

Letters from Blair Beekman to USTF

Letter from Blair Beekman

June 2, 2017

Dear cities of San Jose, and Berkeley, and the counties of Santa Clara and Alameda,

Hi this is Blair Beekman, in San Jose. There was an important item, during a public city meeting, in San Jose, this past Wednesday.

No matter how things proceed, I hope San Jose's own questions of law, can be of help and inspiration, to the city of Berkeley, working on these similar issues.

I have addressed this letter, to the two cities and their counties.

There is simply good ideas, cooperation, and overall better reasoning, with more people involved, in thinking of the undocumented, and immigration issue. And, how work today, can help set a course, for this country's, collective future.

The city of San Jose, is trying to create, a simple, reasonable set of 'Shield Laws'.

Among other things, it will include how the federal government can respect, local city needs and ideas, and in how to practice, laws, pacts, and MOU's, on local terms, with the federal government, around the issues, of undocumented people, living in their city.

One of its legal ideas, will include, a list of several places, where ICE agents, may not make their detainments and arrests, in the future of the city of San Jose.

There is not much surprising or fancy, about a few legal ideas, wanted to be practiced in San Jose, at this time. San Jose, would like to keep this process, as low key, and as simple, as possible.

Good, recent ideas, are being based, from a well understood, and well-established, 2011 ICE directive, based on Obama Admin. ideas, along with helpful advocacy ideas, of the time, as well.

It is neat, simple, and familiar. And, in a small way, it can help a lot to answer, what the city of Berkeley is looking for, in its legal questions, with federal MOU's, NCRIC and the ideas of data collecting.

And, the legal questions, of how exactly, should NCRIC be included, in the future of Berkeley.

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Our two Bay Area cities, are more connected, than I have thought.

It will be looked over, in the next few weeks, by the city of San Jose, and its city attorneys, will be looking over, their new legal ideas, for their city, in the next few weeks. It was introduced by Councilperson, Lan Diep, of District 4.

It will get some help, from the local, u.s. Rep., from the area, Zoe Lofgren.

Its legal ideas, overall neatness, and familiarity, should be a lot of help, and can actually be like a beacon, a lighthouse, or a map, with simple instructions,

to help with the questions, and the confusion there can be, for the city of Berkeley, and in its own MOU questions, with the federal government, at this time.

There can be an overall sense, of friendship, camaraderie, and a sharing of good ideas, between these two cities and counties, on these issues, at this time.

I have tried to offer below, both the video and agenda, with the memo, of this item.

It is from the city of San Jose, Rules and Open Government, agenda item, G2. for Wednesday, May 31,2017.

Look it up, on their public, city website, if what below isn't working.

Thank you to everyone, involved with this work.

Good luck to everyone, who will be continuing with this work.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

city of San Jose, Rules and Open Government agenda item, G2, and memo. Wed. May 31, 2017.

<http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?/nid=3851>

Video, accompanying agenda and memo.

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http://sanjose.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=51&clip_id=9761&meta_id=638187.

June 5, 2017

Dear city of Berkeley, PRC, and County of Alameda.

As I mentioned, during the open forum, of the PRC meeting, last week, there is an 18 member Alameda County Task Force, at this time.

It has been created, with the help of trusted, Alameda County Supervisor, Keith Carson.

It is scheduled to work, from about March to September, of 2017.

With the good work, as the Berkeley PRC commission, you can find a way to introduce yourself, to their work. I hope this letter can be of help.

The main objective, of this task force panel, is to find ways to end, nexus of terrorism ideas, around the future of Urban Shield,

and to work more towards, natural disaster, and local, emergency preparedness ideas, as was the case in the days before, 9/11/01.

This is a six month project, that I feel, is meant to expand, and help clarify, good beginnings, started by federal agencies, in the past few years.

With this and new ideas in local democracy, I feel this task force can be open, to many ideas, thoughts, and questions.

Including better accountability, with Urban Shield, and better, everyday police practices.

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Ideas of better communications, with local communities, and lower income neighborhoods, and how this relates with national security ideas and plans.

The Obama Administration, and its DOJ reports and practices, of more fair policing, and use of force issues, should be something of the guiding ideas, for this six month task force.

Interestingly, I feel, the studied, civil rights and civil protection issues. and the good reasonings. for a good local democracy, is being respected, by the current Trump administration.

I think people of the Bay Area, are creating an impressive array, of many good legal precedents, at this time.

Along with an exuberance, an energy, a hope, and in what we may be determined to do, at this time.

I think a basic introduction, should be in order, between both of your groups, if you haven't met the members, of the 18 member Task Force, already.

There is a lot to be learned, and that can be helped, from camaraderie, shared ideas. and good communication, at this time.

I feel the Berkeley Police Review Commission, PRC, can contribute a few nice ideas, to this six month panel, with your knowledge, dedication, and good intentions.

I have given them your e mail address in the past. I thought I would write to you, that you can introduce yourselves to them, if need be.

This below letter, I have already written to Alameda Co. I hope it can be of help. And what may be a good cause, for yourselves to work on.

Good references points and ideas, is what they are asking for, at this point.

I think the people of the PRC may be able to offer, a nice help. Look up the 18 members, of the task force on Google. under Alameda County Urban Shield Task Force.

I will also address this email, to the staff, of Supervisor Keith Carson, who is in charge of this project.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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June 15, 2017

Dear Carol Burton,

Hi this is Blair Beekman, from San Jose.

In attending, three Alameda Urban Shield Task Force panel meetings, I am hoping you can understand this question, and deem it appropriate, to pass along to other members, of the Task Force.

I do not have, much information on this question myself.

About a year ago, either Santa Clara County, or 'south bay communities', dropped out of the Yellow Command, of Urban Shield practices.

Why this has taken place, might be of some interest, to the Task Force, at this time.

In any event, it should be some relevant information,

for the questions, the Task Force is trying to ask itself, at this time.

Sincerely,

Blair Beekman

Letter from Blair Beekman

June 16, 2017

Dear Carol Burton,

Another letter, I hope you can pass along, to the 18 member Urban Shield Task Force.

It is a difficult subject, I don't quite know how to talk about.

On this Juneteenth day, I felt it might make for an interesting thought.

And, to the idealism, of what places like Maxwell Street, in Chicago, can offer.

As part of the work, of the Urban Shield Task Force, and as part of a long list of items, including better Urban Shield practices, more communicative ideas, between community and everyday policing, and addressing things like institutional racism, and local neighborhoods,

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I hope some time can be taken, for some thought, of the name UASI, and what it may be derived from, and that it can be referenced to.

From my understanding, it was a name, or similar sounding name, of a German government bureaucracy, in the mid-1930-'s

A government, that is considered, one of the more unsettling of governments, in the entirety, of human civilization.

A German government, of the 1930's, that I think can be easily dismissed, by the original ideas of a democracy, that is continually being worked on, in this country.

I think it has been asked, and it has been written, that people of this country, will eventually want to begin to ask, and to address, why UASI is called what it is.

As with the overall good nature, and important purpose of this Task Force, it is time to seriously consider, and begin to ask, how to bring a name like UASI, to govern domestic and national security ideas, back into the idea, of the original ideas, of this country.

The ideas of a well intentioned, and well-meaning democracy.

Sincerely,

Blair Beekman