

RESOLUTION

**SUBSTITUTE #19**  
OCT 16 2007

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental 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 citizens of the City of Los Angeles and their local elected officials have the constitutional right to petition the national government on any matter of concern to the community; and

WHEREAS, the United States has spent as of October 8, 2007 over \$458 billion to prosecute the war in Iraq and is currently spending \$2 billion per week to occupy Iraq with the result that more than \$4.5 billion in tax revenues have been diverted from Los Angeles to support the war and subsequent occupation of Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the 3.8 million residents of Los Angeles, being 1.27% of the total United States population, are together paying up to \$277 million dollars per month to support the war, a sum that could be used, for instance, to simultaneously add 3,000 new officers to the police force, hire 15,000 additional teachers, provide health insurance for 330,000 children who now have no coverage, and maintain supportive housing for 15,000 mentally disabled homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2005, President Bush officially ended the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, thus terminating the mission that justified the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the occupation of Iraq compromises United States security both by inspiring widespread unrest with violent resistance, and by placing significant strains on the capacity of the United States Armed Forces and the California National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the occupation has failed to effectively support the repair of the physical and social infrastructure that was devastated by the war with the result that the quality of life in Iraq is far worse today than it was prior to the invasion; and

WHEREAS, in the course of serving with honor and distinction in Iraq, approximately 100 members of the United States Armed Forces are killed each month, a total of more than 3,800 having been killed and more than 25,300 been wounded since the start of the war; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Iraqi lives is even greater, estimated as high as 655,000 since the inception of the war; and

WHEREAS, polls show that more than half of the American people support an end to the occupation of Iraq;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 Federal Legislative Program the following position:

1. On behalf of the citizens of the City of Los Angeles, the City urges the President of the United States to immediately commence a rapid, humane, and complete withdrawal of United States military personnel, contractors supporting the military effort and military bases from Iraq; and
2. The City of Los Angeles urges the United States Congress to appropriate medical, psychological, financial, and educational assistance for veterans; and
3. The City of Los Angeles urges redirection of the financial resources used to prosecute the war in order to address neglected domestic needs, including health, education, mass transit and infrastructure, and homeland security; and
4. The City of Los Angeles, recognizing that the stability of Iraq is crucial to the security of the citizens of Los Angeles and to all Americans, urges the United States government to provide the people of Iraq with non-military material aid to support the security of Iraq's citizens and the rebuilding of Iraq.

*Richard Alarcon*  
Substitute Resolution

PRESENTED BY: *Bill Rosendahl*  
BILL ROSENDAHL  
Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

*Tony Cardenas*  
**ADOPTED**

SECONDED BY: *Ed P. Reyes*

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in lieu of Original Resolution  
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

*James Hill*  
*Bernard L. Park*

TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

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**FRANK T. MARTINEZ**  
City Clerk

**KAREN E. KALFAYAN**  
Executive Officer

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relative to this matter  
refer to File No.

07-0002-S190

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CALIFORNIA



**ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA**  
MAYOR

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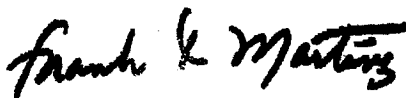
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November 1, 2007

Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor  
Chief Legislative Analyst  
Councilmember Rosendahl  
Councilmember Reyes  
Councilmember Alarcon  
Councilmember Hahn  
Councilmember Parks

RE: WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM IRAQ

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached substitute resolution (Rosendahl – Reyes, et al.) was adopted in lieu of the original resolution by the Los Angeles City Council at its meeting held on October 16, 2007 and was transmitted to the Mayor Forthwith. The Mayor concurred with the Council action on October 26, 2007.



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**Council File: 07-0002-S190**

**Title**  
COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ

**Subject**  
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**Date Received / Introduced**  
09/12/2007

**Last Change Date**  
11/20/2007

**Mover**  
BILL ROSENDAHL  
  
**Second**  
JANICE HAHN  
JOSE HUIZAR  
BERNARD PARKS  
JAN PERRY  
ED REYES  
HERB WESSON, JR.

**File History**  
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9-12-07 - Ref to Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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**Council Vote Information**

Meeting Date:	Meeting Type:	Vote Given:	Member Name	CD	Vol
10/16/2007	Regular	(12 - 2 - 1)	RICHARD ALARCON	7	YES
			TONY CARDENAS	6	YES
			ERIC GARCETTI	13	YES
			WENDY GREUEL	2	YES
			JANICE HAHN	15	YES
			JOSE HUIZAR	14	ABS
			TOM LABONGE	4	YES
			BERNARD C PARKS	8	YES
			JAN PERRY	9	YES
			ED REYES	1	YES
			BILL ROSENDAHL	11	YES
			GREIG SMITH	12	NO
			JACK WEISS	5	YES
			HERB WESSON	10	YES

1/19/10: Fer City County Members

See 1/18/10 program for  
Dr. Mont...  
King, Jr. - Examples  
of important speeches

www.DemocracyNow.org

www.IVAW.org (U.S. Veterans)

www.AMERICAN  
CNFONLFRN<sup>MA</sup>.org

FCAHB.org

www.Ark<sup>MA</sup>inthemiddleeast.com

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W, Jewish Voice for Peace.org

W, Seibel.org

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www.AmericanNew.org  
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