



Peace and Justice Commission

**PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING
AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Cottonwood Conference Room, Civic Center Building
2180 Milvia Street 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA**

- 1. Roll Call; Quorum check; Call to Order**
- 2. Announcements, Members' Reports & Introductions**
- 3. Comments from the Public**
- 4. Minutes of June 2017 meeting**
- 5. Discussion of topics in Newsletter***
- 6. Planning Town Hall Public Forum: "Berkeley and the CRPD"**
- 7. Select Next Subcommittee Meeting date**
- 8. Adjourn**

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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to bring you the Inaugural Issue of the Newsletter of the Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Established by the City of Berkeley Peace & Justice Commission in 2014, the Subcommittee is a recent entrant into local and worldwide disability rights movements. The Subcommittee operates to support the Convention, and to strengthen communications about disability rights among governments, academic institutions, and civil societies around the world. The Subcommittee operates citywide, countywide, statewide in California, nationwide in the U.S., and at the United Nations.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities came into force as a legally binding treaty on 3 May 2008. As of June 2017, more than 170 governments had ratified the treaty. The United States is one of a very small number of nations that have not yet agreed to ratify, leaving the U.S. Government without a voice in meetings that watchdog and fine-tune the treaty's implementation as it develops.

The Senate's failure to ratify the treaty in December of 2012 was a strong disappointment to persons with disabilities as it was to all concerned with ensuring compliance by governments with their commitments to full human rights for all without discrimination, a principle enshrined in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. The City of Berkeley has gone on record urging the Senate to ratify the Convention without further delay.

We hope you enjoy the headline-style of the Newsletter with its quick linkage to the original stories. We invite your comments, and request that you:

1) Email us indicating the persons or departments at your organization to whom we should address future communications, and;

2) Inscribe us on your list serve, using as our email return address maranrita@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you, and to future collaborations on behalf of the Convention.

Sincerely,

Rita Maran, Chair, Peace & Justice Commission Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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SUBCOMMITTEE: CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Berkeley, CA Summer 2017

This new complimentary quarterly newsletter comes your way with links to news on disability rights.

<https://tinyurl.com/CRPDnewsletter>

**"Program must prove it is federally compliant" 4/21/17,
The Daily Californian,
Berkeley, CA**

<https://tinyurl.com/ydhkx9u6>

**"Ecuador elects world's only head of state in a wheelchair" 4/7/17
*The New York Times***

<https://tinyurl.com/ydgabevw>

**"For disabled actors, memorizing the part is only the beginning"
7/10/17 *The New York Times***

<https://tinyurl.com/y9z9jwhn>

**"North Korea OKs first-ever visit by UN human rights expert concerning people with disabilities"
4/27/17 *Reuters***

<https://tinyurl.com/y9nempdl>

"10th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at UN Headquarters, New York" 4/28/17 UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdyjorv>

**"Congress moves to roll back a sensible Obama gun policy"
4/7/17 *The New York Times***

<https://tinyurl.com/ydfn3zym>

**"Special Ed School Vouchers May Come With Hidden Costs" 4/11/17
*The New York Times***

<https://tinyurl.com/y89cnvzq>