

Peace and Justice
Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA Monday, November 1, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

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SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Rights of Nature Update (**Commission Chair Lippman**)
8. Resolution to Council on Surveillance Ordinance (**Commission Chair Lippman**)
9. Resolution on Immigration Reform (**Commissioner Bohn**)
10. Discussion on potential Commission letter to BUSD Board and/or City Council on Council's commission reorganization proposal including elimination of BUSD appointees on Peace & Justice." (**Commissioner Lee**)


SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

11. No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION
SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- A. Commission Roster
- B. October 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes
- C. Resolution Immigration Reform

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Meeting Information

1st Floor, Cypress Room
2180 Milvia Street

1st Monday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

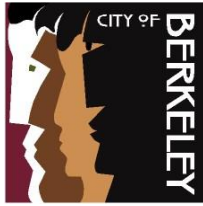
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Advises the Council and the School Board on issues of peace and social justice. Creates citizen awareness and develops educational programs. Total membership is fifteen. Each Councilmember and School Director make one appointment.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
BUSD	Alessandra Leon-Maldonado	Vasudeo	03/17/2021	--
BUSD	Grace Morizawa	Appel	10/25/2018	--
BUSD	Reichi Lee	Babitt	09/01/2021	--
BUSD	Vacant	Brown		--
BUSD	Vacant	Sinai		--
BUSD	Zaira Rodriguez**	Student Director	06/16/2016	--
District 1	Rita Maran	Maio	03/21/2016	--
District 2	Veta Jacquilin	Taplin	12/23/2020	--
District 3	J. George Lippman*	Anderson	12/18/2015	--
District 4	Vacant	Harrison		--
District 5	Judith Gussmann	Hahn	01/31/2019	--
District 6	Bob Meola	Wengraf	01/07/2014	--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Vacant	Droste		--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--



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**Peace and Justice Commission Meeting
October 4, 2021**

Pursuant to March 17, 2020 Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting was held electronically.

MINUTES (Draft)

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with Igor Tregub (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Community Service Specialist, Secretary. Peter Radu, Administrative Assistant to City Manager, was also present.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Roll Call**

Present:

Absent:

Excused: None

Leave of Absence: None

2. **Announcements**

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 4

Public Comments: 2

4. **Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Peace and Justice Commission approved minutes from 1/25/21.

M/S/C:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused: None

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

6. **Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)**

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Adoption of the January Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes approved.

M/S/C: Lippman, Gussman

Ayes: Leon-Maldonado, Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Meola, Perry, Tregub, Lippman, Gussman

Noes:

Abstain: Lee, Maran

Absent:

Excused:

8. Chair Election

Nomination for George Lippman as the new Chair for the Peace and Justice Commission

M/S/C: Maran, Rodriguez

Ayes: Leon-Maldonado, Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Meola, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

9. Vice-Chair Election

Nomination for Zaira Rodriguez as the new Vice Chair for the Peace and Justice Commission

M/S/C: Lee, Morizawa

Ayes: Leon-Maldonado, Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Meola, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

10. Calendar for Balance of 2021

Calendar dates approved thru Jan 2022

M/S/C: Tregub, Jacquilin

Ayes: Leon-Maldonado, Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Meola, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

11. Commission Reorganization

Commission not in favor of combining with another commission, by doing so it will not allow for BUSD appointees to serve. The Peace and Justice Commission is 1 of 2 that allow BUSD appointees to serve on a commission in the City of Berkeley. There will be a letter drafted and sent to the City Council signed by the Chair which will include the recommendation and rationale on why it is imperative to keep BUSD on the commission.

M/S/C: Tregub, Rodriguez

Ayes: Leon-Maldonado, Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Meola, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

12. Haitain Refugee Crisis

Commission motioned to stop all deportation of Haitians. The City of Berkeley condemns the current deportation efforts of Haitians migrants that are moving on American soil.

M/S/C: Tregub, Meola

Ayes: Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Meola, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Leon-Maldonado

Excused:

13. Meeting Extension

Due to the extended length of time since the last minute which took place in Jan, commissioners decided it was best to continue until 10pm.

M/S/C: Tregub, Morizawa

Ayes: Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Meola, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee, Maran

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Leon-Maldonado

Excused:

14. Additional Meeting Extension

Commissioners needed more time for discussion, set for meeting to end at 10:15pm

M/S/C: Tregub, Lippman

Ayes: Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee

Noes: Meola, Maran

Abstain:

Absent: Leon-Maldonado

Excused:

SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

15. No communications received prior to meeting.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM.

M/S/C: Lippman, Tregub

Ayes: Morizawa, Rodriguez, Jacquilin, Perry, Tregub, Gussman, Lippman, Lee

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

Respectfully Submitted,

Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary
Peace and Justice Commission

1 “Support Immigration Reform for the US”
2 Proposed Resolution
3 Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission
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5 WHEREAS, the Peace and Justice Commission advises the City Council on all matters relating to
6 the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice (Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter
7 3.68.070); and
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9 WHEREAS, when entering office, President Biden promised a humane immigration policy and a
10 departure from the previous administration’s cruelty toward migrants. Specifically, he pledged to
11 pursue the following policies that safeguard our security, provide a fair and just system that helps
12 to grow and enhance our economy, and secure our cherished values.

- 13 • Take urgent action to undo Trump’s damage and reclaim America’s values
- 14 • Modernize America’s immigration system
- 15 • Welcome immigrants in our communities
- 16 • Reassert America’s commitment to asylum-seekers and refugees
- 17 • Tackle the root causes of irregular migration
- 18 • Implement effective border screening;¹ and
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20 WHEREAS, many months into the Biden Administration, migrants continue to face mass
21 deportation and detention camps operated under Trump have been reopened;² and
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23 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Congressman Lou Correa led an additional 22
24 Members of the California Delegation, including U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, in sending a letter to
25 the Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas urging the immediate
26 closure of two privately owned and operated ICE detention facilities, Adelanto ICE Processing
27 Center and Otay Mesa Detention Facility, and an end to the Intergovernmental Service

¹ <https://joebiden.com/immigration/>

² <https://ips-dc.org/events/biden-and-the-border-immigration-and-border-policy-under-biden/>
and

“‘We’re done’: Immigration advocates stage walkout on Biden administration.”
<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/10/16/immigration-advocates-walk-out-biden-516122>,

28 Agreement (IGSA) between ICE and Yuba County Jail, the last ICE contract with a public
29 facility in California;³ and

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31 WHEREAS, on October 15, 2019, the Council of the City of Berkeley adopted a resolution in
32 support of protections from deportation and a path to permanent residency for beneficiaries of
33 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and
34 Deferred Enforced Departure (DED);⁴ and

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36 WHEREAS, President Biden’s administration continues to embrace and defend, rather than end,
37 the Trump administration’s “Title 42” policy, which misuses public health authority to violate
38 refugee law, block asylum at U.S. ports of entry, and expel people seeking refuge to danger. The
39 suffering of families, adults, and children subjected to this policy continues to mount, with at
40 least 7,647 kidnappings and other attacks on people blocked or expelled under Title 42 since
41 President Biden took office. In September alone, the Biden administration used this policy to
42 illegally expel nearly 8,000 Haitians to life-threatening insecurity in Haiti. The U.S. Department
43 of State’s top legal expert, former Yale Law School Dean Harold Koh, resigned from the
44 Department in October 2021 after concluding that the Biden administration’s continued use of
45 Title 42 to expel people seeking protection is illegal and inhumane;⁵ and

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47 WHEREAS, United States government documents detail over 160 internal reports of misconduct
48 and abuse of asylum seekers at the hands of US officials, Human Rights Watch said in a report
49 released October 21. The documents report abuse by Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

³ <https://ccijustice.org/breaking-24-members-of-congress-led-by-lofgren-and-correa-urge-closure-of-3-ice-detention-centers-in-ca/>

⁴ https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=017385055954264103894:kn5xiwd8ubm&q=https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2019/10_Oct/Documents/2019-10-15_Item_16_Resolution_Protect_from_Deportation.aspx&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwj684yr9d7zAhVZpnIEHVT6CQUQFnoECAQQAg&usq=AOvVaw2qNYQATN_6gYxkGEt-Gw_k

⁵ “‘Illegal and Inhumane:’ Biden Administration Continues Embrace of Trump Title 42 Policy as Attacks on People Seeking Refuge Mount,” *human rights first*, October 2021, <https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/IllegalandInhumane.pdf> “

50 officers, Border Patrol agents, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials,
51 primarily between 2016 and 2021.⁶

52 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley directs the City Clerk
53 to send a message to President Biden urging him to honor his promise for a humane immigration
54 policy and a departure from the previous administration’s cruelty toward migrants; support of
55 protections from deportation; and a path to permanent residency for beneficiaries of Deferred
56 Action for Childhood Arrivals, Temporary Protected Status, and Deferred Enforcement
57 Departure, and for the closure of ICE detention facilities, Adelanto ICE Processing Center and
58 Otay Mesa Detention Facility, and the Yuba County Jail.

⁶ “US Records Show Physical, Sexual Abuse at Border: Newly Obtained Documents Reveal Urgent Need for Justice, Reform,” <https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/10/21/us-records-show-physical-sexual-abuse-border>