

CITY COUNCIL

 Policy Order Resolution

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

- WHEREAS: This City Council has learned the Military Budget doubled during the Bush presidency to an amount equal to the military budgets of the rest of the world combined, and the military budget is much larger than is necessary for the legitimate defense needs of the nation; and
- WHEREAS: The military budget excesses take money away from Cambridge schools and essential human service programs; and
- WHEREAS: Mayor Thomas M. Menino of Boston has been a local voice in speaking out on behalf of this proposal; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record endorsing Representative Barney Frank's proposal to reduce the military budget by 25%; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record endorsing the goal of using the reduction in military spending to fund programs to meet the needs of the people of Cambridge and of the United States; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record endorsing the goal of using the reduction in military spending to meet the needs of returning armed forces personnel and veterans; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record endorsing the goal of continuing to reduce the budget until it has shrunk to the amount necessary for the purposes of legitimate defense of the United States; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this

resolution to President Barak Obama, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, all members of the Massachusetts Congressional and Senatorial Delegation, Governor Deval Patrick, and the major Boston-area newspapers and television stations on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY RECORDED IN THE NEGATIVE ON THIS MATTER