

Peace and Justice
Commission

**PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, August 18, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St. Berkeley Ca, 94703**

AGENDA

Mayor Adena Ishii:
Andrea Cassidy

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- Sandy Park- **Vice Chair**

Vasudeo- Majdi Gaith

Babitt- Rev. Dwayne L. Phillips- **Chair**

Clark- Sonali Mascarenhas-Swan

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. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items. Public Comment is subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary
6. Review and approval of meeting minutes from previous meeting. Discussion and possible action.
7. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
The Chair reports on PJC activities and informal ad hoc subcommittees.

8. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)
Secretary updates on matters referred to City Clerk, continued orientation on Robert's Rules of Order, new equipment, and other items.

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action on establishment of the temporary ad hoc committees Immigration, LGBTQI+, and Racial Justice ad hoc sub committees and appointment of members. Public Comment.
2. Discussion as to how the commission could be part of the public education and advocacy work on Berkeley as an Immigrant welcoming sanctuary city and what may be needed now to renew our commitment to care for immigrants in our city and in our county. Discussion only. Public Comment.
3. Discussion and possible action meeting start time and location. Public Comment.
4. Letter to Council recommending that Council incorporate attention to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community in requesting monies from the County under County Measure W. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
5. Possible recommendation to Council on the City of Berkeley as a LGBTQ+ sanctuary city including prioritizing gender-neutral bathrooms, amending needed Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) language amendments and possible other accommodations. Discussion only. Public Comment.
6. Letter to Council in Support of June 4, 2025, Statement from Berkeley Mayor Adena Ishii and Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Igor Tregub, and Mark Humbert. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
7. Discussion and possible action on recommendation to approve Grace Morizawa, Carole Marasovic, and Andrea Cassidy as the Peace and Justice Commission representatives to the Mayor's Sanctuary Task Force. Public Comment.
8. Commission vote to select Peace and Justice Commission commissioner to present item to Council and Council Policy Committees on item passed at P and J last month. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.
9. Recommendation to Council to refer to the City Manager outreach to local health care providers to facilitate the provision of medical care without requiring or encouraging Medi-Cal/ Medicaid applications in all instances in consultation with community-based organizations providing services for immigrants. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment.

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT



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Minutes

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Ptr. Dwayne Phillips (Chair)
Commissioner Andrea Cassidy
Commissioner Adam Weisberg
Commissioner Carole Marasovic
Commissioner Deborah Fink
Commissioner Nimrod Pitskar Elias
Commissioner Selim Yasavul
Commissioner Ilene Lee
Commissioner Grace Morizawa

Commissioner Jeannette McNeil
Commissioner Majdi Gaith (late arrival at 7:50 pm)
Commissioner Sonali Mascarenhas-Swan
Absent/Excused: Commissioner Sandy Park (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Robin Mencher
Commissioner Luke Taylor
CMO Staff: Rex Brown

2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements
4. Comments from the Public (*subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary*)
Chair explains Non-agenda public comment prior to Review and approval of the minutes, a period of public comment following each agenda item for discussion and action in Section B of the Agenda, one minute per speaker allowed.
5. Review and approval of meeting minutes.
M/S/C Marasovic/Mascarenhas-Swan to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Gaith

Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

6. M/S/C Morizawa/McNeil to accept the meeting minutes from May. The minutes approved by unanimous consent with the amendment from Commissioner Cassidy that where Section B, Number 1 states “Chair requested volunteers to further work on substitute motion” language be included to “to bring the two motions together”.

Ayes: Cassidy, Weisberg, Fink, Pitskar Elias, Lee, Morizawa, McNeil, Phillips, Mascarenhas-Swan

Noes:

Abstain: Yasavul, Marasovic

Absent: Gaith

Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

7. Commission Updates & Chairperson’s Report:
 - a. The Chair reports on activities.
8. Secretary’s Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)
Secretary updates on matters referred to City Clerk, continued orientation to procedures for recommendations, and other items.

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation on the Berkeley Reparations Coalition’s work towards implementing reparations for Berkeley Unified School District students. Presenters: Ka'Dijah Brown, BUSD School Board President, and Professor Erika Weissinger, BUSD reparations task force member. Discussion Only. Public Comment.
2. Discussion and possible action on proposed draft resolution calling for the city to denounce the invocation of the Enemies Alien Act and endorse the Neighbors Not Enemies Act. Public Comment.

M/S/F Morizawa/Gaith motion to approve the draft resolution calling for the city to denounce the invocation of the Enemies Alien Act and endorse the Neighbors Not Enemies Act.

Ayes: Morizawa, McNeil, Gaith, Phillips, Mascarenhas-Swan

Noes:

Abstain: Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisberg, Marasovic, Fink, Pitskar Elias, Lee

Absent: Gaith

Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

M/S/C procedural motion to “call the question (formally move the previous question)” and end debate and amendments and hear the resolution on the agenda.

Ayes: Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisberg, Marasovic, Fink, Pitskar Elias, Lee, Morizawa, McNeil, Gaith, Phillips, Mascarenhas-Swan

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

3. Discussion and possible action on alternate recommendation to Address Alien Enemies Act impact on Japanese-American community. Public Comment.

M/S/F Marasovic/Lee motion to approve the unamended Alternate Recommendation on Alien Enemies Act and Impact on Berkeley Japanese-American Community During World War II.

Ayes: Cassidy, Marasovic, Lee

Noes: Yasavul, Weisberg, Fink, Pitskar Elias Morizawa, McNeil, Gaith, Phillips, Mascarenhas-Swan

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

M/S/C Pitskar Elias/Marasovic procedural motion to reconsider with amendment approved by unanimous consent.

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:
Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

M/S/C Pitskar Elias/Marasovic with the amendment from Commissioner Pitskar Elias that Alternate Recommendation on Alien Enemies Act and Impact on Berkeley Japanese-American Community During World War II remove references to community-wide education:

“The Peace and Justice Commission further recommends that given that during the third invocation of the Alien Enemies Act (the Act has only been invoked three times prior to this year, during the War of 1812, World War I, and World War II), Japanese residents of the Berkeley community, survivors and their ancestors, were harmed by the invocation of the act during World War II in which persons of Japanese, Italian and German ancestry, primarily in coastal areas but also in Berkeley, were transported and interned in U.S. camps, including in California, that Council refer to the City Manager to refer to the appropriate department or division to develop an educational event, whether a panel of speakers, a film, a play or some combination of these, for the Berkeley community so that the community can be made aware of the impact of the Alien Enemies Act and its impact on Berkeley community members during World War II. Such event shall be free of charge and well-promoted.”

“That is achieved through community education.”

Ayes: Cassidy, Yasavul, Weisberg, Marasovic, Fink, Pitskar Elias, Lee, Morizawa, Gaith, Mascarenhas-Swan
Noes: Phillips
Abstain: McNeil
Absent:
Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

M/S/C Fink/Cassidy motion to move remaining items 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the agenda to the next meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:
Excused: Park, Mencher, Taylor

4. Discuss Meeting start time and location. Discussion and possible action. Public Comment. Discussion and possible action on establishment of the temporary ad hoc committees Immigration, LGBTQI+, and Racial Justice ad hoc sub committees and appointment of members. Public Comment.

5. Discussion as to how the commission could be part of the public education and advocacy work on Berkeley as an Immigrant welcoming sanctuary city and what may be needed now to renew our commitment to care for immigrants in our city and in our county. Discussion only. Public Comment.
6. Discussion and possible action meeting start time and location. Public Comment.
7. Protections for trans and gender expansive individuals on Berkeley. Discussion Only. Public Comment.

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 PM.
M/S/C Fink/Cassidy. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rex Brown, Secretary
Peace and Justice Commission

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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 (Chochen-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.

ORDINANCE NO. 7,670–N.S.

AMENDING THE BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY ANY AND ALL MASCULINE AND/OR FEMININE LANGUAGE TO GENDER NEUTRAL PRONOUNS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Berkeley Municipal Code Section 1.04.020 is amended to read as follows:

Section 1.04.020 Grammatical interpretation.

The following grammatical rules shall apply in the ordinances of the City of Berkeley:

- A. Gender. The gender neutral pronoun includes the feminine and masculine genders.
- B. Pronoun Singularity. “They/them” shall indicate a singular individual, unless the context indicates the contrary. In most cases, the singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.
- C. Tenses. Words used in the present tense include the past and the future tenses and vice versa, unless manifestly inapplicable.
- D. Use of words and phrases. Words and phrases not specifically defined shall be construed according to the context and approved usage of the language.

Section 2. That Berkeley Municipal Code Section 4.36.110 is amended to read as follows:

Section 4.36.110 Gender.

"Gender." Whenever a personal pronoun is used in the neutral gender, it shall be deemed to include the feminine and masculine also. “They/them” shall indicate a singular individual, unless the context indicates the contrary.

Section 3. That Berkeley Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 4.38.110 Gender.

"Gender." Whenever a personal pronoun is used in the neutral gender, it shall be deemed to include the feminine and masculine also. “They/them” shall indicate a singular individual, unless the context indicates the contrary.

Section 4. That Berkeley Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 4.39.110 Gender.

"Gender." Whenever a personal pronoun is used in the neutral gender, it shall be deemed to include the feminine and masculine also. "They/them", shall indicate a singular individual, unless the context indicates the contrary.

Section 5. That Berkeley Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 11.08.050 Construction of genders.

The neutral gender includes the feminine and masculine. "They/them" shall indicate a singular individual, unless the context indicates the contrary.

Section 6. The pronouns throughout the municipal code are amended to promote gender-neutral pronouns.

Section 7. Subject to final approval by the City, the city's codifier, Code Publishing Company, has authority to degenderize the Berkeley Municipal Code and update pronouns when appropriate and also includes the updating of future ordinances by making changes such as the following:

- A. Gendered subject (he, she, etc.), object (him, her, etc.) and possessive (his, hers, etc.) pronouns shall be replaced by a gender-neutral description of the pronoun referent's title of office, employment or descriptor. For example, where a code section refers to a "Director" all subsequent gendered pronouns shall be replaced by "the Director" in the subjective case, "that Director" in the objective case and "the Director's" in the possessive case.
- B. Table 1 lists commonly encountered titles of office, employment and descriptors. All gendered pronouns within the BMC that refer back to a title of office, employment or descriptor found in Table 1 shall be replaced by the subjective, objective or possessive form of the that title of office, employment or descriptor, as the case may be. Table 1 is non-exhaustive and may be amended from time to time.

Table 1	
Gendered Terms in Existing Code	Common Non-Gendered Titles of Office, Employment and Descriptors
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Agent
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Alternate member
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Applicant
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Architect
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Assessor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Attorney
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Candidate

He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Chief officer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Clerk
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Complainant
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Consignee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Councilmember
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Dancer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Dealer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Declarant
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Department director
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Deputy
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Designee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Detainee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Director
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Driver
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Employee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Engineer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Entertainer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Examiner
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Executive
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Executor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Felon
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Fire Marshall
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Franchisee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Franchisor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Guarantee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Guarantor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Individual
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Inspector
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Investigator
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Leaver
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Lessee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Lessor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Licensee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Lobbyist
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Manager
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Member
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Merchant
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Mortgagee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Mortgagor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Offender
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Officer

He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Official
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Operator
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Owner
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Pawn broker
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Permit holder
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Permittee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Person
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Physician
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Principal
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Prisoner
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Probationer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Promoter
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Public records officer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Purchaser
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Respondent
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Secondhand dealer
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Seller
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Servant
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Sheriff
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Solicitor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Sponsor
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Station manager's
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Suspended person
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Tenant
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Trespasser
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Trustee
He, She, Him, Her, Himself, Herself	The Vendor

C. Each specifically gendered term identified in column A of Table 2, and which is also found within the Berkeley Municipal Code, shall be replaced by the corresponding non-gendered term identified in column B. Table 2 is non-exhaustive and may be amended from time to time.

Table 2	
Gendered Terms Commonly Found in Existing Code	Non-Gendered Term Replacement
"Bondsman"	"Bonds-person"
"Brother"	"Sibling"
"Chairman"	"Chair," "chairperson"

“Craftsmen”	“Craftspeople,” “artisans”
“Fireman,” “Firewoman,” “Firemen,” “Firewomen”	“Firefighter,” “firefighters”
“Fraternal”	“Social”
“Heirs”	“Beneficiaries”
“Journeyman”	“Journey”
“Maiden”	“Family”
“Male” and “female”	“People of different genders”
“Manhole”	“Maintenance hole”
“Manmade”	“Human-made” “Artificial” “manufactured” “machine made” “synthetic”
“Manpower”	“Human effort”
“Manpower”	“Workforce”
“Master”	“Captain,” “Skipper,” “Pilot,” “Safety Officer,” “Central”
“Men and women”	“People”
“Men or women”	“A single gender”
“Ombudsman”	“Ombuds,” “Investigating Official”
“Patrolmen”	“Patrol,” “Guards”
“Policeman,” “Policewoman,” “Policemen,” “Policewomen”	“Police Officer,” “Police Officers”
“Pregnant” (woman, women)	“Pregnant employees”
“Repairman”	“Repairs,” “Repairer”
“Salesman”	“Salesperson,” “Salespeople”
“Sister”	“Sibling”
“Sorority,” “Fraternity”	“Collegiate Greek system residence”
“Sportsman”	“Hunters”
“The masculine pronoun includes the feminine”	“Words referring to a specific gender may be extended to any other gender”
“Watchmen”	“Guards”

Section 8. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on July 16, 2019, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Wengraf,
and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.



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[CONSENT OR ACTION]
CALENDAR

July 14th, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Peace and Justice

Submitted by: Rev. Dwayne Philips, Chair, Peace and Justice Commission

Subject: On Declaring Berkeley a Sanctuary City for the LGBTQI+ Community

RECOMMENDATION

Recommends to council to refer to the city manager to draft language declaring Berkeley a Sanctuary City for the LGBTQI+ Community; to draft amendments to the Berkeley Municipal Code that remove language that discriminates on the basis of gender identity and substitute new language as needed (proposed language attached); to prioritize the creation of gender-neutral bathrooms, in existing structures, under safety considerations, when identifying infrastructure needs; to mandate all new construction and renovation to city-owned and operated buildings, non-profit organizations, and businesses (including restaurants/food establishments, hotels, and emergency shelters) in Berkeley to include marked gender neutral restrooms; to direct monies from County Measure W to address the housing and homelessness needs of the LGBTQI+ community.

SUMMARY

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The fiscal impacts are best identified by city staff.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Since taking office, the Trump administration has targeted the queer community, and trans people in particular, with several Executive Orders that eliminate the ability of queer people to live full and safe lives as equal members of society. Gender markers that align with an individual's identity have been removed from passports; the military has been

directed to fire trans enlistees; funding from schools who include gender diversity anywhere in their curriculum has been threatened, and so on. Further, the Trump administration has indicated its intent to challenge Obergefell vs. Hodges – the landmark case that established marriage equality as the law of the land – reversed. Not in three decades has the queer community faced such open scorn and antagonism at the federal level, and it is incumbent on municipalities to publicly and strongly declare themselves safe havens for all members of the queer community, particularly those made most vulnerable by an increase in anti-trans sentiment at the federal level. The goal, simply, is the complete erasure of queer people from public and private life.

California currently has the greatest number of Transgender Sanctuary Cities – including Sacramento, San Francisco, and West Hollywood – more than any other state in the Union. California has some of the strongest shield laws in the country that protect trans people, parents of trans youth, and healthcare providers from facing legal repercussions for seeking or providing gender-affirming care, even though cis-gender people make up the vast majority of patients who seek such care. However, the Trump administrator has indicated its intent to challenge the constitutional validity of these legal protections.

Berkeley has declared itself a sanctuary city for immigrants, among our currently most vulnerable populations. Thus, it would be aligned with Berkeley's values to also become a sanctuary city for the LGTBQI+ community currently facing persecution.

BACKGROUND

On July 14th, 2025, the Peace and Justice Commission passed a motion as follows:

To adopt the above recommendation as stated above.

M/S:

Yes:

No:

Abstentions:

Leaves of Absence:

Absences:

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

To be determined by staff.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Studies find that rates of trans youth suicide increase by as much as 72% in the years following anti-trans legislation at the state level, a dramatic increase for a population in which 1 in 3 already experience depression and anxiety, which is 4x the national average.

Declaring Berkeley a Sanctuary City for LGBTQI+ individuals is a critical step in protecting the rights of people who have become even more vulnerable under the current federal administration. Further, by making adjustments to Berkeley Municipal Code that mandate gender-neutral restrooms during building construction and renovation, and by amending gender-discrimination language in other sections of the code, we ensure that the City of Berkeley is truly a safe and inclusive place for all queer people.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Acquiescence to fascism was briefly considered but was determined to not be in the best interest of the community.

CITY MANAGER

[The City Manager [TYPE ONE] concurs with / takes no position on the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report. [OR] Refer to the budget process.]

CONTACT PERSON

[Name], [Title], [Department], [Phone Number]

Attachments: [Delete if there are NO Attachments]

1: [Title or Description of Attachment]

2: [Title or Description of Attachment]

Guidance for Referenced Materials and Attachments

Attachment - BMC Adjustments

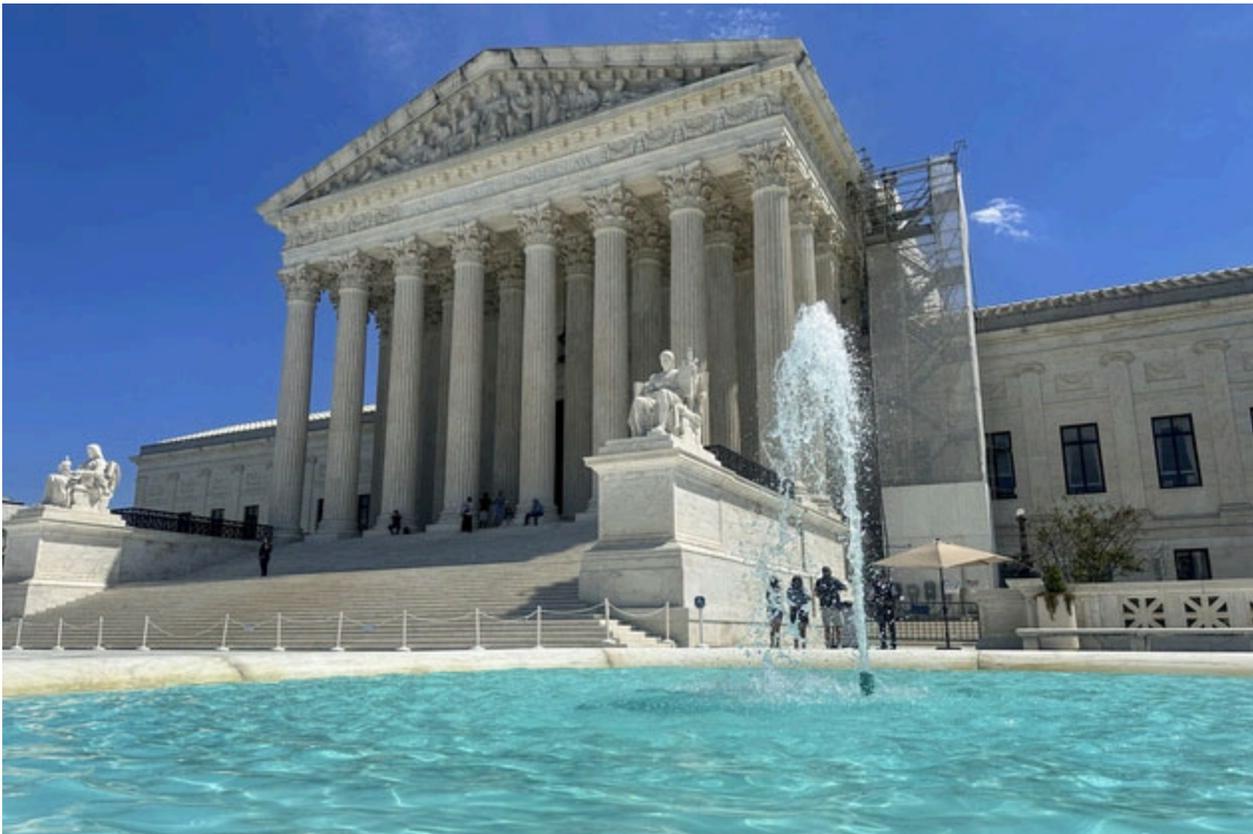
BMC 13.32.010 – Current

“It shall be either a misdemeanor or an infraction, in the discretion of the prosecutor, for any person to appear nude in any place open to the public or any place visible from a place open to the public. "Nude" within the meaning of this section means the absence of an opaque covering which covers the genitals, pubic hair, buttocks, perineum, anus or anal region of any person **or any portion of the breast at or below the areola thereof of any female person.**”

Eliminate “...or any portion of the breast at or below the areola thereof of any female person”.

Supreme Court will decide whether states can ban transgender girls from girls' sports

The court took up a pair of cases about state laws in Idaho and West Virginia that ban people assigned male at birth from competing on school teams for women and girls.



The states that filed the petitions for the cases want the Supreme Court to decide whether West Virginia's and Idaho's laws restricting transgender student participation violate federal law. | Ted Shaffrey/AP

By [Josh Gerstein](#) and [Bianca Quilantan](#) 07/03/2025 10:22 AM EDT



Updated: 07/03/2025 10:57 AM EDT

The Supreme Court will decide whether states can ban transgender girls from girls' sports teams, plunging the high court back into the national debate around the rights of trans people.

The court on Thursday added a pair of cases to next term's docket about state laws in Idaho and West Virginia that ban people assigned male at birth from competing on school teams for women and girls. About half the states have similar laws, according to court papers.

The [justices announced](#) they will hear appeals from Idaho and West Virginia against lower-court orders that blocked the bans from taking effect. [An appeals court ruled](#) that Idaho's law violates the Constitution's equal protection clause by targeting transgender people, while another appeals court [concluded that the West Virginia law violates Title IX](#), the federal law banning most sex discrimination by schools.

Arguments in the cases are likely to take place in the fall with decisions expected from the high court by June 2026.

This is the Supreme Court's third major foray into transgender-related issues in recent years. Last month, [the justices voted 6-3 to uphold a Tennessee law](#) that bans transgender medical care for minors. And in 2020, the high court issued [an unexpected 6-3 decision](#) that federal law bans discrimination against transgender people in employment.

The Trump administration has adopted a range of policies that LGBTQ+ advocates see as curtailing transgender rights. President Donald Trump signed an [executive order](#) in February directing the Department of Education to strip federal funds from colleges that allow trans women to compete on women's teams. Just this week, the University of Pennsylvania struck a deal with the administration and agreed to adopt "biology-based definitions" of men and women.

The Supreme Court has already given Trump the go-ahead to proceed with one of his policies targeting transgender people: a ban on trans people serving in the military.

In May, the justices [allowed Trump to move forward with that ban](#), which precludes trans people from joining the military and calls for the involuntary discharge of those already serving. The court's three liberal justices dissented from the high court's action, which granted the Trump administration's emergency request to lift a lower court's injunction against the ban.

The West Virginia lawsuit was initially filed in 2021 on behalf of Becky Pepper-Jackson, a transgender middle schooler at the time who wanted to try out for her school's girls cross-country team around the time the law was set to take effect and has played sports on teams that match her gender identity for several sports seasons.

West Virginia Attorney General JB McCuskey on Thursday lauded the Supreme Court's decision, saying he is confident the justices will uphold his state's "Save Women's Sports Act."

Twenty-seven states [have laws that ban transgender students](#) from competing on teams consistent with their gender identity. The NCAA, college sports' top governing body, also voted in February to restrict the participation of transgender athletes in women's sports following Trump's executive order.

Sanctuary City



A sanctuary from political persecution

In 1985 the Olympia City Council passed a Resolution declaring the desire for Olympia to be known as a City of Peace where those who are politically persecuted can find safe haven and sanctuary. At the time there was unrest in Central America, forcing many to come to the United States as refugees to escape volatile circumstances.

A sanctuary regardless of immigration status

In 2016, following the recent national election, some Olympia residents expressed fear and concern about possible changes to Federal immigration policies. In December 2016, the City Council passed a Resolution declaring Olympia a Sanctuary City. Making it clear that the City serves and protects its residents regardless of their immigration status and will remain a safe haven for those who are politically persecuted as expressed in 1985.

A sanctuary for reproductive rights

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*; turning back 50 years of a guaranteed constitutional right to abortion and reproductive choice. Shortly thereafter, the Olympia City Council passed a Resolution to demonstrate the City’s values, declaring the City of Olympia to be a Sanctuary City once again, this time specifically for reproductive health care and abortion services and recognizing a woman’s right to reproductive choice.

A Sanctuary for the LGBTQIA2S+ Community

On January 28, 2025, the Olympia City Council passed a [resolution](#)

declaring Olympia a sanctuary city for LGBTQIA2S+ community members, expanding its commitment to ensuring all residents feel safe and supported. Developed collaboratively with community members, Councilmembers and City staff, the Resolution reflects public input through comments, conversations, and the Belonging in Olympia initiative. The resolution reaffirms the City’s dedication to protecting LGBTQIA2S+ rights, explicitly rejecting discrimination, and upholding Washington’s Law Against Discrimination. Key actions include affirming the right to gender-affirming care, free expression, and self-determination; prohibiting City resources from being used to investigate or penalize individuals exercising these rights; opposing state and federal legislation that threatens LGBTQIA2S+ protections; and strengthening engagement with LGBTQIA2S+ leaders, including maintaining liaison officers in the police department. The City also commits to reviewing policies for inclusivity, reducing barriers to resources, and celebrating LGBTQIA2S+ voices through education and public events.

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To: carole marasovic
Cc: Luke Taylor
Subject: RE: Letter re: item on Measure W.

Carole

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Peace and Justice Commission
Submitted by: Pastor Dwayne Phillips, Chair
Subject: Need to Incorporate LGBTQIA+ persons in County Measure W allocated funding.

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Peace and Justice Commission while supporting the City's requests to the County for potential uses for County W monies intended for homelessness, homelessness prevention and affordable housing is writing to advise Council of the critical need to insure that homelessness and housing needs among LGBTQIA+ persons need to be incorporated within every funding component and program need.

The individualized needs of LGBTQIA+ persons include not only access to specialized mental health, housing and homelessness resources but also attention to the fact that LGBTQ persons, particularly transgender persons, are frequently subject to bullying, threats to their safety and worse in many traditional homelessness shelter and service settings. The City of Berkeley must insure that if individualized programs addressing the LGBTQIA+ residential settings are not provided that at the minimal, there must be access to individualized linkage and resources within each program and standards established within every program that honor the individual gender identity of every program participant.

The right to safety and respect and freedom from threats to safety shall not be tolerated in any homelessness services or homelessness housing environment. Those rights to safety and respect shall be clearly posted within every program funded by every homelessness services program and housing program in Berkeley.

The following motion was passed as follows:

The Peace and Justice Commission voted on July 14, 2025 as follows:

That the Peace and Justice Commission submit a letter in support of LGBTQIA+ needs to be addressed within County W funding, with the text as incorporated above to City Council:

M/S:	Yes:
Noes:	Abstentions:
Leave of Absence:	Absences:

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pastor Dwayne Phillips, Chair
Peace and Justice Commission



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, DC 20044

June 11, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Civil Division Employees

FROM: Brett A. Shumate
Assistant Attorney General

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SUBJECT: Civil Division Enforcement Priorities

President Trump and Attorney General Bondi have directed the Civil Division to use its enforcement authorities to advance the Administration’s policy objectives. This memorandum describes those policy objectives and directs Civil Division attorneys to prioritize investigations and enforcement actions advancing these priorities.

1. Combatting Discriminatory Practices and Policies

On January 21, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order 14,173, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8633 (Jan. 21, 2025), which established “the policy of the United States to protect the civil rights of all Americans and to promote individual initiative, excellence, and hard work.” *Id.* § 2. To this end, the President “order[ed] all agencies to enforce our longstanding civil-rights laws and to combat illegal private-sector DEI preferences, mandates, policies, programs, and activities.” *Id.* As part of these efforts, Attorney General Bondi has directed that the Department align its “litigating positions with [the] requirement of equal dignity and respect.” Memorandum from Attorney General, *Eliminating Internal Discriminatory Practices*, at 2 (Feb. 5, 2025).

Consistent with these directives, the Civil Division will use all available resources to pursue affirmative litigation combatting unlawful discriminatory practices in the private sector. In particular, the Civil Division is authorized to bring suit under the False Claims Act for treble damages and penalties against any person who knowingly submits or causes the submission of false claims to the government. 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et seq.* This includes entities that receive federal funds but knowingly violate civil rights laws. In support of these efforts, the Deputy Attorney General recently announced the Civil Rights Fraud Initiative. The Civil Division is committed to advancing the Initiative and will aggressively investigate and, as appropriate, pursue False Claims Act violations against recipients of federal funds that knowingly violate civil rights laws. The Civil Division will work with the Civil Rights Division, relators, other whistleblowers, and federal agencies to advance these efforts.

2. Ending Antisemitism

On January 29, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order 14,188, *Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8847 (Feb. 3, 2025), which established the “policy of the United States to combat anti-Semitism vigorously, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold accountable the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence,” *id.* § 2, and encouraged the “Attorney General ... to employ appropriate civil-rights enforcement authorities ... to combat anti-Semitism,” *id.* § 3(c). The Executive Order also reaffirmed Executive Order 13,899, *Combating Anti-Semitism*, 84 Fed. Reg. 68779 (Dec. 16, 2019).

The Attorney General has established Joint Task Force October 7 (“JTF 10-7”) and directed components to “prioritize seeking justice for victims of the October 7, 2023 terrorist attack in Israel” as well as “combatting antisemitic acts of terrorism and civil rights violations in the homeland.” Memorandum from Attorney General, *Establishment of Joint Task Force October 7*, at 1 (Feb. 5, 2025). To assist these enforcement efforts, the Civil Division will prioritize investigations and enforcement actions against entities that make claims for federal funds but knowingly violate federal civil rights laws by participating in or allowing antisemitism.

3. Protecting Women and Children

The President has issued several Executive Orders protecting women and children. On January 20, the President issued Executive Order 14,168, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8615 (Jan. 30, 2025), which established the “policy of the United States to recognize two sexes, male and female.” *Id.* § 2. On February 3, President Trump issued Executive Order 14,187, *Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8771 (Feb. 3, 2025), which directed the Attorney General to, among other things, “prioritize investigations and take appropriate action to end deception of consumers, fraud, and violations of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act by any entity that may be misleading the public about long-term side effects of chemical and surgical mutilation.” *Id.* § 8(c).

Following these directives, Attorney General Bondi directed the Civil Division to “act decisively to protect our children and hold accountable those who mutilate them under the guise of care” and “to undertake appropriate investigations of any violations of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act by manufacturers and distributors engaged in misbranding by making false claims about the on- or off-label use of puberty blockers, sex hormones, or any other drug used to facilitate a child’s so-called ‘gender transition.’” Memorandum from Attorney General, *Preventing the Mutilation of American Children*, at 3-4 (April 22, 2025). The Attorney General also directed the Civil Division “to pursue investigations under the False Claims Act of false claims submitted to federal health care programs for any non-covered services related to radical gender experimentation.” *Id.* at 4.

The Civil Division will use all available resources to prioritize investigations of doctors, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, and other appropriate entities consistent with these directives. These efforts will include, but will not be limited to, possible violations of the Food,

Drug, and Cosmetic Act and other laws by (1) pharmaceutical companies that manufacture drugs used in connection with so-called gender transition and (2) dealers such as online pharmacies suspected of illegally selling such drugs. 31 U.S.C. § 301 *et seq.* In addition, the Civil Division will aggressively pursue claims under the False Claims Act against health care providers that bill the federal government for impermissible services. This includes, for example, providers that attempt to evade state bans on gender dysphoria treatments by knowingly submitting claims to Medicaid with false diagnosis codes.

4. Ending Sanctuary Jurisdictions

On President Trump's first day in office, he issued multiple directives to secure the southern border. See Proclamation 10,886, *Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8327 (Jan. 20, 2025); Executive Order 14,159, *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8443 (Jan. 20, 2025). To ensure that States and local governments promote the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws, he also issued Executive Order 14,287, *Protecting American Communities from Criminal Aliens*, 90 Fed. Reg. 18761 (April 28, 2025). This built on the President's previous Executive Order 13,768, *Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States*, 82 Fed. Reg. 8799 (January 25, 2017). Moreover, Attorney General Bondi has directed the Civil Division to "identify state and local laws, policies, and practices that facilitate violations of federal immigration laws or impede lawful federal immigration operations" and "take legal action to challenge such laws, policies, or practices," where appropriate. Memorandum from Attorney General, *Sanctuary Jurisdiction Directive*, at 3 (Feb. 5, 2025). Consistent with this directive, the Civil Division shall prioritize affirmative litigation to invalidate any State or local laws preempted by Federal law.

5. Prioritizing Denaturalization

The Department of Justice may institute civil proceedings to revoke a person's United States citizenship if an individual either "illegally procured" naturalization or procured naturalization by "concealment of a material fact or by willful misrepresentation." 8 U.S.C. § 1451(a). The benefits of civil denaturalization include the government's ability to revoke the citizenship of individuals who engaged in the commission of war crimes, extrajudicial killings, or other serious human rights abuses; to remove naturalized criminals, gang members, or, indeed, any individuals convicted of crimes who pose an ongoing threat to the United States; and to prevent convicted terrorists from returning to U.S. soil or traveling internationally on a U.S. passport. At a fundamental level, it also supports the overall integrity of the naturalization program by ensuring that those who unlawfully procured citizenship, including those who obtained it through fraud or concealment of material information, do not maintain the benefits of the unlawful procurement.

The Civil Division shall prioritize and maximally pursue denaturalization proceedings in all cases permitted by law and supported by the evidence. To promote the pursuit of all viable denaturalization cases available under 8 U.S.C. § 1451 and maintain the integrity of the naturalization system while simultaneously ensuring an appropriate allocation of resources, the Civil Division has established the following categories of priorities for denaturalization cases:

1. Cases against individuals who pose a potential danger to national security, including those with a nexus to terrorism, espionage, or the unlawful export from the United States of sensitive goods, technology, or information raising national security concerns;
2. Cases against individuals who engaged in torture, war crimes, or other human rights violations;
3. Cases against individuals who further or furthered the unlawful enterprise of criminal gangs, transnational criminal organizations, and drug cartels;
4. Cases against individuals who committed felonies that were not disclosed during the naturalization process;
5. Cases against individuals who committed human trafficking, sex offenses, or violent crimes;
6. Cases against individuals who engaged in various forms of financial fraud against the United States (including Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) loan fraud and Medicaid/Medicare fraud);
7. Cases against individuals who engaged in fraud against private individuals, funds, or corporations;
8. Cases against individuals who acquired naturalization through government corruption, fraud, or material misrepresentations, not otherwise addressed by another priority category;
9. Cases referred by a United States Attorney’s Office or in connection with pending criminal charges, if those charges do not fit within one of the other priorities; and
10. Any other cases referred to the Civil Division that the Division determines to be sufficiently important to pursue.

These categories are intended to guide the Civil Division in prioritizing which cases to pursue; however, these categories do not limit the Civil Division from pursuing any particular case, nor are they listed in a particular order of importance. Further, the Civil Division retains the discretion to pursue cases outside of these categories as it determines appropriate. The assignment of denaturalization cases may be made across sections or units based on experience, subject-matter expertise, and the overall needs of the Civil Division.

The National LGBTQ+ Bar is proud to share our new Trump Anti-LGBTQ+ Executive Order Litigation Tracker: a one-stop resource to locate up-to-date information on all pending litigation addressing anti-LGBTQ+ executive orders issued by the second Trump Administration.

To view cases challenging each anti-LGBTQ+ executive order, select the executive order and click on the cases listed below. You may also sort by topic and search the cases for specific key words, litigators, etc. Each case includes a "Reference" link that will connect you with more information, often housed on the websites of the case litigator(s).

The National LGBTQ+ Bar is profoundly grateful to the plaintiffs challenging these abhorrent anti-LGBTQ+ executive actions and to the litigators dedicating their professional expertise, skills, and passion for justice to ensure that *all* Americans can access the liberties promised by our nation's Constitution and the rule of law. This resource is simply a compilation of relevant information regarding executive actions against the LGBTQ+ community and our allies. Full credit and gratitude for these legal challenges is owed to the brave attorneys, individuals, and organizations fighting for our community's dignity and freedom.

If you have any questions or information you think should be included in this resource, please contact Mari Nemec at mari@lgbtqbar.org (<mailto:mari@lgbtqbar.org>).

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"Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government"

(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-government/>)

Executive Order: #14168

The order mandates that federal departments define gender as an unchangeable male-female binary determined by sex assigned at birth (or conception, according to the EO). It also requires the replacement of "gender" with "sex" in all materials, the cessation of funding for gender-affirming care and the promotion of "gender ideology," the prohibition of gender self-identification on federal documents and the use of federally funded facilities congruent with one's

gender identity. Additionally, the order directs the Attorney General to re-evaluate the application of *Bostock v. Clayton County* (https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/17-1618_hfci.pdf) to potentially remove Title VII protection based on gender identity in federal activities.

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Tirrell and Turmelle v. Edelblut	▶
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“Ending Illegal Discrimination And Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity” **(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-illegal-discrimination-and-restoring-merit-based-opportunity/>)**

Executive Order: #14173

The order requires all federal agencies to end diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices. It also calls for the government to scrutinize DEI practices in the private sector and federal contractors. The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs is ordered to cease promoting “diversity,” enforcing “affirmative action,” or allowing adjustments in workforce composition based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or national origin. It also orders all federal contracts and grants to include clauses prohibiting DEI programs moving forward and instructs the Office of Management and Budget to remove DEI references from federal procedures. The order directs the Attorney General to find ways to eliminate DEI practices in the private sector, including litigation, regulatory actions, and strategies to encourage private sector disavowal of DEI programs aimed at creating fair and equitable work environments. The order also directs the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education to issue guidance to educational institutions receiving federal funding that outlines compliance measures regarding *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College* (https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/20-1199_hgdj.pdf).

GLMA v. National Institutes of Health 

National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, et al., v. Trump 

National Urban League v. Trump 

San Francisco AIDS Foundation v. Trump 

“Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing” **(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-illegal-discrimination-and-restoring-merit-based-opportunity/>)**

restoring-merit-based-opportunity/)

Executive Order: #14151

The director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is instructed to end all mandates, policies, programs, preferences, and activities relating to “diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.” Additionally, agencies are mandated to report a list of all employees in DEI and “environmental justice” positions to the OMB director within 60 days.

GLMA v. National Institutes of Health ▶

National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, et al., v. Trump ▶

National Urban League v. Trump ▶

San Francisco AIDS Foundation v. Trump ▶

“Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling” (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-indoctrination-in-k-12-schooling/>)

Executive Order: #14190

Mandates the elimination of federal funding for K–12 schools that promote what the order defines as “gender ideology” and “discriminatory equity ideology.” It directs the Departments of Education, Defense, and Health and Human Services to develop a strategy to identify and rescind such funding within 90 days. The order also requires schools to inform parents about their children’s gender identity and related matters, and prohibits the facilitation of minors’ social transitions without parental consent.

E.K. v. Department of Defense Education Activity ▶

“Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports” (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-children-from-chemical-and-surgical-mutilation/>)

Executive Order: #14201

The order prohibits transgender female athletes of all ages from participating in girls' and women's sports teams. It threatens to withdraw federal funding from public elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions that allow transgender girls to participate in girls' teams, asserting that they are violating Title IX. However, the order does not prohibit transgender male athletes from competing on male sports teams.

Minnesota v. Trump ▶

State of California v. Department of Justice ▶

Tirrell and Turmelle v. Edelblut ▶

“Prioritizing Military Excellence and Readiness” (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/prioritizing-military-excellence-and-readiness/>)

Executive Order: #14183

This order requires that the United States Department of Defense update medical enlistment and retention standards to ban transgender individuals from serving in the armed forces within 60 days and to discontinue the practice of pronoun self-identification. It also requires that the United States Secretary of Defense identify further measures needed for full implementation and provide a report to the President summarizing these measures within 30 days. Service members will be required to use sleeping, changing, and bathing facilities corresponding to their assigned sex, with exceptions only in cases of operational necessity. The order outrageously declares that identifying as a gender that is different from an individual's sex assigned at birth “conflicts with a soldier's commitment to an honorable, truthful, and disciplined lifestyle, even in one's personal life.” The order also states that using pronouns inconsistent with one's assigned sex compromises the government's ability to “establish high standards for troop readiness, lethality, cohesion, honesty, humility, uniformity, and integrity.”

Shilling v. Trump ▶

Talbott v. Trump ▶

“Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical

Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation”

(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-children-from-chemical-and-surgical-mutilation/>)

Executive Order: #14187

The order aims to prevent gender-affirming care for Americans under nineteen by withholding federal funding and directing agencies to take steps to prevent various essential gender-affirming treatments, including surgeries, hormone therapy, and puberty blockers. The order characterizes gender-affirming care for minors as “chemical and surgical mutilation,” “maiming,” and “sterilizing” children. It asserts that “countless children” who receive such care will regret the “horrifying tragedy” of being unable to have their own children or breastfeed. It also prohibits the Federal Government from funding, sponsoring, promoting, assisting, or supporting any person under nineteen’s transition. The order directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review insurance terms under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act to eliminate specific gender-affirming care coverage, instructs federal agencies that provide grants to medical institutions to ensure these institutions are not performing any gender-related procedures, and protects “whistleblowers” who report institutions providing gender-affirming care.

- E.K. v. Department of Defense Education Activity ▶
- PFLAG v. Trump ▶
- Washington v. Trump ▶

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Letter in Support of June 4, 2025 Statement from Berkeley Mayor Adena Ishii and Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Igor Tregub, and Mark Humbert

The **Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission** endorses the June 4, 2025 Statement of Mayor Ishii and Councilmembers Taplin, Tregub, and Humbert. We are grateful for your principled leadership and your strong clear message condemning the assassination of members of the Israeli Embassy staff, the firebombing of peaceful marchers in Boulder, and the van displaying anti-Jewish hate messages on Solano Ave, in our own community. We join you in deploring these unjustified, unprovoked and deeply repulsive acts of anti-Semitism. And we thank you for your resolve to work with community leaders and first responders to make our community welcoming and safe for all.

A Statement from Berkeley Mayor Adena Ishii and Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Igor Tregub, and Mark Humbert:

We were disgusted and horrified by the cold-blooded assassination of two Israeli Embassy staff members outside of the Capital Jewish Museum on May 21. This was an atrocious hate crime against two innocent young people who had spent their entire adult lives working for peace and were about to be engaged. On the heels of this antisemitic hate crime in DC came the news on Sunday, June 1, of another - an attack with a flamethrower and incendiary devices on Jewish elders in Boulder while they were marching peacefully for the return of the Israeli hostages held by Hamas in Gaza. Worse, this heinous and cowardly attack happened on the eve of Shavuot, intended to be a joyful and spiritual celebration.

Many Jewish people in the United States live in fear as antisemitic rhetoric and violence have radically increased in our country and even in our own city. We have repeatedly heard from members of the Jewish community that they are more fearful than ever before.

Just this past weekend, also on June 1, there was a van parked on the 1800 block of Solano Avenue displaying anti-Jewish hate messaging laced with profanity. Antisemitism must be universally denounced in the strongest terms possible, and we rightly so condemn these vile acts.

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of the victims of the DC murders, the victims of the Boulder attack, and to everyone affected by these unjustified, unprovoked, and deeply repulsive acts of antisemitism.

The Berkeley City Council has previously condemned the rise of anti-Jewish hate and has reaffirmed the City's commitment to being a safe and welcoming place for people of all backgrounds, religions, and ethnicities. We recommit our resolve to working with community leaders and first responders to keep every member of our community safe.

June 4, 2025

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YOU JEWISH SUPREMACIST NAZI MFRS ARE HATED WORLDWIDE NOW
YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN BE WELCOMED BACK INTO HUMANITY

FUCK ISRAEL. FREE PALESTINE

NO TO NATO!
BUILD A BETTER
WORLD WITH BRICS



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SINCE 9/11 ALL WARS WE FIGHT ARE FOR ISRAEL.
NOW THEY ARE TAKING OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH

FUCK ISRAEL
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