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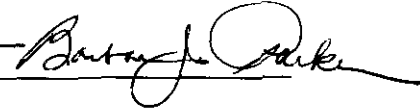
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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 77720 C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Nancy J. Nadel



Resolution to Oppose Unilateral Military Action in Iraq and Support the April 5th March and Rally for Peace and Justice in Oakland

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Oakland have historically advocated for a diplomatic approach to world conflict and supported world peace; and have come together to organize a Peace March and Rally to express those beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Oakland supported our U.S. Congressional Representative Barbara Lee in her attempt to amend the Congressional war resolution in order to prevent unilateral action in Iraq and support the United Nations, and continues to support Representative Lee in her efforts for peace; and

WHEREAS, most cities and states are suffering fiscal crises where programs that benefit working people and the poor are being threatened by severe budget cuts and 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, 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, a war with Iraq could further destabilize the Middle East, making the citizens of the United States and the world less safe, and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration's decision to deploy troops to Iraq will jeopardize the lives of U.S. soldiers, including citizens of Oakland, a disproportionate number of whom are people of color, and will risk the lives of many innocent Iraqi civilians, who have already suffered enormously under Saddam Hussein's rule and United Nations sanctions, and

WHEREAS, we give our unyielding support to our young men and women serving in our nation's military, and believe that the best way to show that support is to bring them home to their families now; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City council endorse the April 5th march and rally in Oakland organized by the April 5th Coalition for Peace and Justice, will notify Oakland residents of this march and rally and encourage their participation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council opposes a U.S. invasion of Iraq, and supports a genuinely multilateral diplomatic approach to the Iraq situation, sanctioned and directed by the United Nations.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 01 2003, 2003

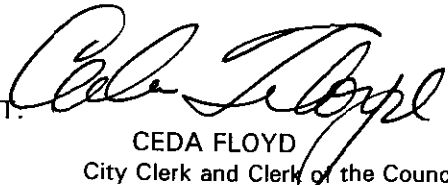
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, ~~OFARIS~~, NADEL, QUAN, ~~REID~~, WAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE, -6

NOES- Reid - 1

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- Chang - 1

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