



**POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

PUBLIC HEARING

“Berkeley Police Department’s response to demonstrations related to the Marine Recruiter Station and Crowd Control Policies”

**Thursday, March 13, 2008, 6:00 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 March 13, 2008, the PRC received a petition of over sixty-five (65) citizens of the City of Berkeley requesting a special public hearing to discuss: “...Berkeley Police Department conduct in response to demonstration related to the Marine Recruitment Station, and crowd control policies in general.” This petition relates to incidents that occurred between demonstrators and Berkeley Police on February 12, February 15 and February 22, 2008. Pursuant to B.M.C. Section 3.32.080, the PRC is required to hold a public hearing on the above matter.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. PRC Officer's Report.
3. Presentation (20 minutes) by a representative from World Can't Wait, Berkeley Copwatch and members of Code Pink.
4. Public Comment
Speakers are generally allotted up to three minutes. To ensure adequate time for action items on the Agenda, the Commission may limit the number of public speakers during the public comment period. Comments may be made verbally at the public hearing and in writing before the hearing. Written comments concerning the public hearing should be directed to:

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5. Commission discussion

Closed Session

The Police Review Commission will recess into closed session to discuss and take action on the following items:

6. Discussion on Citizen Petition and incidents that occurred on February 12, February 15 and February 22, 2008.
 - A. Commission action

Open Session

7. Report of action taken during closed session.
8. 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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