



Peace and
Justice
Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St. Berkeley, CA 94703

AGENDA

Mayor Adena Ishii:
Andrea Cassidy
Vice-Chair

Rashi Kersarwani:
Selim Yasavul

Terry Taplin:
Adam Weisberg

Ben Bartlett:
Carole Marasovic

Igor Tregub:
Deborah Fink

Shoshana O’Keefe:
Nimrod Pitsker Elias

Brent Blackaby:
Robin Mencher

Cecilia Lunaparra:
Luke Taylor

Mark Humbert:
Ilene Lee

BUSD:
Appel- Grace Morizawa
Shanoski- Jeannette McNeil
Chang- Babak Sani
Vasudeo- George Lippman
Babitt- Pastor Dwayne L. Phillips- **Chair**
Clark- Jonah Press

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements
4. Review and approval of Agenda. Discussion and possible action.
5. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 4, 2026 Peace and Justice Commission Meeting
6. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items. Public Comment is subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary.
7. Commission Updates & Chairperson’s Report
 - The Chair reports on PJC activities and informal ad hoc subcommittees

8. Secretary's Report

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation from Police Accountability Board.
2. Action to select commissioner(s) to present to council and relevant Council Committees and Council meetings regarding the Peace and Justice Commission item: Declare Berkeley a Sanctuary City for Transgender and Gender Expansive People, and adopt a comprehensive set of policies to protect and support transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) residents. Approved on May 4, 2026.
3. Peace and Justice Commission Annual Workplan discussion.

SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications submitted to the Peace and Justice Commission are on file in the City Manager's Office at 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA, and are available upon request by contacting the Secretary at or ttervalon@berkeleyca.gov

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

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1. Draft Minutes from May 4, 2026

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.*



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