretary to the relevant board, commission or committee for further information.*

### SB 343 Disclaimer

*Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at Old City Hall located at 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.*

### Commission Contact Information

Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission  
City of Berkeley  
2180 Milvia Street, 5th Floor  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
[Ovance-dozier@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:Ovance-dozier@cityofberkeley.info) (email)

## **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

*The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*



Peace and Justice  
Commission

Peace and Justice Commission  
September 30, 2024

**Draft MINUTES**

The meeting convened at 7:10 pm with Grace Morizawa (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary.

**SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Lippman, Morizawa, Elias, Mencher, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Guarino, Fink, Phillips, Lee, Gonzalez, Cassidy, Jivan, Parks

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Leave of Absence:**

2. **Announcements**

None

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 300+

Public Comments: 54

4. **Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Peace and Justice Commission approved minutes from 8/07/24.

**M/S/C:** Morizawa, Jivan

**Ayes:** Lippman, Morizawa, Elias, Mencher, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Guarino

**Noes:**

**Abstain:** Lee, Fink, Phillips, Gonzales, Cassidy, Park **(new commissioner not in attendance last meeting)**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

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

6. **Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)**

## SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### 4. Motion to Extend time 30 minutes

Extension of time was granted.

**M/S/C:** Morizawa, Taylor

**Ayes:** Lippman, Morizawa, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Gonzalez, Cassidy, Parks, Jivan

**Noes:** Elias, Mencher, Lee, Phillips, Fink, Guarino

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

### 5. Motion to Extend time 20 minutes

Extension of time was granted.

**M/S/C:** Morizawa, Lippman

**Ayes:** Lippman, Morizawa, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Gonzalez, Cassidy, Parks, Jivan

**Noes:** Elias, Mencher, Lee, Phillips, Fink, Guarino

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

### 6. Motion to Call the Question

Discussion has ended on the amendments.

Condemns the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas on civilians in Israel, the murders, and the kidnappings

**M/S/C:** Morizawa, Taylor

**Ayes:** Lippman, Morizawa, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Gonzalez, Cassidy, Parks, Jivan

**Noes:** Elias, Mencher, Lee, Phillips, Fink, Guarino

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

### 7. Motion to Accept the Amendments

Amendments approved by vote.

**M/S/C:** Taylor, McNeil

**Ayes:** Lippman, Morizawa, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Gonzalez, Cassidy, Parks, Jivan

**Noes:** Elias, Mencher, Lee, Phillips, Fink, Guarino

**Abstain:**  
**Absent:**  
**Excused:**

8.

9. **Motion to Extend time to 11pm.**

Extension of time was granted.

**M/S/C:** Morizawa, Lippman

**Ayes:** Lippman, Morizawa, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Gonzalez, Cassidy, Parks, Jivan

**Noes:** Elias, Mencher, Lee, Phillips, Fink, Guarino

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

10. **Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, and an End to U.S. Military Aid to Israel, and Support for Palestinian Self-Determination.**

Resolution was passed with amendments to language in the resolution.

**M/S/C:** Lippman, Taylor

**Ayes:** Cassidy, Lippman, Morizawa, McNeil, Jivan, Taylor, Jacquelin, Gonzalez

**Noes:** Lee, Mencher, Elias, Fink, Phillips, Parks, Guarino

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

11. **Israel-Gaza Community Listening Forum**

Moved to another meeting time. No action taken.

**M/S/C:**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

12. **Peace and Justice Commission Work Plan**

Moved to another meeting time. No action taken.

**M/S/C:**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**  
**Absent:**  
**Excused:**

### **SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **13. No communications received prior to meeting.**

Information was provided in the posted agenda packet.

### **SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

**M/S/C:**

**Ayes:** Lippman, Morizawa, Elias, Mencher, Jacquelin, Taylor, McNeil, Guarino, Phillips, Parks, Lee, Gonzales, Cassidy, Fink, Jivan

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

Respectfully Submitted,

---

Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission