

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

Nancy J. Nadel



Resolution calling upon the Governor of California to urge the Pentagon, the President and Congress to take immediate steps to withdraw California National Guard troops from Iraq

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and its citizens strongly support the women and men serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq, and recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making, the City of Oakland and its citizens stand ready to help these Californians in any way they can; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, the United States Congress adopted a Joint Resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq, relying on statements that were untrue, and

WHEREAS, the costs of the call-up of California National Guard members for deployment in Iraq have been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychological trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many California communities; and

WHEREAS, Californians have joined the Guard thinking that they would be serving their neighbors by helping with California-based emergencies, unless there was a danger to the United States requiring transfer to active duty; and

WHEREAS, stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding between Californians in the Guard and the state and nation they agreed to serve; and

WHEREAS, recent conditions in the Gulf states affected by Hurricane Katrina have shown that the federalization and deployment of National Guard members has rendered the remaining Guard force unable to provide critical services to the state during emergencies and/or major disasters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council requests the members of California's Congressional Delegation to urge Congress to restore the balance between the federal government and the states, limiting the nearly complete federal control over State National Guard units to cases where there is an insurrection or a plausible threat of insurrection; or where there is a declaration of war under the United States Constitution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council calls upon the Governor of California to request the Pentagon, the President and Congress to take immediate steps to withdraw California National Guard troops from Iraq by Veteran's Day; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council sends a copy of this Resolution to each member of the California Congressional Delegation, the California Governor, the Speaker of the California Assembly, and the President Pro Tempore of the California Senate.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,
NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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

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