

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. **70743** C.M.S.  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS IGNACJO DE LA FUENTE, JEAN QUAN AND  
2006 MAR -2 PM 12: 06 JANE BRUNNER



**RESOLUTION NOTING THE THIRD YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR ON IRAQ AND ITS COSTS TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S SOCIAL PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, March 18 is the third anniversary of the war in Iraq, with increasing civil war and no set date for American withdrawal; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of this endeavor now costs the nation \$100,000 per minute, with a total cost of over \$252 billion and billions more projected to expend, which calculates to over \$40 billion so far for Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, this computes to over \$400 million per year for the city of Oakland, which equates to the salaries of nearly 6,000 teachers for a year or the costs of providing over 57 million Americans with health care; and

**WHEREAS**, to pay for this gigantic expense, the current Administration is cutting or eliminating many domestic social programs, including cutting Head Start by 1%, which would result in the loss of over 2500 California Head Start slots; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid and Medicare benefits are likewise being cut, and much of California's environmental safeguards are being eliminated, including over \$16 million for the Clean Water fund; and

**WHEREAS**, similar cuts are proposed for federal funding for police and other civic necessities, including the virtual elimination of Community Oriented Police Services, and the need for trained soldiers, especially in the National Guard, is steadily cutting into all sectors of the American economy including the police; and

**WHEREAS**, the human costs to both the Iraqi and American people are incalculable but still steadily mounting, with no positive end in sight and over 2,250 United State soldiers now killed along with over 100,000 Iraqis, not to mention the huge number of persons wounded either physically or psychologically; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council urges the President of the United States to seek a fair and speedy resolution to this costly and unwelcome war; and the Oakland City Council further urges the President and his Administration to work for the restoration of civic benefits to the people of Oakland and all the United States.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, **MAR - 7 2006**, 20

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, ~~REID~~, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and ~~PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE~~ - 6

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

Excused - Reid and La Fuente - 2

ATTEST:   
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California