




**Date:** January 9, 2007  
**To:** Mayor Foster and City Council  
**From:** Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga   
**Subject:** Requested Additions to Agenda Item 22: Season of Nonviolence

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I offer the following as additions to the Agenda Item's stated motions:

- 1.) Under the request for actions of the City Manager, request providing video Public Service Announcements that could be played on the City's cable access stations (Channel 8, Library, Police and Fire channels) as well as be made available to Charter Communications for possible wider disbursement with their Long Beach programming.
- 2.) Refer matter to the Human Relations Commission as well as the Commission on Youth and Children for review and possible suggestions on enhancing efforts in ongoing years.
- 3.) Invite Tim Jacob Wise, (see attached bio) to a town hall meeting during the Season of Nonviolence to engage the community in light of recent activities.
- 4.) Make every attempt to include cross cultural and multiethnic groups, organizations and individuals in a concerted community outreach and educational effort.

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## Tim Jacob Wise

Tim Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and activists in the U.S., and has been called "One of the most brilliant, articulate and courageous critics of white privilege in the nation," by best-selling author and professor Michael Eric Dyson, of the University of Pennsylvania. Wise has spoken in 48 states, and on over 400 college campuses, including Harvard, Stanford, and the Law Schools at Yale and Columbia. Wise has provided anti-racism training to teachers nationwide, and has conducted trainings with physicians and medical industry professionals on how to combat racial inequities in health care. He has also trained corporate, government, military and law enforcement officials on methods for dismantling racism in their institutions, and has served as a consultant for plaintiff's attorneys in federal discrimination cases in New York and Washington State.

In summer, 2005, Wise served as an adjunct faculty member at the Smith College School for Social Work, in Northampton, Massachusetts, where he co-taught a Master's level class on Racism in the U.S. In September 2001, Wise served as faculty-in-residence at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he trained journalists to eliminate racial bias in reporting. From 1999-2003, Wise was an advisor to the Fisk University Race Relations Institute, and in the early '90s was Associate Director of the Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism: the largest of the many groups organized for the purpose of defeating neo-Nazi political candidate, David Duke.

Wise is the author of *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*, from Soft Skull Press, and *Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White*, from Routledge. He has contributed essays to fifteen books, and is featured in *White Men Challenging Racism: Thirty-Five Personal Stories*, from Duke University Press. Wise will have two new books out in 2006: *Disasters, Natural and Otherwise: Race, Class and the Destruction of New Orleans*, and a collection of essays, *Speaking Treason Fluently: Dissident Reflections on Race, Faith and Nation*.

Wise received the 2001 British Diversity Award for best feature essay on race issues, and is a featured columnist with the ZNet Commentary program: a web service that disseminates essays by prominent progressive educators. His writings are taught at hundreds of colleges and have appeared in dozens of popular, professional and scholarly journals. Wise serves as Race and Ethnicity Editor for *LIP* magazine, and he has been a featured guest on hundreds of radio and television programs, worldwide.

Wise has a B.A. in Political Science from Tulane University, where his anti-apartheid work received global attention and the thanks of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He received training in methods for dismantling racism from the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, in New Orleans. He and his wife Kristy are the proud parents of two daughters.

## What They're Saying About Tim Wise

"Tim Wise is one of the most brilliant, articulate and courageous critics of white privilege in the nation. His considerable rhetorical skills, his fluid literary gifts and his relentless search for the truth make him a critical ally in the fight against racism and a true soldier in the war for social justice. His writing and thinking constitute a bulwark of common sense, and uncommon wisdom, on the subject of race, politics and culture. He is a national treasure." --Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Professor of African-American and Religious Studies University of Pennsylvania, and best-selling author of nine books, including, *Race Rules*, *Holler if You Hear Me*, and *Between God and Gangsta Rap*

"Tim Wise is one of those rare 'public intellectuals' that numerous authors have suggested are becoming extinct in this society. He is evidence that this is not the case...in my judgment, he is the very best of the white anti-racism writers and commentators working in the U.S. media today..." --Dr. Joe Feagin, Graduate Research Professor of Sociology, Texas A&M, and an award-winning author of over twenty books on race and racism issues

"(Wise's) work is revolutionary, and those who react negatively are simply afraid of hearing the truth..." --Dr. Robin D.G. Kelley, Professor of History, University of Southern California, and award-winning author of *Race Rebels*, and *Yo' Mama's Disfunktional!*

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For ministers who can participate only if travel will allow return for Sunday services, advance departure motor coaches will return to LA by approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 21.

#### RATES & DATES:

\*\*To ensure participant lodging, we are obliged to give train seating priority to those registering for full package. Find rates for double occupancy, youth and groups on our website at [www.agnt.org/peacetrain](http://www.agnt.org/peacetrain).

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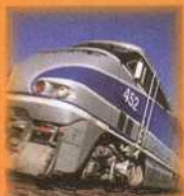
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## E V E N T P R O G R A M

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

### PEACE TRAIN KICK OFF CELEBRATION

Los Angeles, CA • Agape International Spiritual Center • 7 p.m.

Join this citywide kick-off to celebrate a Decade of Peace on Track with Season for Nonviolence task force leaders and representatives of the Gandhi and King legacies. Government and civic leaders will join Living Legends of Nonviolence to acknowledge the Gandhi King Season as a living laboratory that has launched some of the most cutting-edge peace programs of our generation. For the first time in a decade we'll convene Season task force leaders from around the globe, the AGNT leadership council, youth delegations, surprise guests and the Agape International Choir for a dynamic evening of inspiration and celebration.

Thursday, April 19, 2007

### PEACE TRAIN PROCESSION

Los Angeles to San Jose, CA

Get on board the Peace Train — a once in a lifetime traveling conference celebrating 10 years of successful peace activism. Moving from LA to San Jose, these privately chartered, custom rail cars will host hundreds of citizen peacemakers, Season task force leaders, Living Legends, government officials, musicians and performers in a highly interactive, on-board program of teach-ins, group discussions, music and meditations. This is your chance to sit with peers and Living Legends of Nonviolence to reflect on your biggest successes and challenges of the past decade. This "moving" journey will set the stage for the Friday conference, fuelling the engines of your commitment for future achievements in nonviolent activism. At Whistle Stops along the route, local officials and media will be invited to meet the Peace Train as well as local teams leading a motor coach caravan from stop to stop.

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Friday, April 20, 2007

### LIVING LEGENDS OF NONVIOLENCE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

San Jose, CA • San Jose Marriott Hotel

Hosted in a state-of-the-art hotel and conference center, this full day working conference will begin with a plenary session to share our vision for the next decade's Perennial Season for Nonviolence and Peace. Multi-track afternoon breakout sessions will be designed to support your future work and will feature tutorial conversations between youth delegates and Living Legends, along with strategy, design and resource sharing seminars led by you and your SNV task force leader peers. (Proposals are now being accepted at [www.agnt.org](http://www.agnt.org).) Breakout sessions will include interfaith healing, youth leadership, nonviolent policy change, the environment, family and schools; offering proven tools to craft an internal and external culture of nonviolence. This is the leading edge "beehive" model of peer leadership we have been longing for in the conferencing arena. You'll be astonished at the effective collaboration accomplished in a setting designed to include and expand the core principles of your existing achievements. The day culminates in a Compassion Banquet featuring a Face-to-Face & Heart-to-Heart ceremony, mutually honoring Living Legends of Nonviolence and YOU, the task force leaders and spiritually-motivated activists who have led the way.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

### PEACE TRAIN PROCESSION

San Jose, CA to Los Angeles, CA

Another good night's sleep and the Peace Train heads for home at 10 am. With working sessions behind us and many new contacts and commitments forged, the final leg of this traveling conference is designed to keep our intentions on the right track. Not only will friendships be secured, but at the moment when most conferences abruptly end, we will have the magical opportunity to anchor our accomplishments in prayer, meditation, connectivity and action toward a Perennial Season for Nonviolence and Peace.

NOTE TO MINISTERS: The Peace Train will arrive in LA at 9 p.m. A shuttle bus is also available to expedite travel back to LA airport for those needing to return early for Sunday services. Visit [www.agnt.org/peacetrain](http://www.agnt.org/peacetrain) for complete details.

