

likely lead to major disruptions in global oil supplies. Iran could fairly easily shut down shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, through which 30% of the world's oil supply passes.

- ◆ A regional or even world war. Other Middle East nations are likely to be drawn into hostilities, with potential for direct conflict between major powers. The use of nuclear weapons would be a distinct possibility.
- ◆ Gutting of U.S. domestic spending. Economic downturn and spiraling war costs lead to massive cuts in programs and projects crucial to the health of America's great urban centers, such as Chicago

Make Chicago the largest city in the country to go on record opposing a U.S. attack on Iran...

**CALL YOUR ALDERPERSON TODAY!**

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# TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 14, the Chicago City Council will vote on "A Resolution Opposing War on Iran."



**Call your Alderperson today.** Ask them how they plan on voting. If they plan on voting to support the resolution, thank them. Otherwise, encourage them

to vote **YES**.

If you are not a Chicago resident, please pass this on to someone who is.

If you do not know the name or contact info for your Alderperson, you may call 311 and the operator will provide you with this information.

Or, go to <http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/home.do>

and click on <Your Government>

and then <Your Ward and Alderman>

and, finally, <Ward and Alderman List>

## Why is this resolution necessary?

- Every day brings new and ominous indications that the Bush Administration may be preparing to launch a disastrous attack on Iran.
- A campaign by the Bush administration -- echoing the one preceding the Iraq invasion -- casts Iran as the source of American problems in Iraq and attempts to connect Shiite Iran with Sunni Al-Qaeda. For example, Bush said: "Iraq represents the convergence point for the two greatest threats to America in this century: Al-Qaeda and Iran."

- Accusations of Iranian supply of weapons to insurgents in Iraq fly in the face of assessment of American intelligence community, which found Iran "... not likely to be a major driver of violence ..." in Iraq.
- Recent replacement of Adm. William Fallon, opposed to military action against Iran, with Gen. David Petraeus, an unabashed supporter of Middle East wars.
- Adm. Michael Mullen, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, announces on April 25 that the Pentagon "... is preparing for potential military courses of action ..." against Iran, citing its "... increasingly lethal and malign influence ..." in Iraq.



## Why should the Chicago City Council be taking this up?

1. The ongoing occupation of Iraq has had profound consequences for every community in America, especially its large urban areas.
2. Casualties include over 4,000 American troops and up to 1 million Iraqis.
3. The war has cost the taxpayers of Chicago \$5.4 billion, or roughly \$105 million per Ward. These funds could have provided the following:

- 112,543 Public Safety Officers for one year, OR
- 39,657 Affordable Housing Units, OR
- 84,067 Elementary School Teachers for one year, OR
- 7,273,635 Homes with Renewable Energy for one year, OR
- 365 New Elementary Schools, OR
- 95,393 Music and Arts Teachers for one year

## An attack on Iran promises to make matters much worse. Consequences could include:

- ◆ Worldwide economic recession or even depression. An attack would