Peace and Justice Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 9, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St. Berkeley, CA 94703

Draft Minutes

Meeting began at 6:36 PM. Tasha Tervalon as Secretary.

1 member of the public.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

   Arrive at 6:45: Commissioner Press

   Absent: None

   Leave of Absence: Commissioners Weisberg, Elias and Lee

   Commissioner Yasavul participated in the meeting remotely under the "just cause" exception in the Brown Act due to a caregiving need.

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 October 5, 2026 meeting.

   M/S/C: Cassidy/Sani

   Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Fink,

Mencher, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, and McNeil

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Press

Excused: Commissioners Weisberg, Elias and Lee

5. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the November 9, 2026 Agenda

M/S/C: Taylor/Yasavul

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Press

Excused: Commissioners Weisberg, Elias and 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 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.

8. **Motion to adopt the following schedule for 2027 meetings scheduled for 6:30-9:30 PM: January 11, 2027; February 1, 2027; March 1, 2027; April 5, 2027; May 10, 2027; June 7, 2027; July 12, 2027; August 30, 2027; October 4, 2027; and November 1, 2027.**

M/S/C: Lippman/Sani

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, McNeil and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Commissioners Weisberg, Elias and Lee

9. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 pm.

M/S/C: Taylor/Cassidy

Ayes: Commissioners Phillips, Cassidy, Yasavul, Marasovic, Fink, Mencher, Taylor, Sani, Lippman, McNeil and Press

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Excused: Commissioners Weisberg, Elias and Lee

Respectfully Submitted,

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Date_____

Tasha Tervalon,

Secretary Peace and Justice Commission