



# CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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## SUPPORT THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE THE U.S. OUT OF IRAQ

**WHEREAS**, the Iraq War has now entered its fifth year, more than 3,300 Americans killed, thousands wounded, and tens of thousands of families forever changed by the hardships and financial strain of repeated and increased tours of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, President Bush continues to ignore military experts, the recommendations of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, and public opinion, instead calling for an increased surge of money and troops, and also threatens to veto any legislation containing a timetable for U.S. withdrawal; and

**WHEREAS**, Californians should be given the opportunity to vote on this as soon as possible, thereby increasing California's prominence in selecting our next President and setting the national agenda, which includes a unified voice showing our support for the immediate safe return of our troops;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party wholeheartedly supports the following statement: "The people of California, in support of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, urge President Bush to end the U.S. occupation of Iraq and immediately begin the safe and orderly withdrawal of all United States combat forces; and further urge President Bush and the United States Congress to provide the necessary diplomatic and non-military assistance to promote peace and stability in Iraq and the Middle East;" and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party urges other states to follow suit unifying our country in its absolute desire to see an immediate end to the Iraq War and sending the strongest possible message to President Bush and the Republican presidential candidates.

Submitted by Senator Art Torres (Ret.),  
Chairman of the California Democratic Party  
And Senator Don Perata, President pro Tempore, California State Senate

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