



NEWS from the Office of Councilman Dennis P. Zine

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L.A. COUNCILMAN ZINE CALLS ON U.S. CONGRESS TO ENSURE LOS ANGELES GETS FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS

LOS ANGELES (March 26) --- Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis P. Zine (Third District) submitted a resolution today calling on the California delegation to the U.S. Congress to ensure that Los Angeles gets its fair share of Homeland Security funding.

“The City is exhausting its own resources to fund the vital equipment needed for our own first responders, police officers and fire-fighters,” said Zine, a 33-year LAPD veteran, “now that President Bush has introduced a new multi-billion dollar proposal to fund the war at home and in Iraq, Los Angeles must get its fair share.”

The FBI has identified the Los Angeles World Airport (LAX) and the Port of Los Angeles as two of the Top 10 potential targets for terrorists.

The proposal, seconded by Council member Janice Hahn who represents the Port area, calls on “the members of the California Congressional delegation to make every effort to secure additional funding for Los Angeles.”

This past Friday, Zine also co-authored with Council member Jack Weiss the motion to fund the LAPD request for \$4 million from the general fund to purchase gas masks and hazard material suits for first responders.

Also, last week Zine succeeded in getting his resolution unanimously passed declaring the City of Los Angeles as a strong supporter of the U.S. Armed Forces now engaged in hostilities with Iraq. Two weeks earlier, a divided City Council passed a resolution condemning the war effort.

“My public safety experience dictates that we act to protect our citizens on all fronts, whether its creating safer streets in Los Angeles or a safer world,” said the former motorcycle sergeant, “protecting our first responders, supporting our soldiers in war and in peace, its just the right thing to do.”

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles area is teeming with potential targets for domestic and international terrorism, including Los Angeles International Airport and the Port of Los Angeles, which must be protected; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, as well as other vital City Departments, have been charged with providing protection and “First Responder” services for the people of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, The cost of this extra protection for the residents of Los Angeles exceeds the City’s available revenues; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has sent a supplemental budget request of nearly \$75 billion to the Congress to cover the cost of prosecuting the war in Iraq and the necessary security steps being taken across the nation to help safe-guard the people and facilities of the United States from terrorists assaults; and

WHEREAS, Any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, must take every step possible to secure through the Congress and the Department of Homeland Security the funds necessary to provide the protection needed throughout the Los Angeles Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles City Council urges the members of the California Congressional delegation, to make every effort to secure additional security funding for Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: _____

DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilman, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: _____

JANICE HAHN
Councilmember, 15th District

March 26, 2003

COUNCIL PASSES ZINE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ

Los Angeles (March 21) -- - The Los Angeles City Council today unanimously passed a resolution by Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Los Angeles Third District, placing the City of Los Angeles on record as a strong supporter of the United States Armed Forces now engaged in hostilities in Iraq.

“I am very proud to author this resolution and to have six of my colleagues sign on as seconds,” Zine said following the Council Vote. “I am particularly grateful,” Zine said, “to have the support of Councilmen Hal Bernson and Nate Holden, the two members the City Council who served our nation in the Uniform of the United States.”

“While the Council may have disagreed on the policy which has lead us to this conflict, when it comes to the men and women in uniform, the City Council, and I believe the entire City is 100% behind the troops.”

Under Council rules, no more than seven members may sign on to any single motion or resolution to be presented to the Council. The resolution now goes to the Mayor for signature.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The people of Los Angeles, as do the people of the United States, believe in and strive for a world at peace; and

WHEREAS, The people of Los Angeles, as do the people of the United States, hold the men and women of the United States Armed Forces in the highest esteem; and

WHEREAS, More than 500 members of the Los Angeles City Family are away from us on active duty in Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Many more residents of Los Angeles are active or reserve members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Now these cherished men and women have been ordered into harm’s way; and

WHEREAS, The people of Los Angeles, as do the people of the United States and indeed all the world, yearn for a swift end to this conflict; and

WHEREAS, The people of Los Angeles, as do the people of the United States, ardently desire a speedy and safe return home for all of our military men and women;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, expresses its deep and unbounded pride in the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, and its fervent hope for a swift conclusion to this conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council looks forward to the safe return home of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

Presented by:

Dennis P. Zine

Seconded by:

Alex Padilla, Bernard C. Parks, Jan Perry, Nate Holden, Hal Bernson, Eric Garcetti