



**POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

PUBLIC HEARING

“The Future of the Police Review Commission”

Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 7:30 P.M.

North Berkeley Senior Center

1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley

The Berkeley Police Review Commission (PRC), established by voter initiative in 1973, has independent authority to investigate complaints filed against employees of the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) and to provide for *community participation* in setting and reviewing BPD policies, practices, and procedures. The Commission is made of nine members, one each appointed by the City Council and the Mayor.

BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE

Section 3.32.080 Special meetings--Petition requirements: On the petition of fifty (50) or more citizens in the City of Berkeley filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commission, the Commission shall hold a special meeting in an appropriate and convenient location for the individuals so petitioning for the purpose of responding to the petition and hearing and inquiring into matters identified therein as the concern of the petitioners.

CITIZEN PETITION

On October 19, 2006, the PRC received a petition of eighty-four (84) citizens of the City of Berkeley requesting a special public hearing to discuss: “The Future of the Police Review Commission.” Pursuant to B.M.C. Section 3.32.080, the PRC is required to hold a public hearing on the above matter on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 7:30 P.M. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue (at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way) in Berkeley (wheelchair accessible).

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. City Attorney's statement regarding the status of Commission proceedings, pending the court hearing on November 14, 2006 on the BPA's suit challenging the PRC proceedings.
3. Director's Report
 - a. Impact of Copley Press on other jurisdictions with the authority of civilian review of law enforcement
 - b. Hearing models from other jurisdictions
4. Invited Guest Speaker, Andrea Prichett of Copwatch
5. Public Comment
Comments may be made verbally at the public hearing and in writing before the hearing. Those wishing to speak at the hearing must submit a speaker card. Written comments concerning the public hearing should be directed to:

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6. Adjournment

Anyone attending a Police Review Commission meeting is welcome to speak during the Public Comment section and may be invited to speak on agenda items during the course of the meeting. No action or discussion shall be taken on any items not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of the Commission may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public. Any member of the Commission may direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

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