

**RESOLVED**, That the Chicago City Council does hereby urge the Chicago Congressional delegation to clearly express the will of the people of Chicago in opposing any U.S. attack on Iran, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Chicago City Council does hereby urge the Chicago Congressional delegation to clearly express the will of the people of Chicago for diplomatic, not military, engagement with Iran, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Chicago City Council doe herby request that U.S. Senator Barack Obama and U.S. Senator Richard Durbin provide leadership in the U.S. Senate in support of Congress re-establishing its Constitutional authority over U.S. foreign policy and war policy and funding, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Chicago City Council direct the Chicago City Clerk Miguel del Valle to send copies of this resolution to Senators Obama and Durbin, all Chicago Congressional Representatives, President George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, all local media outlets, and arrange that a copy of this resolution be placed on the City of Chicago website.

### SIGNATORIES

The No War on Iran Coalition has enlisted the following Chicago-based political scientists international affairs experts in support of the Chicago City Council resolution on Iran:

**John J. Mearsheimer:** R. Wendell

Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science and Co-Director of the Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago

**Jennifer Pitts:** Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago;

**Marshall Sahlins:** Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor of Anthropology Emeritus, University of Chicago

**M. Cherif Bassiouni:** Distinguished Research Professor of Law and President, International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University

**Dick Simpson:** Head of the Department of Political Science, UIC, and Former Chicago Alderman

**Isaac Balbus:** Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, UIC

**Norma Claire Moruzzi:** Associate Professor of Political Science, UIC

**Brian Hanson:** Associate Director, Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University

**Stephen Kinzer:** Professor of Political Science and Journalism, Northwestern University, and Former New York Times Foreign Correspondent

**Elizabeth Shakman Hurd:** Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

**Keith Topper:** Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

**Richard Longworth:** Former Senior Correspondent, Chicago Tribune

### ACTION

As requested above, meet with your alderperson as soon as possible to urge their

support for this resolution. If necessary, call or write them immediately.

You may find their contact info by visiting

<http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/home.do>

and clicking on <Your Government> and then <Your Ward and Alderman> and, finally, <Ward and Alderman List>

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# Help Pass a City Council Resolution Against Attacking Iran



The senior military commander in the Middle East, Admiral William Fallon, has repeatedly made clear that an attack on Iran would not happen “on my watch.” Now he is out of a job.

“This is a huge victory for vice-president Dick Cheney and others pushing for an attack on Iran,” said Stephen Kinzer, former New York Times reporter and the author of *Overthrow: America’s Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq*

On Wednesday, March 12th Alderman Joe Moore of Chicago's 49th Ward introduced a resolution to Chicago City Council opposing a US military attack on Iran. Moore has 11 co-sponsors.

## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING WAR ON IRAN

**WHEREAS**, The Bush Administration and its Congressional allies are engaging in a systematic campaign to convince the American people that the Islamic Republic of Iran poses a threat to the American nation, to American troops in the Middle East and to U.S. allies, and

**WHEREAS**, This campaign bears a strong resemblance to that waged during the lead-up to the Iraq War and occupation, with the use of unreliable sources, exaggerated threat assessments, the selective use of information, unsubstantiated accusations about Iran's nuclear program and its supply of weapons to Iraqi forces as centerpieces of their case to the American people for aggressive action against Iran, and

**WHEREAS**, Iran is not a threat to the United States: It does not possess a nuclear weapon and is not threatening to attack the U.S.; the International Atomic Energy Agency has found no evidence that Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapon, and

**WHEREAS**, A 2007 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE), representing the consensus view all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, concluded that Iran froze its nuclear weapons program in 2003, and

**WHEREAS**, Iran is a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and Iran's nuclear program, including enriching uranium, is currently legal and in compliance with said

If the resolution passes, Chicago would be the largest city in the country to take a stand on this issue. **We need your help to make this happen.** The No War on Iran Coalition, which has been working with Alderman Moore on this initiative, is asking every Chicago resident to express their support for the resolution to their Alderman or Alderwoman as soon as possible. Although the final language of the resolution is subject to change, the working draft is included below For updates, etc. see [www.nowaroniran-chicago.org](http://www.nowaroniran-chicago.org) (If you are not a Chicago resident, please pass this leaflet on to someone from the City.)

Please try to meet personally with your aldermanic representative as soon as possible. If a meeting is unrealistic, call or write them immediately. Gathering as much aldermanic support as possible in advance will increase the chances of the resolution passing. If this effort is successful, it could have a significant effect on the national debate about this vital issue.

To help us keep track of this process, please send an e-mail to [iranresolutionnow@gmail.com](mailto:iranresolutionnow@gmail.com) to report any meetings or phone calls that you've had. Let us know your name, ward, Alderman / Alderwoman, and what (if any) response you get from him/her. Many thanks in advance!

treaty, and

**WHEREAS**, No compelling evidence has been presented to support U.S. accusations that the Iranian government is involved in supplying weapons to combatants in Iraq, and

**WHEREAS**, The February 2007 U.S. National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) states that Iran's involvement in Iraq "is not likely to be a major driver of violence" there, and

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. has ratified the United Nations Charter, which states that no nation shall use force or threat of force



against the territorial integrity or political independence of any nation (Article 2.4) and that, if attacked, a nation may respond only once before informing the U.N. and bringing the conflict to the U.N. Security Council (Article 51), and

**WHEREAS**, Iran has not threatened to attack the United States and no compelling evidence has convincingly shown it likely to initiate such an attack, and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution provides that

only Congress has the authority to declare war, and

**WHEREAS**, An attack on Iran is likely to cause untold thousands of American and Iranian casualties, lead to major economic dislocations, and threaten a much wider and more disastrous war in the Middle East, and

**WHEREAS**, An attack on Iran is likely to inflame hatred for the U.S. in the Middle East and elsewhere, inspire terrorism, and lessen the security of Americans in Chicago and worldwide, and

**WHEREAS**, An attack on Iran would be a devastating setback to those people in Iran struggling for freedom and democracy and nothing herein should be construed as supportive of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and

**WHEREAS**, The Iraq war and occupation has already cost the lives of 3,882 American soldiers, the maiming and wounding of 38,164 American soldiers, the death and maiming of over one million Iraqi civilians, and

**WHEREAS**, The Iraq War and occupation has cost American taxpayers more than \$472 billion and the citizens of Chicago nearly \$5 billion, and

**WHEREAS**, Any conflict with Iran is likely to incur far greater costs and divert more precious national resources away from desperate human needs in our great urban centers, now therefore be it