



PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 31, 2026

6:30 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center

2939 Ellis St., Berkeley, CA 94703

Commission Members:

Chair Pastor Dwayne L. Phillips, Vice-Chair Andrea Cassidy, Commissioner Selim Yasavul, Commissioner Adam Weisberg, Commissioner Carole Marasovic, Commissioner Deborah Fink, Commissioner Robin Mencher, Commissioner Nimrod Pitsker Elias, Commissioner Luke Taylor, Commissioner Ilene Lee, Commissioner Babak Sani, Commissioner Grace Morizawa, Commissioner George Lippman, Commissioner Jeannette McNeil, Commissioner Judah Press

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting, however, if you are feeling sick, please do not attend the meeting in person. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Tasha Tervalon, 510-981-5347 or ttervalon@berkeleyca.gov.

Roll Call

Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commissions consideration and approval.

1. Minutes of July 6, 2026
From: Commission Secretary
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the July 6, 2026, Peace and Justice Commission meeting.

Agenda Approval

Approval of the agenda order.

2. Agenda of August 31, 2026 meeting
From: Commission Chair
Recommendation: Approve the agenda order for the August 31, 2026 meeting.

Chairperson's Report

The Commission Chair may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the items be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Secretary's Report

The Commission Secretary may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the items be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Announcement

Commission members may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the items be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Presentation

3. Presentation from Live Free about the Berkeley Community Violence Intervention (GVIPP) program which serves as a collaborative initiative bringing together individuals and organizations to improve community safety. By coordinating resources and building strategic partnerships, the program addresses the impacts of gun violence and strengthens local intervention efforts. Presenter: Kentrell Killens, Live Free CA CVI Field Director

Commission Action Items

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Commission may continue an item to a future Commission meeting. **No Action can be taken on items that are not noticed on the published agenda.***

4. None

Commission Discussion Items

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for discussion as the item is taken up. Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Commission may continue an item to a future Commission meeting. **No Action can be taken on discussion only items.***

5. Workplan workgroups and defined topics:
- Racial Justice: Reparations and Indigenous Peoples
 - Voter access, education and empowerment
 - Screening tool for Peace and Justice in the City's budget planning process.

Information Items

6. None>

Committee Updates

Items for Future Agendas

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Commission may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Commission meeting.

- **Requests by Commission members to add items to a future agenda**

Adjournment

Notices

Notice of Public Record

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7. Communication Access Information

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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.

8. Certification of public posting

I hereby certify that the agenda for this meeting of the Berkeley City Peace and Justice Commission was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on June 30, 2026.

Tasha Tervalon, Secretary

Communications

None.



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Monday, July 6, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
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Draft Minutes

Meeting began at 6:40 PM with Chair Phillips presiding. Tasha Tervalon as Secretary.
2 members of the public.

9. SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, Moore, and Press

Arrived at 6:42: Commissioner Marasovic

Arrived at 7:07: Commissioner Elias

Absent: Commissioners Weisberg and Morizawa

Leave of Absence: Commissioners Fink, Lee, Mencher and McNeil

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Announcements

4. Review and approval of draft minutes: June 1, 2026, Peace and Justice meeting.

Motion to approve the draft minutes from the June 1, 2026 meeting.

M/S/C: Yasavul/Moore

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, Moore, and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners, Elias, Weisberg and Morizawa

Excused: Commissioners Fink, Lee, Mencher and McNeil

5. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the July 6, 2026 Agenda

M/S/C: Cassidy/Sani

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, Moore, and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Elias, Weisberg and Morizawa

Excused: Commissioners Fink, Lee, Mencher and McNeil

6. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items. Public Comment is subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary.

7. **Motion to approve the Peace and Justice annual workplan for FY 2026-2027 to focus on the following priorities, selected by the Commission:**

- **Racial Justice: Reparations and Indigenous Peoples**
- **Voter access, education and empowerment**
- **Screening tool for Peace and Justice in the City's budget planning process.**

The commission retains the right to bring forward any pertinent timely issues.

M/S/C: Taylor/Cassidy

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Elias, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, Moore, and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Weisberg and Morizawa

Excused: Commissioners Fink, Lee, Mencher and McNeil

8. **Motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee for the Voter Access initiative including Commissioners Cassidy, Marasovic, Elias and Mencher(pending Commissioner Mencher's acceptance at next meeting)**

M/S/C: Lippman/Cassidy

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Elias, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, Moore, and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Weisberg and Morizawa

Excused: Commissioners Fink, Lee, Mencher and McNeil

9. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 8:02

M/S/C: Lippman/Press

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Elias, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, Moore, and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Weisberg and Morizawa

Excused: Commissioners Fink, Lee, Mencher and McNeil

10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date _____

Tasha Tervalon,
Secretary Peace and Justice Commission