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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the ongoing economic crisis in our nation requires that the government of the United States use its financial resources to aid state and local government to maintain and restore public services, increase funding for social programs, rebuild physical infrastructure, take urgent measures to support job creation, and develop a new economy based upon renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been a consequence of a misguided foreign policy, using borrowed money and force of arms as a substitute for diplomatic engagement, resulting in the death or the devastating disability of thousands of US military personnel, increasing security threats to the United States, and contributing to the deterioration of the American economy; and

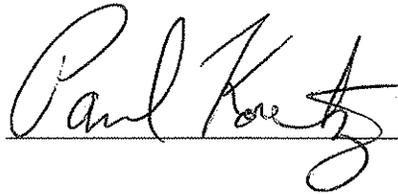
WHEREAS, the military budget, now totaling more than \$700 billion per year, is far in excess of that necessary to maintain a reasonable level of security for the United States and its allies -- a fact that is substantiated by the Sustainable Defense Task Force which has identified nearly \$1 trillion in cuts from the defense budget over the next decade that will not impair national security;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby formally supports any federal legislative action that would fund the safe and orderly withdrawal of US troops and contractors from Iraq and Afghanistan, cut non-essential defense budget appropriations, and redirect all recovered savings towards domestic priorities.

PRESENTED BY:


BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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