

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 11, 2003

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF CITY POSITION REGARDING
WAR WITH IRAQ**

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

BACKGROUND

After receiving requests from the public to adopt a resolution opposing a war with Iraq, City Council directed staff to review the following items: 1) Which cities have adopted resolutions opposing the war; 2) What rationale was used in adopting a resolution; and 3) What impacts, if any, would result to the City of Pasadena should the war occur.

Of approximately 18,000 cities nationally, 130 have adopted resolutions opposing the war. Currently, 145 other cities are in the process of considering resolutions. In California, 23 out of 476 cities have adopted resolutions (Attachment A).

Those cities that have adopted resolutions share common concerns, specifically: 1) fiscal costs to the United States and the possible fiscal implications to states and local governments in the form of reduced federal assistance; 2) a sentiment that the United States should abide by United Nations protocol; and 3) the loss of lives.

Informal estimates by congressional staff and Washington think tanks estimate the costs of an invasion of Iraq and a postwar occupation of the country in the range of \$100 billion to \$200 billion. If the fighting is protracted, and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein begins destroying his country's oil fields, most economists believe the indirect costs of the war could be much greater, reverberating through the U.S. economy for several years. A short, decisive war involving the deployment of 250,000 U.S. troops could cost between \$44 billion and \$60 billion.

The most uncertain cost of the war, economists agree, is the impact on the broader U.S. economy. The economic ripples of war with Iraq are likely to spread beyond budgetary costs, with the prospect of raising the cost of imported oil and slowing productivity

growth. Depending on what happens in a future conflict, the macroeconomic impact of the war could be between zero and \$1 trillion, according to many estimates.

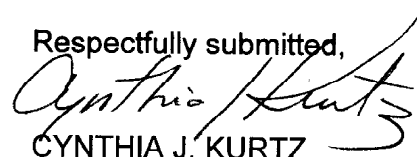
Some believe a war with Iraq would cause the nation's economic growth to slow during the first half of the year, however, by the second half of the year forecasts predict the economy would improve as the outcome of an Iraq war and the size and shape of the state budget become clearer. Inflation is expected to double, to 3 percent this year, and remain elevated in 2004 because a war with Iraq would cause gas and energy prices to rise.

Estimating local government impacts is tenuous. The City of Pasadena receives more than \$31 million in Federal funds annually for health and human services, housing, traffic, public safety and redevelopment programs (Attachment C). The Federal FY03 budget included a 9% increase in defense spending, but did not include appropriations for war. Since the Federal government does not need to approve a balanced budget and is permitted to deficit spend, it is not possible to make a direct connection between changes in local funding and defense spending.

Local governments received some reductions in federal funding simply because of the current recession. The Department of Human Services & Recreation received a 15% decrease in Federal funding for job training programs and an additional .65% cut is being implemented in all Federal programs. It is unclear how the Federal budget would be amended to incorporate the costs of war. There currently is no indication that Federal revenue to the city would be impacted.

Further direct impacts to the City could include additional personnel expenditures. The Chief of Police was called to active duty and nine additional employees could be called. The City has a policy of paying the difference between service pay and city salary for six months. The additional cost of this supplemental pay is difficult to estimate since service pay will be different for each individual however, staff estimates these costs to be around \$50,000 for six months. Costs to backfill these positions would be minimal as a result of internal employees being placed in acting assignments or positions being filled only on an "as needed" basis.

Indirect impacts to local governments could result from further economic downturn and struggling local economies as noted above. However, negative impacts on the southern California economy could be somewhat balanced by increases in defense contracts.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

Attachments:

Attachment A—List of Cities with Resolutions Passed

Attachment B—Local Government Federal Funding Chart

Attachment C—City of Pasadena Federal Revenue

Attachment D—California City Resolutions Opposing the War on Iraq

Attachment A

CA Cities with Resolutions Passed:

Arcata
Berkeley
Culver City
Davis
El Cerrito
Fairfax
Ft. Bragg
Los Angeles
Malibu
Mendocino County
Oakland
Palo Alto
San Fernando
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz
Santa Monica
Sebastopol
Topanga
Ukiah
West Hollywood

CA Cities Considering Resolutions:

Cotati
Glendale
Healdsburg
Hemet
Laguna Woods
Oceanside
Ojai
Oxnard
Pasadena
Redwood City
Sacramento
Saratoga
Sonoma
Ventura

Other Cities with Resolutions:

Colorado:

Boulder
Denver
Nederland
Pitkin County
Ridgway
San Miguel County
Silver Plume
Telluride

Connecticut:

Other Cities Considering Resolutions:

Alabama:

Birmingham

Alaska:

Anchorage

Arizona:

Sedona
Tucson

Cornwall
Kent
Mansfield
New Haven
Salisbury

Florida:

Key West

Georgia:

Atlanta

Hawaii:

State House of
Representatives
Kauai County

Idaho:

Blaine County

Illinois:

Chicago
DeKalb
Evanston
Oak Park
Urbana

Indiana:

Bloomington
Gary

Iowa:

Des Moines

Maine:

State Senate
State House
Bar Harbor
Hallowell
Orono

Colorado:

Crestone
Durango
Greeley
La Veta
Lyons
Loveland
Saguache
Salida
Walsenburg

Connecticut:

New Milford
West Hartford

Florida:

Leon County
Manatee County
St. Petersburg
Tallahassee

Georgia:

Athens
Decatur
Pine Lake

Hawaii:

Honolulu

Illinois:

Moline
Normal
Rock Island
Silvis
Springfield

Indiana:

Fort Wayne
South Bend

Iowa:

Portland
Waterville

Maryland:

Baltimore
Greenbelt
Mount Rainier
Takoma Park

Massachusetts:

Amherst
Boston
Brookline
Cambridge
Greenfield
Northampton
Pittsfield
Somerville
Williamstown

Michigan:

Ann Arbor
Brown Township
Detroit
Ferndale
Kalamazoo
Lansing
Manistee County
Pleasanton Township
Traverse City

Minnesota:

St. Paul

New Jersey:

East Orange
Englewood
Irvington
Jersey City
Maplewood
Montclair
Newark
Paterson

Clive
Davenport
Decorah
Dubuque
Iowa City

Kentucky:

Berea

Louisiana:

Lafayette
New Iberia
New Orleans
St. Martinville

Maine:

State Legislature
Bar Harbor
Camden
Mount Desert
Waterville

Massachusetts:

Ipswich
Norwalk

Michigan:

Alma
Berkley
Clawson
Grand Rapids
Lake Orion
Livonia
Marquette
Oak Park
Plymouth
Resort Township
Royal Oak
Southfield
Troy

Minnesota:

Princeton Borough
Prospect Park

Duluth
Minneapolis

New Mexico:

Santa Fe

Missouri:

Columbia

New York:

Danby
Ithaca
New Paltz
Rochester
Rockland County
Syracuse
Tompkins County
Woodstock

Montana:

Helena

New Jersey

State Legislature
Bloomfield
Camden
Lambertville
Lawrence Township
Maplewood
Montclair

North Carolina:

Carrboro
Chapel Hill

New Mexico:

Las Cruces
Taos

Ohio:

Akron
Cleveland
Cleveland Heights
Dayton
Garfield Heights
Oberlin
Shaker Heights

New York:

Buffalo
Canandaigua
Cooperstown
New York City
Orange County
Rockland County

Oregon:

Corvallis
Eugene
Lincoln City
Multnomah County
West Linn

Ohio:

Athens
Cincinnati
Columbus
Dayton

Pennsylvania:

Philadelphia
Pittsburg
Wilkesburg
York

Oklahoma:

Broken Arrow
Tulsa

Oregon:

Rhode Island:

Providence

Bandon
West Linn

Texas:

Austin

Pennsylvania:

Bethlehem
Chester County
Doylestown
Easton
Northampton County
Pittsburgh
Springfield Township
(Montgomery County)

Utah:

Springdale

Vermont:

Burlington
Calais

Tennessee:

Knoxville
Sevier County

Virginia:

Charlottesville

Texas:

Corpus Christi
Dallas
Galveston
Houston
San Antonio
Wichita Falls

Washington:

San Juan County
Seattle
Tacoma
Vashon Maury Island
Community Council

Utah:

Park City
Salt Lake City

Washington DC

Wisconsin:

Dane County
Madison
Milwaukee
Shorewood Hills
Stevens Point

Virginia:

Alexandria
Arlington County
Fairfax County
Falls Church
Roanoke
Staunton
Williamsburg

Washington:

Bainbridge Island
Bellingham

Clark County
Kirkland
Spokane
Vancouver
White Salmon

West Virginia:

Charleston

Wisconsin:

Monona

**FUNDING CHART
FOR
MAJOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
(In millions of Dollars)**

PROGRAM	FY 2002 (ENACTED)	FY 2003 OMNIBUS FINAL*	FY 2004 (PROPOSED)
Arts & Recreation			
Historic Preservation	\$80	\$69	\$67
LWCF State and Local Grants	\$95	\$98	\$160
Museum & Library Grants	\$27	\$245	\$30
National Endowment for the Arts	\$115	\$116	\$117
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$125	\$110	\$152
Urban & Community Forestry	\$36	\$36	\$37
Urban Parks & Recreation Recovery	\$30	\$0	\$0
Education			
Museum & Library Grants	\$198	\$245	\$242
21st Century Learning Centers	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$600
Environment			
Brownfields	\$92	\$91	\$211
Clean Water State RLF	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$850
Conservation Reserve Program	\$1,861	\$3,800	\$2,000
Drinking Water State RLF	\$850	\$850	\$850
Wetlands Reserve Program	\$0	\$300	\$250
Homeland Security			
First Responder Program	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
Block Grant	\$0	\$0	\$2,320
Critical Infrastructure Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$500
Citizens Corps	\$25	\$0	\$181
Firefighter Assistance Grants	\$150	\$750	\$500
State/local law enforcement	\$0	\$0	\$500
Flood Map Modernization	\$0	\$150	\$200
Interoperability	\$0	\$25	\$0
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants	\$0	\$150	\$300
Housing & Community Development			
Brownfields	\$25	\$25	\$0
CDBG Formula Grants	\$4,341	\$4,368	\$4,429
Economic Development Administration	\$335	\$290	\$364
HOME	\$1,846	\$2,000	\$2,197
Homeless Assistance Grants	\$1,123	\$1,225	\$1,325
HOPE VI	\$547	\$574	\$0
HOPWA	\$277	\$292	\$297
Public Housing Capital	\$2,843	\$2,730	\$2,641
Public Housing Operating	\$3,495	\$3,600	\$3,574
Round II Empowerment Zones	\$45	\$30	\$0
Section 8 Renewals	\$15,075	\$15,278	\$4,720**
Section 202 Elderly	\$783	\$783	\$783
Section 811 Disabled	\$241	\$251	\$251
Youthbuild	\$65	\$60	\$65

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Human Services			
Aging Programs	\$1,300	\$1,376	\$1,300
Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness	\$135	\$518	\$518
CDC Bioterrorism State/local capacity	\$940	\$940	\$940
Child Care Block Grant	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
Community Health Centers	\$1,343	\$1,515	\$1,627
Community Services Block Grant	\$650	\$650	\$495
Head Start	\$6,536	\$6,668	\$6,700
LIHEAP	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$2,000
Maternal & Child Health Block Grant	\$731	\$738	\$751
Refugee & Entrant Assistance	\$499	\$447	\$472
Runaway & Homeless Youth	\$48	\$91	\$82
Ryan White AIDS Programs	\$1,910	\$2,006	\$2,010
Social Services Block Grant	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
Substance Abuse Treatment	\$2,213	\$2,282	\$2,490
TANF	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
Job Training			
Adult Programs	\$0	\$0	\$3,079
Adult Training	\$950	\$900	\$0
Dislocated Workers	\$1,371	\$1,464	\$0
Job Corps	\$1,459	\$1,519	\$1,565
One-Stop Career Centers	\$120	\$100	\$101
Personal Reemployment Program	\$0	\$0	\$3,600
Youth Opportunity Grants	\$225	\$45	\$0
Youth Programs	\$1,128	\$1,001	\$1,001
Public Safety			
Byrne Grants	\$594	\$651	\$0
COPS	\$1,050	\$929	\$164
Drug Courts	\$50	\$45	\$64
Justice Assistance Grant	\$0	\$0	\$586
Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant	\$250	\$190	\$0
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$400	\$400	\$0
Violence Against Women	\$289	\$185	\$385
Weed & Seed	\$59	\$59	\$52

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Transportation			
Airport Improvement Program	\$3,300	\$3,400	\$3,400
Airport Facilities and Equipment	\$2,930	\$2,981	\$2,920
Amtrak	\$521	\$1,100	\$900
Bus and Bus Facilities	\$650	\$657	\$0
Federal Aid Highways	\$31,800	\$31,800	\$29,200
Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$1,136	\$1,214	\$1,151
Intelligent Transportation Systems	\$232	\$232	\$232
Job Access and Reverse Commute	\$125	\$150	\$0
New Starts	\$1,130	\$1,214	\$1,151
Urbanized Formula Grants	\$3,200	\$3,428	\$4,740

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CITY DEPARTMENT	FUNDING	FEDERAL	FUNDING SOURCE STATE/LOCAL
HOUSING DEPARTMENT			
CDBG ENTITLEMENT	3,004,946.00	3,004,946.00	-
SECTION 8 LOW INCOME HOUSING - VOUCHER PROGRAM	9,394,491.00	9,394,491.00	-
HOME - Investment in affordable housing	1,066,000.00	1,066,000.00	-
SHELTER PLUS CARE	420,000.00	420,000.00	-
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM	88,000.00	88,000.00	-
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	543,274.00	543,274.00	-
PASS THRU: CITY OF LOS ANGELES	167,810.00	167,810.00	-
	14,684,521.00	14,684,521.00	-
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT			
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	7,306,868.00	7,306,868.00	-
WELFARE TO WORK	1,198,234.00	1,198,234.00	-
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT - County	921,654.00	921,654.00	-
WELFARE TO WORK - County	114,483.00	114,483.00	-
CAL WORKS - County	349,241.00	-	349,241.00
	9,890,480.00	9,541,239.00	349,241.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT			
SUMMER LUNCH INSPECTION	5,443.00	5,443.00	-
CHILD HEALTH DISABILITY PREVENTION	48,087.00	10,370.00	37,717.00
EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT - ADMIN.	58,337.00	58,337.00	-
MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING	171,663.40	171,663.40	-
PREVENTIVE HLT AND HLT SERVICE BLK GRANT (314d)	5,612.00	5,612.00	-
MCH - COUNTY and COMPREHENSIVE PRENATAL OUTREACH	245,029.00	146,552.00	98,477.00
MCH - (BLACK INFANT) Federal share only	403,411.00	96,361.00	307,050.00
IMMUNIZATION SUBVENTION FUNDS	48,931.00	48,931.00	-
HEALTHY FAMILY - MEDI-CAL FOR CHILDREN	230,519.00	230,519.00	-
CHILD HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - FOSTER CARE	36,824.00	27,994.00	8,830.00

CITY DEPARTMENT	FUNDING	FEDERAL	FUNDING SOURCE	
			FEDERAL	STATE/LOCAL
PASS THRU: PACIFIC CLINICS	54,593.00	54,593.00	-	-
ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE/MENTAL HLT SER BLK GNT - CPRP	220,811.00	220,811.00	-	-
ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE/MENTAL HLT SER BLK GNT - CAL WORKS	24,830.00	24,830.00	-	-
AIDS HIV EARLY INTERVENTION	622,654.58	622,654.58	-	-
AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - ADAP	9,399.00	9,399.00	-	-
CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING	41,123.79	41,123.79	-	-
ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE/MENTAL HLT SER BLK GNT - GEN RELIEF	20,580.00	20,580.00	-	-
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)	783,858.72	783,858.72	-	-
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION - TB CONTROL	41,280.00	41,280.00	-	-
MCH-Perinatal Outrch/Educ-POE	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-
AIDS - A. T. S.	59,253.00	-	59,253.00	-
State Local Assist Funds AB8	56,783.00	-	56,783.00	-
Immunization Collaboration Grt	114,639.00	-	114,639.00	-
Childhd Lead Poison Prev Grant	41,089.00	-	41,089.00	-
Tobacco Use Prevention	104,475.00	-	104,475.00	-
AIDS-State Block Grant	27,792.00	-	27,792.00	-
AIDS-Education Grant	204,480.00	-	204,480.00	-
Chlamydia Grant	7,382.00	-	7,382.00	-
Immunization Registry	66,466.00	-	66,466.00	-
Medi-Cal Outreach/ AKA SCHIP	26,780.00	-	26,780.00	-
Tobacco LA County MSA	242,459.00	-	242,459.00	-
Tobacco ACTION Grant	63,893.00	-	63,893.00	-
Co LongTerm FamilySelfSufficnt	20,711.00	-	20,711.00	-
TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT	4,129,188.49	2,620,912.49	1,508,276.00	-
GENERAL FUND				
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT	225,706.00	225,706.00		
ASSET FORFEITURE	154,844.67	154,844.67		
ELDER ABUSE AND ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH PROGRAM	122,218.00	122,218.00		
BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM	5,978.00	5,978.00		
FEMA 1008-DR-CA, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, OES Project 8017	58,633.00	58,633.00		
FEMA 1008-DR-CA, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, OES Project 3025	100,974.00	100,974.00		
Preventive Maintenance Asphalt Streets	1,277,767.00	1,277,767.00		

CITY DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	
	FUNDING	FEDERAL STATE/LOCAL
Traffic Signals @ Lincoln & Idaho	8,255.00	8,255.00
710 Traffic Improvement Intlight Transportation System	155,165.00	155,165.00
Traffic Signals @ Lake & Washington	8,610.00	8,610.00
Traffic Signals @ Arroyo Parkway & Del Mar	15,161.00	15,161.00
Traffic Signals @ FairOaks & Orange Grove	1,565.00	1,565.00
Signal Improvements Smart Corridor Phase 1B	1,295.00	1,295.00
Sierra Madre @ Orange Grove Left Turn Lane	451,125.00	451,125.00
Traffic Signal @Fair Oaks and Peoria	17,334.00	17,334.00
Traffic Signal @ Colorado & Melrose	14,577.00	14,577.00
Public and School Traffic Safety, Education, and Enforcement Program	54,372.00	54,372.00
Asset Forfeiture	3,519.43	3,519.43
Total General Fund	2,677,099.10	2,677,099.10
TOTAL	31,381,288.59	29,523,771.59
		1,857,517.00

City Council Resolution Against the War Santa Barbara

RESOLUTION NO. 02-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
OPPOSING UNILATERAL PREEMPTIVE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ
BY THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, the United States is part of the family of nations and a charter member of the United Nations, subscribing to its principles, including Article 2(4), which states that "All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state" except in self-defense, responding to an armed attack, under Article 51; and

WHEREAS, the government of Iraq has agreed to the unconditional return of international weapons inspectors to determine Iraq's compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the development and possession of weapons of mass destruction by Iraq; and

WHEREAS, an invasion threatening the survival of Saddam Hussein, the "regime change" demanded, might well force him (Mr. Hussein) to preemptively defend himself by using weapons of mass destruction on United States and allied forces and/or Iraq's neighbors including Israel; and

WHEREAS, an international consensus does not currently exist in support of United States military action, with most of the world's nations opposing unilateral preemptive military action by the United States; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Barbara and their local elected officials have the constitutional right, indeed duty, to petition the national government on this matter of grave concern to our community as part of the national and international debate now underway; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Santa Barbara cannot speak for all residents but has been asked by many people to speak out on this momentous issue facing our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA:

1. Believes that it is in the best interests of our country, and for peace among the nations of the world, for the United States to act in concert with the United Nations and not unilaterally, to bring about Iraq's compliance to disarmament of any weapons of mass destruction; and

2. Reaffirms the articles of the United Nations Charter and the principles of international law on the peaceful resolution of disputes; and
3. Expresses our opposition to the United States threatened violation of the United Nations Charter by unilateral, preemptive military action against the sovereign nation of Iraq, and to the dangerous precedent such action would establish; and
4. Urges the President and Congress to work with and through the United Nations to obtain compliance by Iraq with United Nations Security Council resolutions, and to support fully the return of international weapons inspectors to Iraq for the purpose of immediate disarmament; and
5. Asserts that war should be only the last resort, after exhausting all diplomatic and political means, and that war is not to be undertaken unilaterally or preemptively by the United States or any other country.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA
MONICA OPPOSING UNITED STATES
PREEMPTIVE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST
IRAQ**

WHEREAS, the government has estimated that a war would cost from 60 to 200 billion dollars, not including a post-war occupation, resulting in less federal funding for education, health care, transportation, job training, housing, and environmental concerns in a time of increasing need for residents of Santa Monica; and

WHEREAS, at \$100 billion, as calculated by the National Priorities Project, a war will cost the State of California at least \$10.1 billion in individual income taxes, and the City of Santa Monica \$36.1 million, at a time when the state already suffers from at least a \$25 billion deficit, further decreasing available funds to support local needs; and

WHEREAS, as of February 11, 2003, more than 70 United States cities and counties, along with the Maine Senate and Hawaiian House of Representatives, have taken a stand against a preemptive military action against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a war is expected by the CIA to provoke terrorist attacks within the United States, putting Santa Monica lives at grave risk and generating emergency responses by local hospitals and other emergency personnel that will tax local resources; and

WHEREAS, a war would likely result in a loss of visitor and tourist dollars, an important source of Santa Monica City revenue; and

WHEREAS, a war would result in military casualties, including United States and, likely, Santa Monica service men and women. Additionally, a war would result in widespread environmental destruction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica has sought to promote nonviolence among its young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Santa Monica supports House Concurrent Resolution 473 calling for the United States to work through the United Nations to renew arms inspection, assure Iraqi compliance with United Nation Resolution, oppose unprovoked unilateral first-strike military action, and communicate our support to the President, the Congress and the Secretary General of the United Nations as well as to Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congress member Waxman.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
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sovereign nation of Iraq, and to the dangerous precedent such action would establish; and

4. Urges the President and Congress to work with and through the United Nations to obtain compliance by Iraq with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 and support fully the work of international weapons inspectors to Iraq for the purpose of immediate disarmament; and
5. Asserts that war should be only the last resort, after exhausting all diplomatic and political means, and that war is not to be undertaken unilaterally or preemptively by the United States or any other country.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2265

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX OPPOSING UNITED STATES' MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have already suffered grievous loss of life and well-being as a result of the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration is waging a propaganda campaign against the regime of Saddam Hussein to justify war by the United States against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Bush administration has failed to present convincing evidence that Iraq poses a military threat to the United States; and

WHEREAS, former United Nations weapons inspectors, other experts, and world leaders have contested the Bush Administration's claim that indisputable evidence exists of Iraq's present possession of nuclear weapons and immediate ability to deploy such weapons; and

WHEREAS, the United States already is conducting military action, including aerial bombardment of Iraqi territory, without basis in international law or United Nations' resolutions; and

WHEREAS, a United States war against Iraq threatens to destabilize the entire Middle East region, possibly resulting in regional war; and

WHEREAS, a United States war against Iraq would significantly increase oil prices and boost corporate profits; and

WHEREAS, war should not be undertaken unilaterally by the United States or other parties; and

WHEREAS, past military conflict in the region resulted in widespread environmental destruction, the effects of which have not yet been mitigated or understood; and

WHEREAS, past military conflict in the region resulted in widespread damage to the civilian infrastructure of Iraq and widespread suffering and death of Iraqi civilians; and

WHEREAS, the United States has been the primary force behind twelve years of non-military sanctions against Iraq that have resulted in the death of over 500,000 children under age five due to inadequate water, food, and medicine, according to UNICEF and other international relief organizations; and

WHEREAS, humane, international diplomatic efforts should be the preferred means to resolve international conflicts; and

WHEREAS, war should be a last resort; and

WHEREAS, Congress has abdicated their responsibility to debate and vote on whether to declare war on Iraq with passage of the President's recent resolution giving him that authority; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate security of the United States is dependent on creating the conditions of life for all nations, working together cooperatively, that will eliminate poverty, injustice, inequality, environmental degradation and other factors that breed war and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Fairfax and its local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the national government on this matter of grave concern to our community as part of the national and international debate now underway; and

WHEREAS, there is a spirited debate on the possibility of war on Iraq and there is a wide range of opinions in Fairfax about the advisability and likely consequences of war with Iraq; and

WHEREAS, our Congressional Representatives have courageously spoken out against war on Iraq and would be encouraged by our support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax

- 1) HEREBY reaffirms the articles of the United Nations Charter and the principles of international law on the peaceful resolution of disputes; and
 - 2) HEREBY opposes continuing non-military sanctions, continuing United States' military action against Iraq, and proposed escalated military action by the United States against Iraq; and
 - 3) HEREBY urges the Bush Administration and our representatives in Congress to work with and through the United Nations to obtain compliance by Iraq with United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the development by Iraq of weapons of mass destruction and to support fully the return of international weapons inspectors to Iraq for that purpose; and
 - 4) HEREBY urges the Bush Administration and our federal representatives to actively support United Nations' diplomatic efforts to support and encourage democracy and respect for human rights in Iraq and all nations.
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City of Los Angeles, California

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office estimates a military action against Iraq will cost the taxpayers of the nation between \$9 billion and \$13 billion a month, likely resulting in further cuts in federally funded projects and programs that benefit our city and its residents at a time when state and local governments are in crisis; and

WHEREAS, that cost would be borne by the people of the City of Los Angeles, who rely on federal funds for anti-poverty programs, for workforce assistance, for housing, for education programs, for infrastructure, and for the increased demands of homeland security; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Saddam Hussein has perpetuated great human rights abuses with aims contrary to peace, and that the United Nations Security Council accordingly approved a program of weapons inspections; and

WHEREAS, the strength of NATO and of the United Nations rests on consensus and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the United States should make every effort to work within the United Nations framework and leave war as an option of last resort; and

WHEREAS, war in Iraq would take the lives of untold Iraqis, the vast majority of whom would be noncombatants; and

WHEREAS, California is home to more veterans than any other state in the nation, and Los Angeles has 597 employees, including 271 Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers, on military reserve who stand to be called to active duty, and as veterans and patriots these brave men and women know well the consequences of war and the human costs involved; and

WHEREAS, we support and appreciate the U. S. military personnel and law enforcement officials serving at home and abroad against global and local terrorism; and

WHEREAS, this unquestionable pride in and support for these brave men and women, who know well the human costs of war, prevent us from sending them off to war easily or lightly before exhausting all diplomatic means to avoid combat, and

WHEREAS, the Council should work towards improving the quality of life for all and enhancing public safety in Los Angeles and improving the City's ability to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles URGES the President of the United States to exhaust all diplomatic options available in dealing with the growing crisis in Iraq and exercise great caution before resorting to using military force; and OPPOSES a unilateral war against Iraq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2003-2004 Federal Legislative Program support for federal funding for the initiatives outlined in correspondence attached to the file and support for H.R. 764, the First Responders Expedited Assistance Act, any other similar legislation that would provide additional funding to first responders in the City.

3. RESOLVE to INCLUDE in the City's 2003-2004 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for federal legislation that acknowledges that veterans make-up 20% of the homeless on Skid Row; these veterans served our country bravely in past wars, sacrificing their mental and physical health only to be forgotten upon their return and left to fend for themselves; we must remember them and work to help them regain what they have lost. We must dedicate our attention to the needs of the homeless in our city, promote a renewed respect for these brave individuals AND make GREATER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR THEM FROM OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT and on a local level through the development of permanent, affordable housing utilizing both Prop 46 and Housing Trust Fund dollars.

City of Austin, Texas

Text of the Austin City Council members approved 5-0-2 on Thursday, February 6, with council members Will Wynn and Betty Dunkerley abstaining

RESOLUTION NO. 030206-31

WHEREAS, Americans have always risen to the need to protect our freedom and security, as well as the freedom and security of nations around the world, when a clear danger is demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, this Council supports the men and women serving in the armed forces and honors their commitment to our nation's safety and security; and

WHEREAS, American veterans are deserving of honor and continued recognition; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for genuine multilateral action to eliminate weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and world wide; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council condemns all acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Saddam Hussein is a repressive tyrant who spends much of his country's oil wealth on luxuries for himself and monuments to himself; and

WHEREAS, the international community supports U.N. weapons inspections to achieve disarmament in Iraq, and most governments around the world oppose US military action without express consent of the U.N. Security Council; and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of Iraqi actions against its neighbors or the United States has not been demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations inspectors have said they need more time to complete their work; and

WHEREAS, military action against Iraq would result in the significant loss of lives, both military and civilian; and

WHEREAS, a unilateral preemptive strike risks international destabilization by encouraging other countries to engage in unilateral attacks; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. has not built an anti-Iraq coalition similar to that which underwrote the financial costs of the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, most American cities and states are suffering fiscal crises that threaten funds for basic services and endanger programs that benefit working people and the poor; and

WHEREAS, military action against Iraq would cost billions of dollars at a time when the American economy is struggling and at a time when the federal government is operating with a deficit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin urges the federal government to dramatically increase environmentally sound efforts to reduce dependence on foreign oil including higher fuel efficiency standards, tougher emissions standards for industry, and increased conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, former President and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Jimmy Carter has called on Iraq to disarm, but also warned: "We must remember that today there are at least eight nuclear powers on earth, and three of them are threatening to their neighbors in areas of great international tension. For powerful countries to adopt a principle of preventive war may well set an example that can have catastrophic consequences;" and

WHEREAS, Carter's fellow Georgian Martin Luther King Jr. told us: "War anywhere intensifies the possibility of war everywhere. When major world powers flaunt the authority of the United Nations and embark on unilateral courses of action they open the door to similar action on the part of other nations in situations of conflict and tension;" and

WHEREAS, Carter also said: "Great American power and responsibility are not unprecedented, and have been used with restraint and great benefit in the past. We have not assumed that super strength guarantees super wisdom, and we have consistently reached out to the international community to ensure that our own power and influence are tempered by the best common judgment;" **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Austin, Texas City Council goes on record as opposing unilateral preemptive military action against Iraq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council supports granting U.N. weapons inspectors in Iraq the time they seek to complete their work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Austin City Council calls on the federal government to continue working through the U.N. Security Council towards a diplomatic resolution that brings disarmament in Iraq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States and to our Senatorial and Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED: February 6 , 2003

Shirley A. Brown

City Clerk

RESOLUTION

Urging the Philadelphia Congressional delegation to continue their efforts to promote world peace.

WHEREAS, This Council, like all Americans, strongly believes that a central obligation of the federal government is to protect our national security. But we believe just as strongly that the specific steps taken to discharge that duty must be decided through a democratic process. It is this very democratic process that we are in fact trying to protect; and

WHEREAS, On October 11, 2002 Congress enacted House Joint Resolution 114 entitled "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002". This resolution has been widely interpreted as giving the President the unilateral power to go to war against Iraq at his discretion; and

WHEREAS, In the face of a White House administration committed to going to war at all cost, it took great courage for two of Philadelphia's Congressional representatives, Congressmen Robert Brady and Congressman Chaka Fattah, to oppose the President's call for the unilateral authority to go war; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-two (22) cities to date have enacted anti-war resolutions which is testimony to the growing movement for world peace in our nation; and

WHEREAS, The world community, including most of our allies have publicly expressed their support for a diplomatic solution to the Iraqi conflict. A November 2002 survey of forty-four countries by the Pew Research Centre found widespread agreement that Saddam Hussein represented a threat to stability in the Middle East but it also found that majorities among America's key allies like France and Germany oppose the use of military force in Iraq. Even among the British, Americas' closest supporters, public opinion about the use of force is equally divided; and

WHEREAS, Many labor union locals throughout the country are publicly opposing a U.S. invasion in Iraq while calling for international multi-lateral action that is sanctioned by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, A recently released December 2002 study by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences concluded a war with Iraq could cost the United States from \$99 billion on the low side to an astronomical 1.9 trillion assuming a prolonged war and a disruption of oil markets. Such an enormous drain on the federal budget would necessarily result in dramatic spending reductions in other parts of the federal budget that could affect essential and critical domestic programs and services; and

WHEREAS, The holiday season is upon us - a special time of the year for charitable giving, personal reflection and spiritual healing; and

WHEREAS, Millions of people in countries throughout the globe are already engaged in fighting other wars - the wars against world hunger, illiteracy, poverty and political oppression.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Philadelphia calls upon the Philadelphia Congressional Delegation to continue urging President Bush to exhaust all diplomatic avenues and work closely with Nobel Prize Recipient and United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Annan to avert a full scale war and instead seek a peaceful resolution to the Iraqi conflict.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that an engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Congressman Robert A. Brady and Congressman Chaka Fattah as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

Introduced by
Councilman Angel L. Ortiz
Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown
Thursday, December 19, 2002

City of Chicago, Illinois

RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PRE-EMPTIVE U.S. MILITARY ATTACK ON IRAQ

WHEREAS, the issues between Iraq and the world community have not proven to be irresolvable by traditional diplomatic efforts; and

WHEREAS, while Saddam Hussein is a tyrant who should be removed from power, both for the good of the Iraqi people and for the security of Iraq's neighboring countries, it is not at all clear that a unilateral U.S. military action would result in the installation of a free and democratic Iraqi government; and

WHEREAS, U.S. military actions would risk the deaths of thousands of Iraqi civilians without guaranteeing the safety and security of U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, a pre-emptive and unilateral U.S. military attack would violate international law and our commitments under the U.N. Charter and further isolate the U.S. from the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office estimates a military action against Iraq will cost our nation between \$9 and \$13 billion a month, likely resulting in further cuts in federally funded projects and programs that benefit our city and its residents; and

WHEREAS, a U.S.-led war in Iraq would compromise our current action in Afghanistan, and require years of nation-building activities in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Bush administration has failed to articulate a clear strategic objective or outcome of a military attack against Iraq, and such an attack fails to enjoy the support of many of our important allies; and

WHEREAS, we give our unconditional support to U.S. military personnel serving at home and abroad in their tireless battle against global terrorism, and should our military forces be sent to Iraq, we give our unyielding support to our young men and women serving in our nation's military, even if we oppose the policy that sent them there;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, oppose a pre-emptive U.S. military attack on Iraq unless it is demonstrated that Iraq poses a real and imminent threat to the security and safety of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support a return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq, enhanced by sufficient police support to guarantee unfettered access to all targeted sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the U.S. to work through the U.N. Security Council and reaffirm our nation's commitment to the rule of law in all international relationships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Illinois congressional delegation and the President of the United States.


Councilmember Kathy Patterson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to express the Sense of the Council on the criteria that should be met prior to President Bush exercising the authority granted him by action of the U.S. Congress to engage in war in Iraq.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council on Criteria for Use of War Powers Against Iraq Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2002."

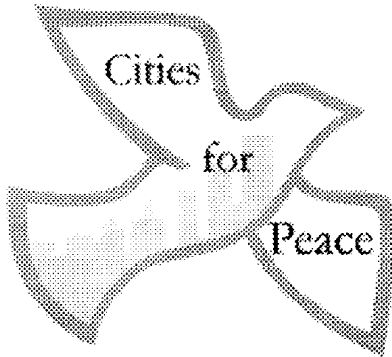
Sec. 2. (a) A recent vote by the U.S. Congress authorized a use of force that would place District of Columbia residents serving in the Armed Forces at risk of death and commit local tax resources paid to the U.S. Treasury by District residents to support the purpose of waging war.

(b) The vote by the U.S. Congress did not include representation of the citizens of the District of Columbia.

(c) A use of force by the United States Armed Forces appears to be imminent.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Sense of the Council on Criteria for the Use of War Powers Against Iraq Emergency Resolution of 2002 be adopted on an emergency basis.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



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Santa Cruz:

RESOLUTION NO. NS-25,976

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ OPPOSING UNITED STATES' MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ -

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have already suffered grievous loss of life and well-being as a result of the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration is waging a propaganda campaign against the regime of Saddam Hussein to justify war by the United States against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Bush administration has failed to present convincing evidence that Iraq poses a military threat to the United States; and

WHEREAS, former United Nations weapons inspectors, other experts, and world leaders have contested the Bush Administration's claim that indisputable evidence exists of Iraq's present possession of nuclear weapons and immediate ability to deploy such weapons; and

WHEREAS, a war to remove Saddam Hussein is the most credible scenario that would cause Iraq to use any weapons of mass destruction that it might possess; and

WHEREAS, the United States already is conducting military action, including aerial bombardment of Iraqi territory, without basis in international law or United Nations' resolutions; and

WHEREAS, a United States war against Iraq threatens to destabilize the entire Middle East region, possibly resulting in regional war; and

WHEREAS, a United States war against Iraq would significantly increase oil prices and boost corporate profits while detrimentally affecting the world economy; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has failed to build an international consensus in support of United States military action, with European and Middle East allies, Japan, Russia and China opposing unilateral United States military action; and

WHEREAS, war should not be undertaken unilaterally by the United States or other parties; and

WHEREAS, past military conflict in the region resulted in widespread environmental destruction, the effects of which have not yet been mitigated or understood; and

WHEREAS, past military conflict in the region resulted in widespread damage to the civilian infrastructure of Iraq and widespread suffering and death of Iraqi civilians; and

RESOLUTION NO. NS-25,976

WHEREAS, the United States has been the primary force behind twelve years of non-military sanctions against Iraq that have resulted in the death of over 500,000 children under age five due to inadequate water, food, and medicine, according to UNICEF and other international relief organizations (Council Resolution NS-24. 825); and

WHEREAS, humane, international diplomatic efforts should be the preferred means to resolve international conflicts; and

WHEREAS, war should be a last resort; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution requires that Congress must debate and vote on whether to declare war on Iraq;

WHEREAS, the government of Iraq has agreed to unconditional return of international weapons inspectors to determine Iraq's compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the development of weapons of mass destruction by Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate security of the United States is dependent on creating the conditions of life for all nations, working together cooperatively, that will eliminate poverty, injustice, inequality, environmental degradation and other factors that breed war and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Cruz and its local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the national government on this matter of grave concern to our community as part of the national and international debate now underway; and

WHEREAS, there is a spirited debate on the possibility of war on Iraq and there is a wide range of opinions in Santa Cruz about the advisability and likely consequences of war with Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the City Council cannot speak for all residents but has been asked by hundreds of people to speak out on this momentous issue facing our nation; and

WHEREAS, our Congressional Representatives, Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, and Congressmembers Sam Farr and Mike Honda, have courageously spoken out against war on Iraq and would be encouraged by our support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz:

- 1) HEREBY reaffirms the articles of the United Nations Charter and the principles of international law on the peaceful resolution of disputes; and RESOLUTION NO. NS-25,976
- 2) HEREBY expresses our opposition to the United States' continued and threatened violation of United Nations Charter and of international law by its unilateral, preemptive military action against the nation of Iraq, and
- 3) HEREBY opposes continuing non-military sanctions, continuing United States' military action against Iraq, and proposed escalated military action by the United States against Iraq; and
- 4) HEREBY urges the Bush Administration and our representatives in Congress to work with and through the United Nations to obtain compliance by Iraq with United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the development by Iraq of weapons of mass destruction and to support fully the return of international weapons inspectors

to Iraq for that purpose; and

5) **HEREBY** urges the Bush Administration and our federal representatives to actively support United Nations' diplomatic efforts to support and encourage democracy and respect for human rights in Iraq and all nations.

6) **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that no war against Iraq be undertaken at any time by the United States without the agreement of the United Nations Security Council under the United Nations Charter, and without a full debate and vote in the United States Congress under Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September 2002, by the following vote:

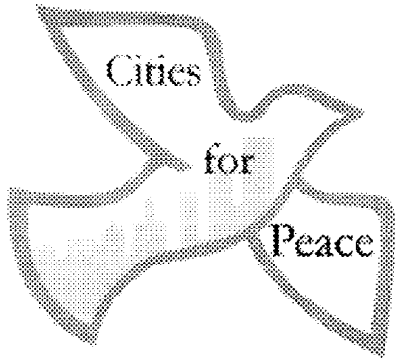
AYES: Councilmembers: Reilly, Fitzmaurice, Sugar, Kennedy, Porter; Mayor Krohn.

NOES: Councilmembers: None.

ABSENT: , Councilmembers: Primack.

DISQUALIFIED: Councilmembers: None.

APPROVED: Leslie Cook, City Clerk



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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA MONICA OPPOSING UNITED STATES PREEMPTIVE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

WHEREAS, the government has estimated that a war would cost from 60 to 200 billion dollars, not including a post-war occupation, resulting in less federal funding for education, health care, transportation, job training, housing, and environmental concerns in a time of increasing need for residents of Santa Monica; and

WHEREAS, at \$100 billion, as calculated by the National Priorities Project, a war will cost the State of California at least \$10.1 billion in individual income taxes, and the City of Santa Monica \$36.1 million, at a time when the state already suffers from at least a \$25 billion deficit, further decreasing available funds to support local needs; and

WHEREAS, as of February 11, 2003, more than 70 United States cities and counties, along with the Maine Senate and Hawaiian House of Representatives, have taken a stand against a preemptive military action against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a war is expected by the CIA to provoke terrorist attacks within the United States, putting Santa Monica lives at grave risk and generating emergency responses by local hospitals and other emergency personnel that will tax local resources; and

WHEREAS, a war would likely result in a loss of visitor and tourist dollars, an important source of Santa Monica City revenue; and

WHEREAS, a war would result in military casualties, including United States and, likely, Santa Monica service men and women. Additionally, a war would result in widespread environmental destruction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica has sought to promote nonviolence among its young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Santa Monica supports House

Concurrent Resolution 473 calling for the United States to work through the United Nations to renew arms inspection, assure Iraqi compliance with United Nation Resolution, oppose unprovoked unilateral first-strike military action, and communicate our support to the President, the Congress and the Secretary General of the United Nations as well as to Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congress member Waxman.

City Council Resolution Against the War

Arcata, CA:

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Proclamation In Opposition to Military Action Against Iraq:

WHEREAS, the ultimate security of the United States is dependent on creating the conditions of life for all nations, working together cooperatively, that will eliminate poverty, injustice, inequality, environmental degradation, and other factors that breed war and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, any further military action would only inflict greater injury upon innocent people, mostly civilians, already suffering from unrelenting bombing and sanctions imposed over the last eleven years, and would certainly destroy that country's already severely damaged infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Arcata City Council has the deepest respect for those who are willing to risk their lives to protect the United States, but believes further military action against Iraq will place the lives of U.S. citizens and military personnel in jeopardy, resulting in unnecessary death and injury to them; and

WHEREAS, the twelve years of non-military sanctions against Iraq have resulted in the death of more than 500,000 children under the age of five due to inadequate water, food and medicine, according to UNICEF and other international relief organizations; and

WHEREAS, there is a spirited debate on the possibility of a war with Iraq and there is a wide range of opinions in Arcata about the advisability and likely consequences of war with Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Arcata City Council has held a town hall meeting in which citizens overwhelmingly asked the City Council to pass a proclamation opposed to a war with Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the City Council cannot speak for all residents but has been asked by many residents of Arcata to speak out on this momentous issue facing our nation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arcata and its local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the national government on this matter of grave concern to our community as part of the national and international debate now underway; and

WHEREAS, two of our Congressional representatives--Senator Barbara Boxer and Congressman Mike Thompson--have courageously spoken out against war on Iraq. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Arcata: HEREBY expresses our opposition to military action against the nation of Iraq; and HEREBY urges the Bush administration and our federal representatives to actively support United Nations' diplomatic efforts to support and encourage democracy and respect for human rights in Iraq. BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City of Arcata urges U.S. elected officials to pursue domestic policies which promote the uses of energy which will not require the need for war.

Dated: November 6, 2002
Jim Test, Mayor, City of Arcata

City Council Resolution Against the War Oakland:

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A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S POSITION ON THE FOLLOWING 2002 FEDERAL LEGISLATION: SUPPORT: H.CON.RES.473 (Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the importance of the United States working through the United Nations to assure Iraq's compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions and advance peace and security in the Persian Gulf region) by Congresswoman Barbara Lee

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Oakland have historically supported a rational approach to cooperative actions leading towards peace and stability throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oakland will benefit directly and indirectly from international cooperation and a diffusion of tensions in traditional areas of conflict such as the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the proposed resolution calls for the United States to work through the United Nations to renew arms inspections, assure Iraqi compliance with United Nations resolutions, and to oppose unilateral first strike military action; and

WHEREAS, the resolution outlines the history of Iraq's non-compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 (1991), United Security Council Resolution 1154, and additional United Nations resolutions on inspections, and this noncompliance violates international law and Iraq's ceasefire obligations and sets forth the need to renew weapons inspections and to seek out and destroy any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, President Bush has called on the United Nations to assume its responsibilities and this resolution is a logical next step in supporting the United Nations Security Council Resolutions and its efforts; be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland declares its support for H.Con.Res. 473 (Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the importance of the United States working through the United Nations to assure Iraq's compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions and advance peace and security in the Persian Gulf region) by Congresswoman Barbara Lee; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council directs the City Manager and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate the above positions in the United States Congress.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BRUNNER, CHANG, MAYNE, NADEL, REID, SPEES, WAN, and
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: CEDA FLOYD, City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland,
California