

Support the Oak Park Village resolution **Against a War on Iraq**

Oak Park Village Board Resolution Against a War on Iraq:

Whereas the costs of such a war in human lives, both among Iraqi civilians and military and the United States military will be debilitating to our community in both human and moral terms; and

Whereas, the cost to the nation, including the Village of Oak Park, is estimated to be as high as \$1.9 trillion dollars over the next ten years, depleting our reserves and resulting in potentially massive spending cuts for education, health care, prescription drug programs, housing and infrastructure including roads and highways and CDBG grants, and

Whereas many residents of Oak Park have demonstrated their rejection of a war in Iraq through numerous public actions including marches, rallies, signature ads in newspapers, petitions and other means; and

Whereas the Village of Oak Park has always been at the forefront of local, regional and national opinion on significant social and political issues; and

Whereas at least 26 other cities across the country including Detroit, San Francisco and Seattle have already adopted a resolution such as this; and

Whereas a broad consensus among religious leaders in this country, including a unanimous opinion of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago and a public statement by the National Council of Churches has condemned any unilateral and unprovoked attack on Iraq by the United States; and

Whereas the United States has received almost no support for a unilateral attack and only highly conditioned support for military action by the United Nations; and

Whereas the Government of Iraq has not been convincingly connected to the tragedy of September 11th, presents no imminent threat to the people of the United States, and is apparently co-operating with the U.N. weapons Inspectors; and

Whereas many analysts believe war on Iraq and the ensuing instability in the region will increase the likelihood of terrorist acts against the people of the United States; and

Whereas we can best support our sons and daughters in the military by not sending them into this conflict which will probably lead to spiraling instability in the Middle East; and

Whereas the current Administration continues to support such military action in the face of the above dissent from local citizens, religious leaders, international allies, and the United Nations; and

Whereas the intolerance and violence toward Muslim, Arabic and Middle Eastern peoples underlying this policy undermines the fundamental values of the Village of Oak Park, and the attacks on civil liberties resulting from these policies stand in opposition to those same Oak Park values;

Therefore be it resolved that the governing body of the Village of Oak Park, the Board of Trustees, publicly expresses its opposition to this Administration's agenda of aggression abroad including war against Iraq and infringement of fundamental civil liberties at home, and urges this administration to reverse its course and instead pursue a policy aimed at reducing conflict, finding common ground, and respecting the human rights, political rights, and legal rights of peoples around the world.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____, 2003

OAK PARK COALITION FOR
Truth & Justice

*We need your support
to pass this resolution*

The Oak Park Coalition for Truth and Justice wrote and submitted this resolution to the Oak Park Board of Trustees. If you are an Oak Park resident, please add your name to the petition by signing one of the petition sheets or by adding your name online at www.opctj.org.

Please contact Oak Park's President and Board of Trustees directly.
You may leave individual or collective voice-mail messages at 708-358-5784.

Written comments and opinions can also be sent to:

Village President and Board of Trustees
Village Hall
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302
Village President Joanne E. Trapani,
Village Trustee, Diana Carpenter
Village Trustee, Barbara Ebner
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Village Trustee, Gus Kostopulos
Village Trustee, Carolyn Hodge-West
Village Trustee, William L. Turner

Add your name to the petition on the OPCTJ website at:

www.opctj.org

For more information
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