

Appendix A

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Agenda Item # (completed by staff) 25D

Please follow the instructions on the right-hand side. The back of this page provides the Guidelines for Council Resolutions, the APA priorities most recently identified by Council, and a space for cosponsors to sign. If you have questions, consult a staff person or a member of CSFC.

Subject: Psychologist participation at US
Detention Centers

Mover: Neil Altman

Representing: DIV 39

Issue: That detention centers such as Guantanamo Bay operate in a questionable legal framework, therefore there is inadequate legal protection and guidance for psychologists working in these settings.

Relation to APA Priorities: Promote human welfare through social justice policy and education

Estimated Costs/Staff Resources: None

Main Motion: That council ^{advocate} ~~declare~~ a moratorium on the participation in any form, of psychologists at detention centers where the rule of law (international and domestic) has been called into question by the executive branch of the U.S. Government.

Expected Outcomes/Products: Promotion of the rule of law at detention centers and improved guidance (ethical and legal) for psychologists working there.

When submitting a new business item, it is important to:

- Provide adequate information so that someone unfamiliar with the issue can understand the need for the item and what it will accomplish
- Adhere to grammatical and stylistic requirements of Standard English
- Do your homework: Make certain that what you are proposing does not replicate existing Association policy, that it is consonant with current Association priorities, and that it is fiscally realistic.

Instructions

Subject: This should be a concise title that accurately reflects the spirit/intent of the main motion.

Mover(s): Identify the author(s) of the item.

Representing: Identify the constituency the author(s) represents.

Issue: Provide a rationale for the motion as well as relevant background information. Avoid extraneous detail.

Relation to APA Priorities: Identify the priorities, if any (see reverse side) to which your item is aimed.

Estimated Costs/Staff Resources: Provide, to the best of your ability, a realistic assessment of what this will cost. Consult with a staff person if needed.

Main Motion: Describe in succinct language what you are asking for. If requesting the formation of a task force or committee, specify its charge, size, and expected duration. If requesting an amendment to the Association Rules or Bylaws, provide the current language, bracket material to be deleted, and underline material to be added.

Expected Outcomes/Products: Define the expected outcome or product if the main motion is approved.

Designate Cosponsor(s):

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APA PRIORITIES

(As Identified by Council—August 2005)

1. Increase membership in APA (and its divisions, associations, and/or affiliates), with a special focus on recruitment and/or retention of students, early career psychologists, diverse groups (race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age and aging, religious affiliations, and/or those with disabilities), basic and applied scientists, practitioners, retirees, university faculty, and/or psychologists in nontraditional roles
2. Encourage the integration of scientific and practice psychology at all levels of psychology and for all psychologists
3. Enhance public awareness of psychological science and application of psychological science for the prevention of human problems, including the mental health needs of children and youth
4. Increase advocacy efforts for all components of APA and integrate that advocacy across all directorates

(Education, Practice, Public Interest, and Science), divisions, states, and/or affiliates

5. Promote psychology as a health care discipline by expanding activities in health psychology and rehabilitation
6. Promote the discipline's capacity to address societal behavioral problems (e.g., violence, warfare, gangs)
7. Make APA membership essential by being responsive to the needs of all members (e.g., use of surveys, joint memberships, etc.)
8. Encourage professional service among scientists, academics, and/or practitioners to facilitate dissemination of psychological knowledge to the public
9. Promote diversity in all aspects of the profession of psychology
10. Promote human welfare through social justice research, practice, policy, and/or education.

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Guidelines for Council Resolutions

These guidelines apply to all resolutions submitted to Council for consideration. The following information must be provided: (1) The purpose and rationale for the resolution stated clearly, and documenting its relevance to psychology or psychologists; (2) the issue's importance to psychology or to society as a whole; (3) representative scientific or empirical findings related to the resolution; (4) the likelihood of the resolution having a constructive impact on public opinion or policy.

Resolutions approved by Council are understood to reflect what APA values or believes and, in most cases, does not commit APA to any action. If approval of the resolution requires that specific action be taken, the following information must also be provided: (5) Suggestions on how it should be implemented, if it is passed; (6) breakdown of staff resources or association funds needed to implement the resolution.

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