

Peace and Justice  
Commission

## PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

(Revised - 1.28.20)

Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Berkeley City Hall,

2180 Milvia, Cypress Room, Berkeley, CA

### 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 B)
5. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
6. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)

### SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Approve the Calendar Year 2020 Peace and Justice Commission Meeting Schedule (Commission Secretary) – Re-agendized from 1/6/20 meeting
  - *Recommended Action:* Adopt Peace and Justice Commission 2020 meeting schedule as proposed (Attachment C).
8. Proposal to co-convene a policy conference with other human needs commissions, CBO's, academic partners, and, as appropriate, City staff and leaders in the Spring or Fall of 2020 (Lippman) – Re-agendized from 1/6/20 meeting
  - *Recommended Action:* Adopt proposed PJC Project (as described in attachment 5 of the January 6, 2020 PJC Meeting Agenda with amendments) to develop a framework for a social justice approach to human needs in Berkeley.
9. Proposal to sponsor an educational forum regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and host a rally in support of ending the research and development of nuclear weapons at Livermore National Weapons Lab and all other locations (Meola) – Re-agendized from 1/6/20 meeting
  - *Recommended Action:* Approve, pending City Council approval, proposal to co-sponsor an educational rally on July 16th, 2020, in recognition of the 75th anniversary of U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945.

10. Discuss and approve process for electing Chair and Vice Chair of the Peace and Justice Commission
  - *Recommended Action:* Approve the following process for elections of PJC Officers: (1) open nominations; (2) nominate individuals; (3) nominated individuals accept/decline; (4) close nominations; (5) each candidate given up to 2 minutes to describe qualifications and interests; (6) Q & A; (7) roll call majority voting to select candidates.
11. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Peace and Justice Commission
12. Discussion and possible action on potential Council proposal to modify role of commissions (Tregub and Lippman) *continued from January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019*
13. Discussion following up on City Council's consideration at 1/21/20 Council meeting of PJC's recommendation to adopt a resolution in opposition of the new U.S. base construction in Henoko-Oura Bay of Okinawa (Bohn).

## **SECTION C. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

14. Subcommittee on Socially Responsible Investments and Procurement Policy (Bohn)
15. BUSD subcommittee discussion and potential appointments (Pancoast)

## **SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS**

16. 1/21/20 Email from Henry Oyekanmi, Finance Director, COB, re: Responses to SRIPP Subcommittee Questions (Attachment D)
17. 1/22/20 Email from Cordell Hindler re: City of Pittsburg Mayor's Conference (Attachment E)
18. 1/23/20 Email from PJC Commissioner Diana Bohn re: Petition about the Jeju 2nd Airport (Air Force Base) Project (Attachment F)

## **SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

19. Final version of PJC Work Plan for FY 2020 (Attachment G)

## **SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Attachments:**

- A. Roster
- B. Minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, meetings
- C. Calendar Year 2020 Peace and Justice Commission Meeting Schedule

- D. 1/21/20 Email from Henry Oyekanmi, Finance Director, COB, re: Responses to SRIPP Subcommittee Questions
- E. 1/22/20 Email from Cordell Hindler re: City of Pittsburg Mayor’s Conference
- F. 1/23/20 Email from PJC Commissioner Diana Bohn re: Petition about the Jeju 2nd Airport (Air Force Base) Project
- G. Final version of PJC Work Plan for FY 2020

The next meeting of the Peace & Justice Commission is tentatively scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. All proposed Commission agenda items should be submitted to the Commission Secretary by or before February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary by email at [ngoldman@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ngoldman@cityofberkeley.info) to confirm receipt of submitted items.

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<b>Peace and Justice Commission Roster</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointer</b>	<b>District</b>
Omeed Askary	Levy-Cutler	<i>BUSD</i>
Zo Pancoast	Alper	BUSD
Zaira Rodriguez	Student Director	BUSD
Rachel Pierce	Julie Sinai	BUSD
<b>VACANT</b>		<b>BUSD</b>
Grace Morizawa	Appel	BUSD
<b>Igor Tregub (Chair)</b>	Arreguin	Mayor
Rita Maran	Kesarwani	1
Dr. Hatem al-Bazian	Davila	2
<b>J. George Lippman (Vice Chair)</b>	Bartlett	3
Diana Bohn	Harrison	4
Judith Gussmann	Hahn	5
Robert L Meola	Wengraf	6
Vacant	Robinson	7
Vacant	Droste	8



**Peace and Justice Commission Meeting  
Regular Meeting – January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Berkeley City Hall, 2180 Milvia, Berkeley, CA, Sequoia Room**

## **MINUTES (draft)**

The meeting convened at 7:10 pm with Chair Tregub presiding.

### **1. Roll Call**

**Present:** al-Bazian, Bohn, Blake, Lippman, Maran (7:17 pm), Meola, Morizawa, Pierce\*, Tregub

**Absent:** Askary, Gussmann, Pancoast, Rodriguez

**Excused:** None

**Leave of Absence:** None

\*Commissioner was not eligible to participate.

### **2. Announcements**

### **3. Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 3

Public Comments: 2

### **4. Review and approval of meeting minutes (Held over to February 3, 2020 meeting)**

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

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

### **7. Approve the Calendar Year 2020 Peace and Justice Commission Meeting Schedule**

Peace and Justice Commission adopted 2020 meeting schedule as proposed.

**M/S/F:** Meola, Pierce\*

**Ayes:** al-Bazian, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pierce, Tregub

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Askary, Gussmann, Pancoast, Rodriguez  
**Excused:** None

\*Commissioner was not eligible to participate.

**8. Approve Final Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Peace and Justice Commission Work Plan**

**M/S/C:** al-Bazian, Morizawa

**Ayes:** al-Bazian, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pierce\*, Tregub

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Askary, Gussmann, Pancoast, Rodriguez

**Excused:** None

\*Commissioner was not eligible to participate.

**9. Proposal to co-convene a policy conference with other human needs commissions, CBO's, academic partners, and, as appropriate, City staff and leaders in the Spring or Fall of 2020**

Peace and Justice Commission adopted the proposed PJC Project (as described in attachment 5 of the January 6, 2020 PJC Meeting Agenda with amendments) as a framework for a social justice approach to human needs in Berkeley.

**M/S/C:** Maran, Pierce\*

**Ayes:** al-Bazian, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pierce, Tregub

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Askary, Gussmann, Pancoast, Rodriguez

**Excused:** None

\*Commissioner was not eligible to participate.

**10. Resolution calling on the government of India to retract the revocation of Articles 370 and 35a**

Peace and Justice Commission approved, with commission amendments, the resolution calling on the U.S. government to urge the government of India to come into compliance with international law regarding U.S. treatment of Kashmir.

**M/S/C:** Bohn, al-Bazian

**Ayes:** al-Bazian, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pierce\*, Tregub

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Askary, Gussmann, Pancoast, Rodriguez

**Excused:** None

\*Commissioner was not eligible to participate.

**11. Discussion and possible action on potential Council proposal to modify role of commissions (Continued to the February 3, 2020 Meeting)**

**12. Proposal to sponsor an educational forum regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and host a rally in support of ending the research and development of nuclear weapons at Livermore National Weapons Lab and all other locations**

Peace and Justice Commission approved, pending City Council approval, proposal to co-sponsor an educational rally on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945.

**M/S/C:** Meola, Pierce\*

**Ayes:** al-Bazian, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pierce

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None\*\*

**Absent:** Askary, Gussmann, Pancoast, Rodriguez

**Excused:** None

\*Commissioner was not eligible to participate.

\*\*Commissioner Tregub recused himself from the discussion and vote because he is an employee of the U.S. Department of Energy.

**13. Subcommittee on The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities discussion and potential appointments (No Action Taken)**

**14. Subcommittee on Socially Responsible Investments and Procurement discussion of interim document (No Action Taken)**

**15. BUSD subcommittee discussion and potential appointments (No Action Taken)**

**16. & 17. Communicatations (No Action Taken)**

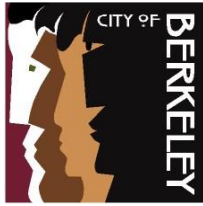
**The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nina Goldman, Interim Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission





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**Peace and Justice Commission Meeting  
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
City of Berkeley City Hall, 2180 Milvia, Berkeley CA, Cypress Room**

**DRAFT MINUTES** *(Revised 1.24.20)*

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm with Vice Chair Lippman presiding.

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Askary, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa (7:45), Pancoast, Pierce, Rodriguez,  
Absent: al-Bazian  
Excused: Gussman, Tregub

**2. Announcements**

**3. Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 2  
Public Comments: 2

**Action Items**

**4. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Peace and Justice Commission adopted minutes for October 4, 2019 meeting.

**M/S/C:** Maran, Askary

**Ayes:** Askary, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Pancoast, Pierce, Rodriguez

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** al-Bazian, Morizawa

**Excused:** Gussman, Tregub

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

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

**7. Resolution calling on the government of India to retract the revocation of Articles 370 and 35a (No Action Taken)**

**8. Resolution affirming Berkeley’s commitment to our asylum seeking residents**

The Peace and Justice Commission voted to adopt the resolution affirming Berkeley’s commitment to our asylum-seeking residents.

**M/S/C:** Bohn, Rodriguez

**Ayes:** Askary, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce, Rodriguez

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** al-Bazian

**Excused:** Tregub, Gussman

**9. Resolution opposing the new military base in Henoko, Okinawa**

The Peace and Justice Commission voted to adopt the resolution opposing the new military base in Henoko, Okinawa.

**M/S/C:** Bohn, Meola

**Ayes:** Askary, Bohn, Lippman, Maran, Meola, Morizawa, Pancoast, Pierce, Rodriguez

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** al-Bazian

**Excused:** Tregub, Gussman

**10. Proposal to sponsor an educational forum regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to co-sponsor a rally in support of ending research and development of nuclear weapons at Livermore National Weapons Lab and all other locations**

The Peace and Justice Commission did not pass a proposal to sponsor an educational forum on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to co-sponsor a rally in support of stopping the research and development of nuclear weapons.

**M/S/F:** Meola, Morizawa

**Ayes:** Askary, Bohn, Meola, Morizawa, Pierce

**Noes:** Lippman, Maran

**Abstain:** Rodriguez, Pancoast

**Absent:** al-Bazian

**Excused:** Tregub, Gussman

**11. Discussion and possible action on potential Council proposal to modify role of commissions (Postponed to January 6, 2020 Meeting)**

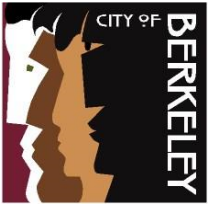
- 12. Subcommittee on The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (No Action Taken)**
- 13. Subcommittee on Socially Responsible Investments and Procurement (No Action Taken)**
- 14. BUSD subcommittee discussion and potential appointments (No Action Taken)**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nina Goldman, Interim Secretary  
On behalf of Breanne Slimick, prior Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission



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## **2020 Meeting Schedule Peace and Justice Commission**

**Cypress Room, City Hall  
2180 Milvia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Berkeley 94704**

1. Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
2. Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
3. Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
4. Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
5. Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
6. Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
7. Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
8. Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
9. Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm
10. Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm

## Goldman, Nina

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**From:** Goldman, Nina  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 3:10 PM  
**To:** Lippman, George; Diana Bohn  
**Cc:** George Lippman; Igor Tregub  
**Subject:** FW: Peace and Justice Commission Secretary Update  
**Attachments:** NFBA\_REQUEST FOR WAIVER PROCEDURE\_060118.docx

Hi George and Diana: Below are Henry Oyekanmi's responses to the SRIPP questions. Also, he has offered up two possibilities for meeting times: February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4pm. I encourage you to identify a slot within these windows soon so I can reserve a room for you and his time doesn't fill up.

Moving forward...

Take care.

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**From:** Oyekanmi, Henry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** Goldman, Nina <NGoldman@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** Steffen, Erin <ESteffen@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** RE: Peace and Justice Commission Secretary Update

Here you go:

Investing:

1. What is your vetting process for investments including stocks, mutual funds, money markets, certificates and any other financial instruments with regard to social responsibility? [All investment purchases and decisions are governed by the City's investment policy and any recommended changes to it are reviewed and ratified by the City Council every year. For any corporate securities staff considers for investment during the year, staff thoroughly reviews the company's profile and other data about the company's business \(e.g., 10-K reports, Prospectus, etc.\) to ensure compliance with the City's Responsible Investing policies.](#)

Does staff take any action to verify the declaration by a financial agency that its declarations of compliance with the City's standards are accurate? [Yes. Staff Provides all investment dealers that the City purchases securities from with the City's investment policies, and have them certify in writing \(i.e., Broker-Dealer Annual Acknowledgment and Certification\) that they have read and understand all of the City's investment policies and](#)

agree to comply with them. In addition, for any corporate securities staff considers for investment, staff thoroughly reviews the company's profile and other data about the company's business (e.g., 10-K reports, Prospectus, etc.), to ensure compliance with the City's Responsible Investing policies.

2. What is your process for handling concerns or complaints, with regard to compliance with social responsibility standards, about individual companies in which the City has investments? The Finance department conducts investigation into all allegations of non-compliance with the social responsibility standards. Part of the process includes sending questioners to the company and sometimes inviting the company to an interview with the Finance department.

Does staff take into account external concerns about such companies whether from elected officials, commissions, outside experts or the public? Yes. Concerns or questions originate from multiple sources and Finance investigate them. Most of these concerns are brought in during council meetings and forwarded to the Finance department for follow-ups.. The City Council provides directives to City staff on any changes to the investment policy and any additional restrictions as mandated by an ordinance passed by the Council. Finance updates the investment policy to reflect ordinance passed at the Council meeting.

3. Does staff report on socially responsible investment decisions to the city council? It is a requirement that all investment decisions comply with the investment policy section on responsible investing, as follows:

- Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act
- Resolution No. 59,853-N.S.-Oppressive States Contract prohibition
- Divestment from Gun Manufacturers and Tobacco Companies
- Divestment from Publicly Traded Fossil Fuel Companies and Banks that Finance Pipelines and Fossil Fuel Infrastructure
- Divestment from Prisons Resolution No. 67,640-N.S. and Immigration Detention Companies
- Divest from Any Companies Designing, Building or Financing the U.S. – Mexico Border Wall Resolution No. 67,865-N.S.
- No Investment in Any Entity Involve in the Production and Manufacturing of Weapons- Resolution No. 68,766-N.S
- Integrate Environmental, Social, and Governance Principles (ESG) for All Investment Decision Making Process

The Finance Department revises the investment policy based on the directives or mandates from the City Council.

### **Procurement:**

4. What is your vetting process for procurement including purchasing, contracting, banking and other services with regard to social responsibility?

The procurement process follows the city's municipal code, the city's purchasing manual, all social responsible procurement and the CA PCC when applicable. RFP responses are opened by staff, in the presence of one or more witnesses. Bidders are required to submit the social responsibility compliance forms with responses. The compliance forms are required to be with any resultant contracts, as well, and are checked again during contract signing process. Social responsible procurement is imbedded in the City's procurement process.

Does staff take any action to verify the declaration by a business partner that its declarations of compliance with the City's standards are accurate?

Staff review the required forms to ensure they are signed, dated, and complete when bids are opened, and again when the resulting contract flows back through in the contract execution process. Staff (typically the General Services Manager) provides clarification in regards to inquiries received on what the intent or applicability of the contracting compliance forms are. Also, General Services when reviewing the forms as part of the GS contract review process also ensures that responses are consistent across form responses and with City purchasing records from that particular vendor. As you are aware, requirements are sometimes based on types of services being provided. For instance; all vendors that are providing insurance or financial services to the City are required to disclose historical commercial transactions involving slavery.

5. What is your process for handling concerns or complaints, with regard to compliance with social responsibility standards, about individual companies with which the City does business?

Concerns or complaints are reviewed to ensure they are valid, and if so, they are investigated further. Staff would investigate through written communication, interviews, and or market research to either confirm or disprove a concern that had been raised.

Does staff take into account external concerns about such companies whether from elected officials, commissions, outside experts or the public?

Yes. Concerns raised to staff would be reviewed for validity and applicability (same as #5), which would then dictate future action related to the concern.

6. What is the specific process by which staff creates a waiver request under the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act for consideration by the Peace and Justice Commission?

The requesting department is advised that such requests must be pursued through Peace and Justice. In 2018 a process for doing so was drafted. (Attached).

7. Does staff report on socially responsible investment procurement to the city council?

Reporting would be as required by the details of the project, contract, and/or resolution. As a result of an RFP process, the resulting contract would be sent to City Council to award and contain a procurement summary.

#8. Please supply the actual forms that companies are required to fill out in the procurement or contracting process.

The forms are available on the city's web site:

[https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Finance/Home/Vendors\\_Forms\\_Requirements.aspx](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Finance/Home/Vendors_Forms_Requirements.aspx)

#9. Is there a vetted list of potential city vendors kept on file?

The City has over seven thousand vendors and Bidder's lists (lists of potential vendors) continues to be developed on an as-needed basis by the respective department requiring the various services, and the lists tend to be for each distinct competitive event.

And an addition to questions #4 and #5: How does the City assess the vendors' disclosures for accuracy, and is there an internal dispute mechanism within the Department?

See response to #4. The forms are reviewed for completeness and signature. If a form is not complete, or signed, or otherwise raises any questions, staff will investigate the issue.

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**From:** Goldman, Nina  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** Oyekanmi, Henry <[HOyekanmi@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:HOyekanmi@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Steffen, Erin <[ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** RE: Peace and Justice Commission Secretary Update

Good morning, Henry. I hope you had a pleasant long weekend. I'm just following up with you on two items:

1. Answers to the questions asked by the SRIPP Subcommittee of the Peace and Justice Commission: **Please let know when PJC can expect responses from you.** You had previously said the end of last week. I know they'll be asking me. [See above](#)
2. Possible dates to meet with the SRIPP Subcommittee in February: **Please send me two possible dates and times when you can meet with them next month.** They are anxious to speak with you directly. [February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Noon to 4pm](#)

Thanks very much! Take care.

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**To:** Oyekanmi, Henry <[HOyekanmi@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:HOyekanmi@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Steffen, Erin <[ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** RE: Peace and Justice Commission Secretary Update

Thank you, Henry. Would you mind providing two possible dates and times when you could meet in February? Thanks for working on the responses to PJC's questions.

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**From:** Oyekanmi, Henry  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 12:23 PM  
**To:** Goldman, Nina <[NGoldman@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:NGoldman@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Steffen, Erin <[ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** RE: Peace and Justice Commission Secretary Update

Hi Gina-January is not a good month, still trying to finalize our Financial Statement. February will be better. In the meantime, I will try and answer the questions before the end of the week. Thank you

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**From:** Goldman, Nina  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** Oyekanmi, Henry <[HOyekanmi@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:HOyekanmi@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Steffen, Erin <[ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ESTeffen@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** FW: Peace and Justice Commission Secretary Update

Good morning, Henry. I hope you had a lovely weekend. Following up on my voicemail of a few minutes ago, the Peace and Justice Commission is eager to set a meeting with you regarding socially responsible investment in Berkeley. They are hoping you might be available on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> between 3 – 5 p.m.

Attached is an email that Erin Steffen sent you on this topic on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> as well as an additional copy of PJC's proposed policy and questions for Finance on this topic.

Please get back to me as soon as possible with your availability.

Thank you!

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION

NUCLEAR FREE BERKELEY ACT  
(B.M.C. Chapter 12.90)  
Request for Waiver Process

Prospective contractor notifies Project Manager (PM) or Contract Administrator (CA) of inability to execute Nuclear Free Zone Disclosure Form demonstrating compliance with the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act (NFBA).

PM/CA researches alternative, NFBA-compliant source to provide required services, goods or equipment.

PM/CA determines that an alternative, NFBA-compliant source to provide required services, goods or equipment is not available, or not available at a reasonable cost.

PM/CA summarizes current situation and research findings and submits to the Peace and Justice Commission (PJC) with request for review and recommendation (to waive or not waive NFBA requirement).

PJC reviews documentation provided by the PM/CA, conducts research it deems necessary and prepares recommendation (to waive or not waive NFBA requirement). Prepares Council Report to place request for waiver on the Council agenda.

City Council reviews the PJC recommendation, conducts its hearing and either accepts PJC recommendation or suggests an alternative recommendation.

City Council waives the NFBA requirement for the subject contract award.

## Goldman, Nina

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**From:** Goldman, Nina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:53 PM  
**To:** Goldman, Nina  
**Subject:** City of Pittsburg Mayors Conference Meeting

Dear Commissioners: Below is an invitation for the PJC that I received. Thanks.

Nina Goldman, Manager  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Cordell Hindler [mailto:cordellhindler@ymail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:50 PM  
To: Goldman, Nina <NGoldman@cityofberkeley.info>  
Subject:

hello Nina, i am forwarding an Invitation for the Peace & Justice Commission to attend

MAYORS CONFERENCE MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Hosted by the City of Pittsburg,

Location: California Theatre, 351 Railroad Ave., Pittsburg CA 94565

Business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Presentation by Urban Advantage principal Steve Price on the benefits of visualizing pedestrian-oriented, climate-friendly, urban design for cities. Many of these concepts are integral to California General Plan Guidelines from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Social Hour & Buffet Dinner follow the Business Meeting at La Veranda Ristorante, 444 Railroad Ave., (across the street).

DINNER MENU: Choice of:

Tri-tip con Funghi (Tri-tip with mushroom sauce), Petto di Pollo Picatta (chicken breast, lemon, white wine, garlic, and capers), or Melanzane alla Parmigiana (breaded eggplant baked in marinara).

RESERVATIONS ARE MADE THROUGH THE CITY OF PITTSBURG:

Please RSVP with your menu choice to:

Alice Evenson, City Clerk, at [aevenson@ci.pittsburg.ca.us](mailto:aevenson@ci.pittsburg.ca.us)

Reservation deadline is NOON, Thursday, January 30, 2020

Sincerely  
Cordell

**Goldman, Nina**

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**From:** Goldman, Nina  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Nina Goldman  
**Subject:** Halt the Jeju 2nd airport (air force base) project

Dear PJC Commissioners:

I am forwarding (below) a communication from PJC Commissioner Diana Bohm regarding a petition about the Jeju 2nd airport (air force base) project.

Take care!

*Nina Goldman, Manager*  
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**From:** Diana [mailto:nicca@igc.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2020 6:44 AM  
**To:** Goldman, Nina <NGoldman@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** : Greetings, Please pass this message to members of the Peace & Justice commission.:Halt the Jeju 2nd airport(air force base) proect!

Greetings,  
Thanks for being our new secretary.  
Hope you can pass this petition along to the members of the Peace & Justice commission via email.  
thank you!  
diana

-----Forwarded Message-----  
From: Sung-Hee Choi  
Sent: Dec 8, 2019 11:56 PM  
To: Sung-Hee Choi  
Subject: [International petition] Halt the Jeju 2nd airport(air force base) proect!

Dear friends,

As some of you may be aware, the struggle to stop the Jeju 2nd airport project is currently the biggest one in Jeju, Korea. Since the planned 2nd airport will be very likely to be an air force base, it is much related to the subject matter of anti-militarism. We think it is an urgent time to have your support as the government may notify the final decision on the project within this month. Your initial signs may help us to change the

course. Please sign on and share this with your networks. It would be helpful if many signs are gathered by around Dec. 15th.

<https://forms.gle/yzBVTnjQg2nXhiNM9>

And you may also sign to this another petition supported by a Korean group. It is focused on the environment aspect of the Jeju 2nd airport project.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16WoygYnsSMiL2z0GVQddv9pazWFnk7r3I4S-rsGPss/edit?usp=drivesdk>

While many details on the Jeju 2nd airport project are provided by both petitions, you may also refer to our latest newsletter for more updates.

<http://savejejunow.org/gangjeong-village-story-september-october-november-2019-issue/>

Thanks so much.

**Peace and Justice Commission 2019-2020 Annual Work Plan**  
(FINAL - 1.27.20)

Mission Statement:

The Peace and Justice Commission advises the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Unified School District Board on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice. (BMC Section 3.68.070.A.) Under its mandate, the Commission also helps create citizen awareness around issues of social justice, holds public hearings and community forums, initiates and encourage research programs, develops ways to resolve conflict which do not involve violence, acts as a liaison between community groups organizing around issues of peace and social justice and City government, and assists the Director of Finance in the evaluation of financial institutions for socially responsible investing.

I. Resolutions and communications to Council and the Board of Education.

The Commission will continue to discuss and, where appropriate, recommend for action resolutions, letters, and other action items on international, federal, state, and local issues that are consistent with BMC Section 3.68.070.A. Address homelessness, racial and gender justice, policing policy (including external BPD relationships), protection of Ohlone sacred sites, civil liberties, international peace with justice, and other social issues as they arise throughout the year with proposals and communications as appropriate.

II. Other existing responsibilities and subcommittees.

- a. Continue the established responsibility for Nuclear Free Berkeley Act oversight and waiver process, as proposals are submitted to the Commission by City staff. Continue to collaborate with the international movement against nuclear weapons.
- b. Socially Responsible Investing and Procurement Policy Subcommittee (SRIPP).
  - i. Improve and institutionalize the City's commitment to Socially Responsible investing, banking, and procurement.<sup>1</sup>
  - ii. Implement the Commission-generated resolution – passed by the City Council in July 2019 – to develop a Socially Responsible Investment and Procurement Policy.
  - iii. Work with the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) Board Policy Committee to establish an effective Sweatshop-Free Berkeley Schools Policy.
- c. Through a subcommittee initiated in 2019, engage with the BUSD student community on issues of common concern, including but not limited to voter registration, sexual harassment, relationship between BUSD and the Berkeley Technology Academy, issues of diversity and representation at Berkeley High School, student safety, collaboration with the Berkeley Youth Commission on mutual concerns, and expanding resources for unhoused or

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<sup>1</sup> BMC Section 3.68.070.K: “The [Peace and Justice] Commission shall perform the following functions...K. Assist the Director of Finance in the annual evaluation of financial institutions for qualification of City investments...and advise the City Council on matters relating to the responsible investment of public funds in accordance with the responsible investment policy established by Resolution No. 55,141A-NS.

housing-insecure youth in Berkeley.<sup>2</sup>

- d. Regional Sanctuary Community Working Group. The Commission is exploring ways to coordinate with other Sanctuary communities (cities and counties) through the Mayor's Sanctuary City Task Force.
- e. The Commission will continue to support the development of the African American Holistic Resource Center and its acquisition of a permanent home.
- f. The Commission will continue to support the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and to extend the City of Berkeley's long-standing focus on promoting and protecting the legal rights of persons with disabilities. The City has held a leading position in the field of disability rights for many years, and is well-known nationally and internationally as an incubator for grassroots non-profit organizations working in that field. The Commission will continue to partner on this issue with other commissions with overlapping jurisdiction, including the Commission on Disability, Commission on Aging, Mental Health Commission, and Commission on the Status of Women.

### III. Proposed new projects.

- a. The Commission will explore a proposal for a "Social Justice Conference on Human Needs in Berkeley."

Background:

#### CRPD

The Peace & Justice Commission established the Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Subcommittee) in 2014, in order to institutionalize the City of Berkeley's long-standing focus on promoting and protecting the legal rights of persons with disabilities. The City has held a leading position in the field of disability rights for many years, and is well-known nationally and internationally as an incubator for grassroots non-profit organizations working in that field.

Together with representatives from four other City of Berkeley Commissions: the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Disability, the Commission on Mental Health, and the Commission on Aging, the Subcommittee published its Mission Statement; requested the Peace & Justice Commission to ask the City Council to write to the U.S. Senate urging ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (duly done in 2015); and held public forums on the issue in the spring of 2018 and 2019.

#### Nuclear-Free Berkeley

The Nuclear Free Berkeley Act came into force in 1986 (Chapter 12.90.070 Section 030D). The Peace & Justice Commission established the Subcommittee on The Nuclear Free Berkeley Act (NFBA) to oversee and reinforce compliance with the terms of the Act. The Subcommittee's activities have included:

- recommendation against a waiver for continuation of the Berkeley Public Library's contracts with 3M (2009-2010);

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<sup>2</sup> The BUSD Subcommittee, comprising largely of commissioners appointed by BUSD Board Members, will be requested to provide a detailed work plan that the Commission can approve in early 2020.



- consideration of a waiver for the City of Berkeley Public Health Division’s proposal on medical supplies (2012);
- recommendation of a waiver for the SkyDeck Business Incubator-Accelerator Contract (2012);
- recommendation (February 7, 2013) to the Regents of the University of California that it phase out responsibility for operating the Nuclear Weapons Laboratories in Livermore and Los Alamos;
- a letter from the City of Berkeley to President Obama in 2014 urging support of a ban on nuclear weapons.

More recently, in light of the Award of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), whose goal is international adherence to and full implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (the Treaty), the Peace and Justice Commission will seek to collaborate further with ICAN on activities of mutual concern. We would note that the California State Senate and the California State Assembly voted affirmatively on a bill in September 2018 to urge U.S. Senate adoption of the Treaty. Strong support comes also from the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement; NuclearBan.US, The City of Los Angeles, California; the City of Takoma Park, Maryland; Physicians for Social Responsibility; and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, among others.

### Indigenous Peoples

Between December 2015 and January 2016, the Berkeley City Council, upon the recommendation of the Peace and Justice Commission, adopted five important resolutions supporting the treaty rights of indigenous people in Berkeley. The resolutions included: recognition of the Ohlone people as the original inhabitants of Berkeley and the Bay Area, pledging to work in good faith with Ohlone representatives; implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as municipal policy; endorsing the upgrading of the Declaration to a Convention; honoring the Berkeley Shellmound indigenous site; and urging the East Bay Regional Parks District to protect the Ohlone place of origin sacred site.

The resolution on the Berkeley Shellmound mandated that “free, prior, and informed consent of the Ohlone and other indigenous peoples of the region should be integral to any alteration planning for the Berkeley Shellmound site, in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

In 2020 the Peace and Justice Commission will support the implementation of these resolutions with particular attention to proposed development of the Berkeley Shellmound site.

### Sweatshop-Free Berkeley

The Sweatshop-Free Berkeley Policy now has a zero dollar threshold per supplier per year for textile products purchased by the City. This threshold is an improvement over the previous minimum of \$1,000 purchase per supplier for the Policy to apply. However, the policy is complaint-driven, so the burden is on community members to research the supply chain for each supplier. The SRIP Subcommittee proposes to establish a mechanism for

suppliers to show that they are using Sweatshop Free products for City purchases.

The Policy governs textile purchases only. The goal is to identify sweat-free alternatives for technology purchases so tech can be covered as well.

The BUSD, through the School Board Policy Committee, is in the process of establishing a Sweatshop-Free Schools Policy for athletic supplies. The SRIP Subcommittee and the Commission are supporting the BUSD to ensure the development of an effective policy.

Proposed 2020 Peace and Justice Commission Project: Social Justice Conference on Human Needs in Berkeley

*Summary:* Co-convene a conference together with other human needs commissions, CBO's, academic partners, and as appropriate City staff and leaders in the spring or fall of 2020.

*Goal:* Define social-justice and human rights solutions to human needs crises facing the City of Berkeley.

*Primary areas of focus:* Housing, homelessness, public health, mental health, public education, employment/labor, public safety, disability, environment.

*Format:* The conference will hear one presentation on each focus area. Community-authored papers are also encouraged.

*Requirements:*

1. Each presentation will lay out a transformative proposal rooted in a specific focus area. The presentation should highlight how the proposal will promote equity, and social justice in the spheres of racial justice, feminism, LGBTQ/gender issues, disability justice, youth and elder rights.
2. Each presentation should take an integrated approach, as pioneered in the transdisciplinary framework of public health. Presenters should strive to show the positive effects of their proposal on the other eight areas of focus. Also, they should show the required programmatic changes in the other areas of focus that are required for their areas of focus.
3. Presentations should include these aspects:
  - a. a problem definition regarding the current state of the focus area
  - b. a transformative vision of the desired state of affairs at a future date, e.g. 2050
  - c. a roadmap to the transformation, including quick fixes that could be implemented in the near term
4. The presentations should take into account the likely catastrophic direction for the physical and economic environments, and the negative effects of those twin disasters on the country's politics and social psychology.

5. In developing the proposals, the presenters should engage with stakeholders in their areas of focus, including experts, practitioners, consumers, policy-makers, and advocates, to verify the assumptions in their proposals.

*Target audience:* COB stakeholders and the general public

*Follow-up:* Commission representatives and possibly a steering committee will integrate the presentations into an actionable package

*Outcome:* an integrated package of policy outlines for social-justice