

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DESIRE THAT FUNDS CURRENTLY USED TO CONTINUE THE IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WARS BE INSTEAD DIRECTED TO DOMESTIC HUMAN SERVICES PRIORITIES, INCLUDING THE PRESSING NEEDS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON.

WHEREAS:

The City council of the City of Portland, Oregon, finds that:

- A. The severity of the nation's ongoing economic crisis requires that the government of the United States of America use its financial resources to rebuild our society, aiding state and local governments in maintaining and restoring public services, social services, including programs for education, health care, the social safety net, public safety, environmental clean-up and stewardship, alternative renewable energy, rebuilding physical infrastructure, and urgently needed measures to support job creation in both the private and public sectors.
- B. More than 6,000 members of the U.S. armed forces have lost their lives in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, including at least 128 from Oregon, and more than 120,000 Iraqi and Afghan civilians have been killed since the beginning of coalition operations. Thousands more U.S. military personnel and Iraqi and Afghan civilians have suffered devastating physical and mental injuries, and those countries have sustained widespread destruction and environmental devastation.
- C. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost the United States more than \$1.1 trillion and cost to the taxpayers of the city of Portland, Oregon, has been \$1.6 billion.
- D. The Pentagon's budget has increased significantly since 1998 to a staggering \$725 billion – not including indirect military spending by other agencies – more than all other discretionary spending combined.
- E. For the same \$1.6 Billion taxpayer dollars spent on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, Portland could have provided 2,543 elementary school teachers for ten years, or 21,049 veterans with VA medical care for ten years, or 55,442 full four-year scholarships for university students, or 86,359 children with low-income healthcare coverage for ten years. (Multnomah County taxpayers have paid \$2.2 billion for these wars since FY01.)*

F. Ending the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and redirecting war spending at home will allow us to meet vital human needs.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Portland, on behalf of the people of Portland, urges the President of the United States, Barack Obama, to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan by withdrawing all U.S. military forces and contractors in a safe, rapid and orderly fashion that fully protects American troops, coalition troops, and Iraqi and Afghan populations from harm, and to support efforts led by international organizations to rebuild both countries.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Portland, on behalf of the people of the Portland, urges the Congressional Delegation of Oregon to vote for legislation to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan by withdrawing all U.S. military forces and contractors in a safe, rapid and orderly fashion that fully protects American troops, coalition troops, and Iraqi and Afghan populations from harm, and to support efforts led by international organizations to rebuild both countries.

Section 3. A suitable copy of this resolution shall be sent to Barack Obama, President of the United States, the members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation, the Oregon State Legislature, and Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council of Portland, Oregon.

* These figures are provided by the National Priorities Project.

To:
Mayor Sam Adams
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Portland City Hall
1221 SW 4th Ave
Portland, OR 97204

Today's Date: Oct 11, 2011

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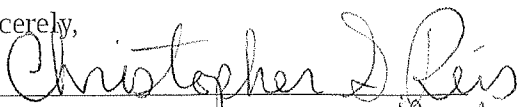
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To:
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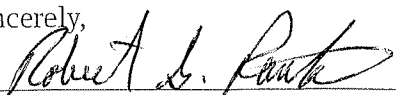
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Portland, OR Zip: 97217

To:
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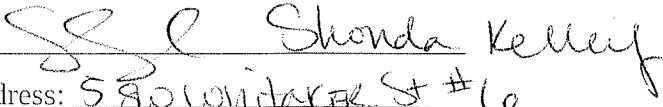
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To:
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MIKEL CLAYHOLD

Address: 4632 NE 16TH AV

Portland, OR Zip: 97211

To:
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Commissioner Amanda Fritz
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Anne McLaughlin

Address: 2743 NW Thurman #5

Portland, OR Zip: 97210-2252

To:
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MARK A. THOMAS

Address: 2831 SW 18th Ave, #14

Portland, OR Zip: 97201

To:

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John H. Hedrick

Address: 11435 SW Edgewood St

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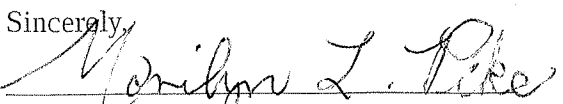
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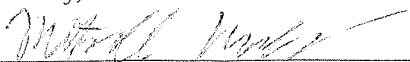
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Portland, OR Zip: 97214

To:
Mayor Sam Adams
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
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Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Portland City Hall
1221 SW 4th Ave
Portland, OR 97204

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07-06-2011

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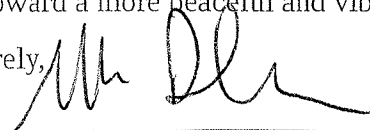
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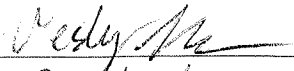
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5123 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd

Portland, OR Zip: 97202

To:
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James Michaud

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6024 NE 52nd ave
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Dan E Hedrick

Address: 6902 N Villard Ave

Portland, OR Zip: 97217

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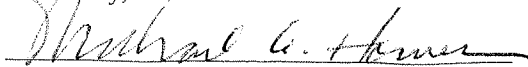
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Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group

PO Box 42456

Portland, OR 97242

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iraq@pjw.info

<http://www.pjw.info/iraq.html>

PORTLAND SHOULD PASS A "WAR \$\$ HOME RESOLUTION"

Statement by Dan Handelman, Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group

Last week, news broke that the City of Portland expects to have to make further cuts to its already shrinking budget due to "global [and] national issues" (1). It seems that now would be an ideal time for Portland City Council to follow the lead of the US Conference of Mayors, which in June passed a resolution to "Bring the War \$\$ Home." That resolution was supported by Mayor Sam Adams and introduced by Mayor Kitty Piercy of Eugene.

Ten years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq have contributed to the serious financial crisis facing the nation. Estimates by the National Priorities Project put the costs of the two wars at over \$1.2 trillion (2). This is not to mention the costs in human life for Americans, Iraqis and Afghans.

In August, Representative Earl Blumenauer signed on to legislation, HR 2757 (3), which calls for the US to stop spending money on troops or contractors in Iraq after December 31, the date agreed upon for withdrawal in the 2008 Status of Forces Agreement.

Portland City Council showed leadership in calling for the troops to come home from Iraq with a resolution in late November, 2006 (4). A recent poll shows that 62% of the American public wants the troops to come home from Afghanistan faster than proposed by President Obama (5).

Since early August, Portlanders have been sending letters and emails to City Council asking for a local version of the resolution, but none has been forthcoming. We present to you today the most recent batch of letters urging Council to pass a local version of the War \$\$ resolution, as well as proposed language that you might use, based in part on one that passed the Eugene City Council by a vote of 7-1 in June (6).

As the Occupy Portland movement continues to point out, American economic policies are heavily influenced by corporate money. We urge Council to further connect the suffering economy to this endless warfare that has cost trillions of dollars on the military, contractors and otherwise occupying the nations of Iraq and Afghanistan. Imagine if the people occupying our downtown core were not concerned residents, but armed troops from a foreign nation. It is time to bring the troops home and redirect this money to urgent human needs such as jobs, education, housing and health care.

In addition to passing the resolution, we hope that Council and members of the public will come out and join Peace and Justice Works and 33 other organizations this Saturday, October 15 for a rally and march in the South Park Blocks at 1 PM, with an educational forum at the First Unitarian Church at 2:30 PM (7).

Thank you

(1) Portland Mercury Blog, October 5

(2) <http://costofwar.com/en/>

(3) <http://thomas.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:HR02757:@@@P#>

(4) <http://www.pjw.info/finalportlandresolution.html>

(5) http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-503544_162-20115031-503544.html

(6) <http://special.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/26464896-41/council-pledge-eugene-funds-george.html.csp>

(7) <http://www.pjw.info/october1511announce.html>

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Portland Copwatch [copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 1:21 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Cc: Ann Huntwork; Curtis Bell
Subject: Re: Communications for Oct 12

Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2011 23:00:55 -0700 (PDT)
From: Peace and Justice Works <pjw@pjw.info>
To: Karla <kmoore-love@portlandoregon.gov>
Cc: Ann Huntwork <ann@solh-salaam.com>, Curtis Bell <mckimbells@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Communication slot, 2 PM Wednesday October 12

Karla

If there are still openings on Wednesday, Ann Huntwork and Curtis Bell would also like to sign up to talk about ending the wars and bringing our money home. I'm cc'ing them in case they need to make the requests themselves, and so that you have their contact if you need it.

--dan handelman
503-236-3065

On Tue, 4 Oct 2011, Peace and Justice Works wrote:

> Karla
> Please sign me up for a communications slot for Wed Oct 12 at 2 PM
> regarding Portland Bring the War \$\$ Home Resolution.
> Thanks
> Dan Handelman
> --Peace and Justice Works
> PO Box 42456
> Portland, OR 97242
> (503) 236-3065
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<http://www.portlandcopwatch.org>

On Thu, 6 Oct 2011, Moore-Love, Karla wrote:

> Hi Dan,
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> Were you still going to take one of the communications spot for next week at 2:00 p.m.?
>
> Today's the deadline.
>
> Karla
>
> Karla Moore-Love

> Council Clerk
> City of Portland - Office of the City Auditor
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> Portland, OR 97204-1900
> voice 503.823.4086 fax 503.823.4571
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Request of Dan Handelman to address Council regarding Portland Bring the War
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Filed OCT 07 2011

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