

Support the Oak Park Village resolution
Against a War on Iraq



OAK PARK COALITION FOR
Truth & Justice

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**.

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Village President and Board of Trustees
Village Hall
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302
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Village of Oak Park, IL Resolution Opposing a Preemptive Military Attack on Iraq

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States expressly states, "... all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States shall be the supreme Law of the Land," (Article VI); and

Whereas, the Charter of the United Nations, which is itself a Treaty signed and ratified by the United States expressly states:

"All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered.

All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations." (Article 2); and

Whereas, both the constitutional guarantees and the democratic traditions of the United States affirm the right of petition by the people to our government;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, IL, representing the will of the People of Oak Park, do hereby petition and convey to the President of the United States:

- That, although we recognize the duty of the President of the United States as Commander in Chief to protect our country from foreign military actions, we oppose this initiation of preemptive war against the state of Iraq as an instrument of public policy for the United States because it violates the spirit, if not the letter, of the supreme Law of the Land as specified in the Treaty of the United Nations Charter, and it is inconsistent with our values and traditions as a people who honor peace and justice; and
- That efforts at peaceful resolution of this conflict have not yet been exhausted, and therefore without a compelling and immediate threat from Iraq the initiation of war as an appropriate means to reach our stated goal of Iraqi disarmament is unwarranted; and
- That the war, with its obvious potential for loss of life on both sides and the legacy of sorrow and animosity it will engender in nations throughout the world, and especially among those poorest nations most in need of our help, is unjust, and that we concur with the official opinions of the National Council of Churches, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, and the leaders of nearly every faith tradition in the United States who have declared this war to be unjust; and
- That we petition the President and the Congress of the United States to reverse their 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; and
- That this resolution also recognizes and honors the bravery and sacrifice of the members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the Honorable Danny Davis, the Honorable Peter Fitzgerald, and the Honorable Richard Durbin as our representatives in the Congress of the United States.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law. This resolution shall also permit the affixing of signatures of individual citizens of the Village of Oak Park in the conveyance of same.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 2003