

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 citizens of the City of Los Angeles and their local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the national government on any matter of concern to the community; and

WHEREAS, the United States is currently spending \$2 billion per week to occupy Iraq with the result that as of June 1, 2007, more than \$4.5 billion in tax revenues have been diverted from Los Angeles to support the war and subsequent occupation of Iraq; and

WHEREAS, this diversion of funds to support the war and occupation severely degrades the quality of life for Los Angeles residents, the funds diverted to date having been sufficient to provide 41,162 additional units of public housing, or hire 79,226 additional teachers for one year, or provide medical insurance for 2,737,478 children; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2005, President Bush officially ended the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, thus terminating the mission that justified the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the occupation of Iraq compromises United States security both by inspiring widespread unrest with violent resistance, and by placing significant strains on the capacity of the United States Armed Forces and the California National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the occupation has failed to effectively support the repair of the physical and social infrastructure that was devastated by the war with the result that the quality of life in Iraq is far worse today than it was prior to the invasion; and

WHEREAS, in the course of serving with honor and distinction in Iraq, approximately 100 members of the United States Armed Forces are killed each month, a total of more than 3,500 having been killed and more than 25,300 been wounded since the start of the war; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Iraqi lives is even greater, estimated as high as 655,000 since the inception of the war; and

WHEREAS, polls show that more than half of the American people support an end to the occupation of Iraq;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 Federal Legislative Program the following position:

1. On behalf of the citizens of the City of Los Angeles, the City urges the President of the United States to immediately commence a rapid, humane, and complete withdrawal of United States military personnel, contractors supporting the military effort, and military bases from Iraq; and
2. The City of Los Angeles urges the United States Congress to appropriate medical, psychological, financial, and educational assistance for veterans; and
3. The City of Los Angeles urges redirection of the financial resources used to prosecute the war in order to address neglected domestic needs, including health, education, mass transit and infrastructure, and homeland security; and
4. The City of Los Angeles, recognizing that the stability of Iraq is crucial to the security of the citizens of Los Angeles and to all Americans, urges the United States government to provide the people of Iraq with non-military material aid to support the security of Iraq's citizens and the rebuilding of Iraq.

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