

Berkeley City Council Motion on United Nations Treaty Reports

Action: to approve the Peace and Justice Commission's recommendation:

1. That the Berkeley City Council affirm the value of localities complying with relevant UN Treaty recommendations;
2. That the Council direct the City Manager to direct City Departments to provide data on City of Berkeley compliance with standards set forth in these treaties to UN Reports Subcommittee members;
3. That the Council direct the City Clerk to send a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton with copies to President Barack Obama and UN Ambassador Susan Rice urging compliance with the reporting recommendations of the three UN Treaties for reports from the local level;
4. That the Council direct the City Clerk to send the City of Berkeley reports, when completed, with a cover letter to the following: Alameda County Board of Supervisors, the State of California Attorney General, the US State Department, The League of California Cities; the National League of Cities, the California Association of Counties, The Association of State Attorneys General.
Final report to [be] return[ed] to Council for approval before copies are sent.

[The Council voted to] Add reference to equal civil rights for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community.

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The UN Human Rights Committee (ICCPR) (the U.S. report is due August 8, 2010), UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) (the U.S. report is due November 20, 2011), UN Committee Against Torture (CAT) (the U.S. report is due November 19, 2011).

[The vote was unanimous]