

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND WITHDRAWAL FROM FALLUJAH AND A SPEEDY WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM IRAQ

In the belief that only by speaking out can we hope to change the world...

WHEREAS THE US INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF IRAQ:

- Is founded on the lie that Saddam possessed and was poised to use weapons of mass destruction, and that he was involved in 9/11.
- Is a calculated step in long term military plans for American world domination that include:
 - Controlling areas that are rich in precious resources, like oil.
 - Setting up strategic military control of nations such as Iran.
 - Enforcing America's will anywhere in the world, with little or no provocation.
- Is enriching corporations that have ties to this administration, by the granting of exclusive contracts to rebuild infrastructure.
- Is in violation of the process required to declare war, under the US Constitution.
- Is in violation of international law, including the UN Charter, the Geneva Accords and the Nuremberg Principles, and therefore in violation of the US Constitutional provision for treaties as equal to the Highest Law of the land.
- Has provoked ever more rage among victims of the wars, and has increased the likelihood of further attacks, rather than making us safer.
- Has resulted in the deaths of over 1100 US soldiers, who all died *for no good reason*, fighting to support lawless war policies, based upon the lies of our president and his inner circle.
- Has resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians (estimated recently by John Hopkins medical researches to be 100,000 or more), whose only crime was to be in the path of US attacks.
- Has physically and psychologically injured hundreds of thousands of innocents.
- Has, in violation of international law, destroyed the infrastructure of Iraq.
- Has lowered our esteem among the nations and people of the Earth.
- Has cost taxpayers over 200 Billion Dollars,
 - Which amounts to over \$700 for every man, woman and child in America.
 - Which amounts to over \$35 Million within the city of Santa Cruz – nearly half the annual general fund budget.
 - Which could have bought universal healthcare for every American

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz calls for:

- The immediate withdrawal of all American troops from Fallujah and the end to the invasion of that city on the eve of elections;
- The immediate withdrawal of all American troops from Iraq, before one more soldier or civilian needlessly dies, concurrent with;
- The United States Government turning over to groups representative of different factions in Iraq, especially insurgents (with the help of the United Nations, the League of Arab States and other neutral parties) the authority for creating and maintaining peace and order there--with the goal of providing security and allowing the Iraqis to settle their own affairs and reclaim their own resources;.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz calls for:

- A free and open international bidding process in all future awards of contracts for reconstruction or for other goods or services, within Iraq.
- Full benefits and support for veterans, when they return, with particular attention to our own local veterans made ill, homeless, or disabled by involvement in this war or the prior Iraqi invasion.
- This Resolution to be sent to Congressman Sam Farr, Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein and President George W. Bush.