

Subject: Resolution No.212-10A16B

A San Francisco Day of Public Discussion on War
[Introduced 12/10/02 United Nations' Human Rights Day]
- Commissioners Eric Mar and Mark Sanchez

WHEREAS: It is essential that the people and students of San Francisco be well-informed of the root causes of war and the consequences of military action by their government including the loss of billions of dollars of support for our schools and social services in a time of dire need; and

WHEREAS: Despite a longstanding SFUSD policy barring U.S. military recruiters from our schools (Resolution No. 11-22A3 *Military Recruitment*), students are now vulnerable to the U.S. military's \$2.4 billion [FY 2002] recruiting efforts and the military's new "open door" access to student names, addresses and telephone listings based on changes in the 2001 *No Child Left Behind* law; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District establishes within the next two months, a major District-wide day of public discussion at appropriate school levels on the background of the current crisis concerning Iraq, the options available to the United States government and the people of the United States for attempting to resolve that crisis, and the consequences of a United States military attack on Iraq;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the teaching and learning, and curriculum departments work with community-based organizations and education groups to develop a list of available resources and lessons that are age appropriate for the classroom;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That schools may invite parents and other members of the public to participate in the educational programs as observers only if it does not diminish the educational goals of those programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any student, teacher or staff person who objects to participation in such educational programs shall not be required to participate.

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