



City of Cambridge

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ORIGINAL ORDER
IN CITY COUNCIL

February 10, 2003

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been in the forefront of upholding principles of democracy and respect for all and is a diverse city which includes immigrants, veterans and neighborhood residents many of whom know all too well the terrible cost of war; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council supports the role of the United States as a leader in the international community for building consensus and pursuing a diplomatic resolution with Iraq which allows the on-going inspections process to continue; and
- WHEREAS: Any preemptive strike by the U.S. violates our commitments under the U.N. Charter, goes against established international law, sets a dangerous precedent for the world community, and further isolates the U.S. from the rest of the world; and
- WHEREAS: A war with Iraq has been declared by nearly all U.S. religious leaders as unjust; and
- WHEREAS: A war with Iraq would put at risk the lives and future aspirations of Cambridge residents who serve or have family members and friends who serve in the United States Armed Forces at a time when veterans of previous wars are facing cuts in services and health and housing problems; and
- WHEREAS: The current projected cost to the nation is estimated to be more than 200 billion dollars, thus depleting the reserves, harming the economy, and resulting in further neglect of education, health care, housing, veteran's services and the infrastructure on a national level as well as economic hardship for Cambridge's citizens, institutions and businesses; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council joins with cities and towns across the United States including Brookline and Somerville, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C.; Chicago, Illinois, Seattle, Washington; Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico; Baltimore and Tacoma Park, Maryland; Oakland, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco, California; Ithaca and Syracuse, New York; New Haven, Connecticut; Madison, Wisconsin; Burlington, Vermont; and Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Traverse City and Detroit, Michigan; and The National Council of Churches, the Teamsters Union, our Congressman Michael Capuano and Senator Edward Kennedy in opposing war with Iraq; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the governing body reaffirms The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the principles of international law, and calls on the Bush administration and our representatives in Congress to provide leadership in encouraging the alternatives to war of fostering peace, democracy, and respect for human rights in Iraq and throughout the Middle East through diplomacy and international cooperation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the Clerk/ Treasurer to provide copies of this resolution to President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and our congressional delegation.

RESOLVED: That we urge the U.S. to reaffirm our nation's commitment to the rule of law in all international relationship; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we support a return to U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq, enhanced by sufficient police support to guarantee unfettered access to all targeted sites; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Clerk to provide copies of this resolution to President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and our congressional delegation.

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Adopted as amended by substitution by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; 

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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AMENDED ORDER
IN CITY COUNCIL

February 10, 2003

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been in the forefront of upholding principles of democracy and respect for all and is a diverse city which includes immigrants, veterans and neighborhood residents many of whom know all too well the terrible cost of war; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council recognizes the role of the United States as a leader in the international community for building consensus and pursuing diplomatic resolutions to conflicts; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has earnestly supported the ongoing site inspections by the United Nations Team; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council implores our leaders to exhaust all diplomatic efforts and to find a peaceful solution to this dangerous conflict; and
- WHEREAS: While Saddam Hussein is a tyrant who should be removed from power, it is not clear that a unilateral U.S. military action would result in the installation of a free and democratic Iraqi government; and
- WHEREAS: U.S. military actions would risk the deaths of thousands of Iraqi civilians without guaranteeing the safety and security of U.S. citizens; and
- WHEREAS: We give our unconditional support to U.S. military personnel serving at home and abroad in their tireless battle against global terrorism, and should our military forces be sent to Iraq, we give our unyielding support to our young men and women serving in our nation's military, even if we oppose the policy that sent them there; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council calls on the Bush administration and our representatives in Congress to consider this body's opposition to war at this time and to provide leadership in encouraging alternatives to war including fostering peace, democracy, the elimination of terrorism and human rights oppression throughout the world and respect for human rights in Iraq and throughout the Middle East through diplomacy and international cooperation; and be it further

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Requesting the City Council
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**Councillors Decker, Murphy
and Vice Mayor Davis**

**ORDER ADOPTED AS
AMENDED BY
SUBSTITUTION BY
COUNCILLOR DECKER.**

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