

# *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](http://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  
Village Trustee, Galen Gockel  
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:**

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For more information  
contact Charlene at 708-383-0415

