HOW YOUR CHAPTER CAN PASS A HOME TOWN RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Since many chapters, as a consequence of the continuing catastrophic COVID-19 Pandemic, are unable to meet in person, we offer this experience that enabled us to raise the consciousness of our local community regarding the dangers of Nuclear Weapons, particularly in this year when we are commemorating the first and hopefully the only use of these weapons of mass destruction.

Our President has removed us from commitments regarding the use of Nuclear Weapons. This is one of the Veterans For Peace prime mandates to use our influence to remove these weapons from any potential use by the United States and hopefully for the rest of the World.

Several months ago our immediate past president, Edward Fox, visited his town Councilwoman and asked her if he could introduce a proposal to the City Council regarding a resolution that was recently passed by both the California State Senate and House of Representative to limit how and when Nuclear weapons could be deployed.

The Councilwoman suggested that Ed present the proposal to the City Council, and he was granted an extensive time period to present these resolutions at an upcoming City Council meeting. After the presentation, the Carlsbad City Council agreed to consider the resolutions.

Like all city councils, the deliberations took time, and after several months, the resolutions were brought up for a full vote by the City Council and were passed. As part of the passing of these resolutions, the final resolutions were sent to Carlsbad's Sister City of Futtsu, Japan, and also to the Prefectures of both Hiroshima and Nagasaki to arrive in time for the Commemorations of the 75th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Carlsbad has a population of 115,000 and is one of many cities in the United States that have signed proclamations or resolutions regarding the use of Nuclear Weapons. These are projects that you individually, or in conjunction with your local chapter, can successfully pursue.

The steps we successfully found to present any resolutions to your community are rather straight forward:

- First, know your Council Members, recognizing who might be most amenable to presenting your resolution.
- Second, contact that member electronically as regards your history in the community, your previous military affiliation, and that you are a member of the Veterans For Peace, and what resolution(s) you are specifically hoping your city, town, etc. would agree to sign on to, co-sponsor, etc.
- Third, request to meet with this person.
- Fourth, ask to be able to present this to your City Council. Actually, most public council meetings have several minutes designated for anyone to orally present their concerns.
- Fifth, give it your best shot during your presentation and then request electronically what follow-up has been accomplished.

RESOLUTIONS AND TREATIES

We are attaching the Resolutions that were passed by the Carlsbad City Council which are specifically addressed for the State of California. Other resolutions have been passed by many other cities worldwide. Most notably, the ICAN resolutions which received the Nobel Peace prize in 2017.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of non-governmental organizations in one hundred countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations nuclear weapon ban treaty. This landmark global agreement was adopted in New York on 7 July 2017.

CALIFORNIA JOINT RESOLUTION 30 AND 33:

AJR 30, Aguiar-Curry. Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017.

This measure would urge the United States Congress to speedily take up and pass the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons

AJR 33, Limón. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

This measure would urge our federal leaders and our nation to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy, and spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear weapons.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-108 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NOS. 30 AND 33-RELATIVE TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Exhibit 1 WHEREAS, the City of Carlsbad supports legislation that recognizes and prevents the adverse impacts affecting the public health and welfare of its citizens, and particularly minors;

- WHEREAS, nuclear weapons are uniquely powerful instruments with the capability to instantly kill millions of people, including noncombatants and children, and to create long-term health and environmental damage throughout the world;
- WHEREAS, California Assembly Joint Resolution No. 30 (Attachment A) urges the United States Congress to speedily take up and pass the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017, and send it to the President for his signature;
- WHEREAS, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017 has been reintroduced in the United States House of Representatives as H.R 669 (Attachment B) and in the United States Senate as S. 200, both entitled the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2019; WHEREAS, these bills seek to establish a national policy of no first use of nuclear weapons without a Congressional Declaration of War and a requirement of a specific authorization by Congress for first use of nuclear weapons without limiting retaliation for another party's first use, all consistent with the United States Constitution;
- WHEREAS, California Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33 (Attachment C) urges our federal leaders and our nation to embrace the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Attachment D) and make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy;

- WHEREAS, California Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33 also calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first, ending the President's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack, taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, canceling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons, and actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals. June 16, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Carlsbad, California, as follows:
1. That the above recitations are true and correct.
2. That the City of Carlsbad supports California Assembly Joint Resolution Nos. 30 and 33 - Relative to nuclear weapons.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution will be sent to the cities of Futtsu, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, Japan, and to the city's state and federal representatives.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Carlsbad, California, on the 16th day of June 2020.

UN chief: World is living in `shadow of nuclear catastrophe'

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/news/un-chief-world-living-shadow-205511795.html

UNITED NATIONS 2017 TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/tectodevms/pages/2417/attachments/original/1571248124/TPNW-English1.pdf?1571248124

The U.N. Treaty
on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

On 7 July 2017 – following a decade of advocacy by ICAN and its partners – an overwhelming majority of the world's nations adopted a landmark global agreement to ban nuclear weapons, known officially as the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It will enter into legal force once 50 nations have signed and ratified it. This week the 50th nation certified this treaty.

Prior to the treaty's adoption, nuclear weapons were the only weapons of mass destruction not subject to a

comprehensive ban, despite their catastrophic, widespread and persistent humanitarian and environmental consequences. The new agreement fills a significant gap in international law.

It prohibits nations from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons, or allowing nuclear weapons to be stationed on their territory. It also prohibits them from assisting, encouraging or inducing anyone to engage in any of these activities.

https://www.icanw.org/the_campaign

https://www.icanw.org/how_to_join_the_ican_cities_appeal

MAYORS FOR PEACE:

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/ecbn/resolution/20190701.html

2020 Vision

(An Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons)

Resolutions of Support

U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM)

July 1, 2019

Resolution unanimously adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, July 1, 2019 at its 87th Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI

Calling on all presidential candidates to make known their positions on nuclear weapons and to pledge U.S. global leadership in preventing nuclear war, returning to diplomacy, and negotiating the elimination of nuclear weapons

WHEREAS, nuclear weapons are the most devastating weapons ever created by humankind, with immense destructive capacity and trans-generational radiation effects; and

WHEREAS, nearly 14,000 nuclear weapons, 93 percent held by the U.S. and Russia, pose an intolerable threat to humanity and the biosphere; and

WHEREAS, Renata Dwan, Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, has declared that the risk of nuclear weapons being used again is at its highest since World War II, calling it an "urgent" issue that the world should take more seriously; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. announcement, followed by Russia's, of their intention to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty effective in August 2019 are signs of deepening crisis among the nuclear-armed states; and

WHEREAS, following the 2002 U.S. withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, collapse of the INF Treaty imperils the entire structure of arms control and disarmament, including prospects for extension of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) which expires in February 2021, and could lead to new, unpredictable arms racing; and

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), which entered into force in 1970, requires the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France and China to negotiate "in good

faith" the end of the nuclear arms race "at an early date" and the elimination of their nuclear arsenals; and

WHEREAS, nuclear-armed states are engaged in nuclear weapons modernization programs; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office reports that U.S. spending for nuclear warheads, delivery systems and supporting infrastructure over the 2019 – 2028 period is projected to cost $494 billion, for an average of nearly $50 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, U.S. military spending in 2018, at $649 billion, accounted for 36 percent of global military spending, almost as much as the next eight highest spenders combined, and more than two times as much as China and Russia combined; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the U.S. commitment to support immediate negotiation and early entry into force of a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) made in connection with the 1995 indefinite extension of the NPT and subsequent review conferences, the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review explicitly states that the Administration will not seek Senate approval of the CTBT; and

WHEREAS, over the objection of and without participation by the United States, Russia and the other nuclear-armed states, 122 countries – compelled by the unacceptable humanitarian consequences of any nuclear weapons use – in 2017 adopted and opened for signature a historic treaty to prohibit the possession, development, testing, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

WHEREAS, Mayors for Peace is working for a world without nuclear weapons and safe and resilient cities as essential measures for the achievement of lasting world peace, and has grown to 7,756 cities in 163 countries and regions, with 215 U.S. members; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) has unanimously adopted Mayors for Peace resolutions for 14 consecutive years, on June 11, 2018 calling on the Administration and Congress to "step back from the brink and exercise global leadership in preventing nuclear war."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, , tthat the USCM calls on all Presidential candidates of all political parties to make known their positions on nuclear weapons and to make preventing nuclear war, returning to diplomacy, and commencing negotiations on the global elimination of nuclear weapons priority issues in the 2020 Presidential campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USCM calls on all Presidential candidates to pledge their support for the joint 1985 declaration by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought," as urged by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USCM calls on all Presidential candidates to pledge, if elected, to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first and by actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USCM calls on all Presidential candidates to pledge, if elected, as an urgent priority, to lower nuclear tensions with Russia through intensive diplomatic efforts, including negotiations to replace the INF Treaty and to extend or replace New START; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USCM calls on all Presidential candidates to pledge, if elected, to promptly seek Senate approval of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USCM calls on all Presidential candidates to pledge, if elected, to reverse U.S. opposition to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to embrace its humanitarian values and goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USCM urges all U.S. mayors to join Mayors for Peace to help reach the goal of 10,000 member cities by 2020, and encourages all USCM members to call on all Presidential candidates to make known their positions on nuclear weapons and to pledge U.S. global leadership in preventing nuclear war, returning to diplomacy, and negotiating the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Sponsored by:

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The Honorable Lauren Poe, Mayor of Gainesville

PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF CARLSBAD CITY COUNCIL

December 10, 2019

Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council. I am Edward Fox, an Army veteran having served from 1968 to 1971. I am very fortunate for I have been a most happy resident of this wonderful city of Carlsbad for 32 years. I have a passion for Body Surfing and have enjoyed the beaches from Ponto to Northern Carlsbad,

I am the current president of the San Diego chapter of the Veterans For Peace, an international organization of veterans who do not believe that war is the answer.. Our particular chapter was named for Hugh Thompson, the helicopter pilot who attempted to stop the massacre at MyLai, Vietnam, in 1968. In our chapter, we have members who have served from Korea to Vietnam to our present unending wars in the middle east.

One of our chief concerns has to do with the welfare of our fellow veterans. Many veterans are not as fortunate as I am. The suicide rate of veterans in our country is an appalling 20 veterans per day. The number of homeless veterans is in the tens of thousands. Many homeless veterans can be found throughout our county. To somehow alleviate their suffering, we of the San Diego Veterans For Peace started a Compassion Campaign wherein we have travelled the streets at night and provided over 4300 sleeping bags to homeless veterans and others since 2010. Every penny in donations goes to the purchase of sox, backpacks or anything else we can provide. It is truly a life changing

experience to provide a sleeping bag to assist a most appreciative homeless individual, veteran or otherwise. I know councilperson Shumacher has expressed great interest in accompanying us.

One of the central planks of the Veterans For Peace reads:

“Veterans For Peace members will work to end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons.”

Thus, tonight I wish to address a resolution to endorse California Assembly Joint resolutions 30 and 33 regarding the use of nuclear weapons.

Towards this goal, the Veterans for Peace rebuilt and are sailing the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule was a small yacht that originally set sail in 1958 from the

US mainland with the purpose of sailing to the Polynesian Islands in an attempt to stop the Continuing testing of atomic bombs. Over 60 atomic blasts were conducted on and around these islands. The US Coast Guard stopped the boat midsea and the sailors were jailed in Hawaii and were never able to sail to their intended destination

Several years ago, members of Veterans For Peace found the hull of the Golden Rule near Chico, spent several years refurbishing it and now have sailed it to Hawaii, from which it will soon finally sail to the Polynesian Islands and thereafter to Japan to arrive and participate in the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima Nagasaki bombings.

2020 will be the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 11 and also the the 75th anniversary of the only use of atomic weapons, the bombings of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Whether one agreed or disagreed with these actions, I believe we all can agree that another use of these weapons would be devastating for all of mankind.

In 2017, the California legislature overwhelming passed Assembly Joint Resolution 30 and 33 that would prohibit the first use of Atomic Weapons by the United States, and SJR 33 would hope to limit the further development of these weapons of mass destruction.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 30 reads in part:

"This measure would urge the United States Congress to speedily take up and pass the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017, and send it to the President for his signature."

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 33 reads:

"This measure would urge our federal leaders and our nation to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy, and spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war."

Recently, one of our members received the following letter from the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki:

Message from the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
November 2019

This year, on August 6 and August 9, the world will mark 75 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As survivors of the bombing, the *hibakusha*,

decrease in number, listening to them grows ever more crucial. As a human family, we must not forget the tragedy of those two cities. Instead, we must ensure that future generations know the devastation wrought by nuclear weapons and are inspired to act to eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons.

Now is the time for civil society and world leaders to renew our resolve to ensure the deep humanitarian conviction of the *hibakusha* that “No one else shall ever again suffer as we have.”

Unfortunately, today vital nuclear arms control agreements are being abandoned, budgets for development and production of new nuclear weapons are growing, and the potential for nuclear weapons use is too dangerous to tolerate. We are badly off course in efforts to honor the plea of the hibakusha and end the nuclear threat.

At present, our government has proposed spending an approximate $1.2 Trillion dollars to refurbish and renew our nuclear arsenal.

I would hope that the residents of Carlsbad, could send a message to the people of Futtsu, Japan, Carlsbad’s Sister city, that would arrive prior to the 75th anniversary of the ending of the war and the dropping of the bombs, that we are indeed your global friends and that we hope that these weapons will never be used again.

We have an excellent opportunity to demonstrate our compassion and concern for the people of Futtsu and Japan by endorsing the resolutions as propounded by the state of California.

We are requesting that the City of Carlsbad would therefore complete a resolution to endorse the California Assembly Joint resolutions 30 and 33, and have them delivered to our Japanese sister city of Futtsu, and to the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to be received as part of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the only use of atomic weapons that have been used in war.

We of the San Diego Veterans For Peace appreciate the opportunity to present our petition to the City of Carlsbad.

Thank you.

Edward Fox, Dr.P.H.

President

San Diego Veterans For Peace