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Board of Supervisors Adopts Resolution
Opposing a Preemptive War Against Iraq

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Today after testimony from County residents, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, in a 4-0-1 vote, adopted a resolution opposing a preemptive strike against Iraq. Supervisor Don Gage, District 1, abstained from the vote citing his record of abstaining on matters not directly linked to County operations.

“What happens in the world affects us locally,” stated Supervisor Blanca Alvarado, Board Chairperson. “We are seeing a world that has many suffering people. And this destructive effort against Iraq will create deeper suffering, not just in Iraq but all over the world.”

“As members of a free and democratic society we have an obligation to speak out,” said Supervisor Pete McHugh, District 3. “Given the serious consequences of initiating a war the U.S. should not act at this time. When we have made a convincing case and the world community is with us, I will support military action.”

Background
The resolution, which calls for allowing more time for the United Nations inspections to be completed and that the U.S. take steps to become more energy sustaining, was approved on January 30 by the County Legislative Committee, chaired by Supervisor James T. Beall, Jr., District 4, and co-chaired by Supervisor Liz Kniss, District 5, and forwarded to the full Board.

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