PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, November 9, 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 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 October 5, 2026
   From: Commission Secretary
   Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the October 5, 2026, Peace and Justice Commission meeting.

Agenda Approval

Approval of the agenda order.

2. Agenda of November 9, 2026 meeting
   From: Commission Chair
   Recommendation: Approve the agenda order for the November 9, 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. The Center for Food, Faith and Justice presentation about the work they are doing on violence intervention, Community food program and coordination with Live Free. Presented by: Reverend Dr. Micheal A. Smith, Executive Director and staff.

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. Meeting Schedule for 2027
   Approve the following regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2027 for the Peace and Justice Commission:

   February 1, 2027

   March 1, 2027

April 5, 2027

May 3, 2027

June 7, 2027

July 12, 2027

August 30, 2027

October 4, 2027

November 4, 2027

December 6, 2027

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. Discuss Election process for February election of Chair and Vice Chair

Information Items

6. None

Committee Updates

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

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

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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 The City Manager's Department located at 2180 Milvia Street. 5th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704.



8. 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.

9. 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, October 5, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
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Draft Minutes

Meeting began at 6:35 PM. Tasha Tervalon as Secretary.

2 members of the public.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

   Present: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisberg, Marasovic, Fink, Elias, Mencher, Taylor, Lippman, and McNeil

   Absent: Commissioners Morizawa and Press

   Leave of Absence: Commissioner Lee

2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements
4. Review and approval of draft minutes: August 31, 2026, Peace and Justice Commission meeting.

   Motion to approve the draft minutes from the August 31, 2026 meeting.

   M/S/C: Weisberg/Marasovic

   Ayes: Commissioners Yasavul, Weisberg, Marasovic, Fink, Elias, Mencher, Lippman and McNeil

   Noes: None

   Abstain: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Taylor and Sani

   Absent: Commissioners Morizawa and Press

   Excused: Commissioner Lee

5. Approval of Agenda:

   Motion to approve the October 5, 2026 Agenda

   M/S/C: Cassidy/Taylor

   Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisberg, Marasovic, Fink, Elias, Mencher, Taylor, Lippman, and McNeil

   Noes: None

   Abstain: None

   Absent: Commissioners Morizawa and Press

   Excused: Commissioner Lee

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

7. Presentation from Pastor Tanisha Walton from the Way Christian Center to discuss the Reparations Task Force actions.

8. Adjournment:

   Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 pm.

   Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisberg, Marasovic, Fink, Elias, Mencher, Taylor, Lippman, and McNeil

   Noes: None

   Abstain: None

   Absent: Commissioners Morizawa and Press

   Excused: Commissioner Lee

Respectfully Submitted,

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Date_____

Tasha Tervalon,

Secretary Peace and Justice Commission