

Peace and Justice
Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, January 8, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St. Berkeley Ca, 94703

AGENDA

Mayor Arreguin:

Rashi Kersarwani:
Allegra Guarino

Terry Taplin:
Veta Jacquelin

Ben Bartlett:

Kate Harrison
Diana Bohn

Sophie Hahn
Nimrod Pitskar Elias

Susan Wengraf:

Rigel Robinson:

Mark Humbert

BUSD:

Grace Morizawa- Chair

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Announcements
4. Comments from the Public (*subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary*)
5. Review and approval of meeting minutes
6. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
7. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Proposal for a roundtable/workshop on community action in support of peace with justice in Israel and Palestine.
9. Discussion and Update on the Peace and Justice Merger
10. Discussion on the 2024 Meeting Calendar.


SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

11. No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- A. November 2023 Draft Minutes
- B. Land Acknowledgement

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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.



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**Peace and Justice Commission Special Meeting
November 6, 2023**

Draft MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with Grace Morizawa (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call

Present: Lippman, Jacquelin, Morizawa, Bohn, Maran

Absent:

Excused:

Leave of Absence:

2. Announcements

None

3. Comments from the Public

Public Attendance: 25

Public Comments: 10

4. Review and approval of meeting minutes

Peace and Justice Commission approved minutes from 10/16/23.

M/S/C: Morizawa, Jacquelin

Ayes: Morizawa, Jacquelin, Lippman, Bohn, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

5. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report (No Action Taken):

6. Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion on Commission Merger

Commissioners agreed to move the merger topic to January Meeting.

M/S/C: Bohn, Jacquelin

Ayes: Lippman, Morizawa, Bohn. Jacquelin

Noes: Maran

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

8. Discussion on Adding a December Meeting

M/S/C: Bohn, Lippman

Ayes: Lippman, Bohn, Jacquelin, Morizawa

Noes:

Abstain: Morizawa

Absent:

Excused:

9. Discussion and Possible Action for 2024 Calendar.

January 2024 meeting will be held on 1/8/2024 at the SBSC location.

M/S/C: Jacquelin, Bohn

Ayes: Lippman, Morizawa, Bohn. Jacquelin, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

10. No communications received prior to meeting.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

M/S/C: Morizawa, Lippman

Ayes: Lippman, Morizawa, Jacquelin, Bohn, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

Respectfully Submitted,

Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary
Peace and Justice Commission