

JUST A SAMPLE 49 OF THE THOUSANDS OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT PEOPLE ARE SENDING TO THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR

(COPIED BY WRITERS TO WORLD CAN'T WAIT)
(names omitted for privacy)

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 05:08:49 -0500

To: sf@worldcantwait.org

Great work, guys, and greetings from Amsterdam! We're behind you 100% this is exactly the kind of action the entire United States needs!

To: "SF BUSH REGIME!Bay Area WORLD CAN'T WAIT - DRIVE OUT THE"
<sf@worldcantwait.org>

Subject: copy of letter

Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 11:48:11 -0800

i enthusiastically support the council's decision to discourage marine recruitmnet in our city. war has no place in a planet which is rushing toward the brick wall of arctic ice melt and the drastic consequences about to occur. the national treasure spending priorities need to be reversed immediately. it is by small local actions such as discouraging the recruiting station here that the national consciousness can be raised, and the bellicose policies of this government can be countered.

thank you.

XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Street address given

Berkeley 94704

HTML Attachment

Dear Berkeley City Council,

I want to thank you for your courage and integrity in voting to remove the military recruitment center from Berkeley.

I live in a dominant regressive right-wing community in Illinois and find it difficult to make any impact with so few like-minded people in the area.

I applaud you for your strength and not backing down in expressing your right to free speech.

Children need to be protected from what I consider harrassment to join the military and I find it outrageous that school funding is connected in any way to allowing these vultures to prey on students.

I hope one day to live in an area with progressive individuals making a difference locally and nationally for others to follow the same path as is your community.

Stay strong and keep up the good work!

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Batavia, IL

To: Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us
Date: 5 Feb 2008 05:45:10 -0800
Subject: World Can't Wait

I completely support the resolution of "World Can't Wait" supporters who have declared the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley. Please ignore the right wing blogosphere and the completely biased Fox News who are mobilizing to force the city to back down. The Senator from South Carolina who is calling for Berkeley to lose all federal funding should be ashamed of himself, and personally apologize. The council member who is receiving death threats should get media attention, and police protection. This IS America right? We do still have some rights, and possibly the right to free speech? Please do not let these people sway you from protecting what is left of the Constitution.

Sincerely,
Terry Towers
Rindge, NH. 03461

Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 09:02:58 -0500

Subject: thank you!
To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Dear Mayor Bates,

Thank you so very much for your courage and vision with the resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center unwelcome in Berkeley . If more of such reflective and ethical thinking would go on in our country, this horrid, immoral war would finally be over.

Please know how many of us in little old Vermont applaud and honor your efforts.

Sincerely,

XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Montpelier, VT 05602

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To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org
Subject: Marine Corps Recruiting Center
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 11:05:23 -0700

Dear Mayor:

I wanted to send this note of support for your fine city's resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley. The right wing blogosphere and Fox News are mobilizing to force the city to back down. A Senator from South Carolina is calling for Berkeley to lose all federal funding. One council member is even receiving death threats.

Please stand strong.

Vigilance.

Best regards,

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 22:11:29 -0600
To: spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us

I stand in support of your brave resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley.

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Austin, TX

[sent individually to each City Council member and to Mayor Bates]

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 19:39:05 -0800 (PST)
From: "FIRESTONE JEAN RAYMOND" <raymondjean@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: world can't wait

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Feb. 5, 2008

Dear Mayor and Councilmen and women,

I support your courageous defiance of military recruiting in your city for Bush's War. There do exist noble causes, but this war is not one of them.

Sincerely yours,

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 15:01:02 -0800 (PST)

Subject: thank you for standing up to the recruiters

To: sf@worldcantwait.org

City Councilmen

Thank you so much for your courageous resolution to the Marine Recruiting Station that it is not welcome in your wonderful city. It is motions like these that tell the world that your city is against these endless wars for profit in the Mideast. You have taken a stand to not be good Germans and turn away from your civic duty. Hats off to you!!!

XXXXX, Ph.D.

Subject: Thank you for your stance

Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 20:31:06 -0800

GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us,

To: lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us

To the Council Members,

You have set a great example of non violent protest. I applaud you and I appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,
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Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 21:20:28 -0700

To: lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us, mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Subject: Marine Recruiting

Dear Berkeley City Council,
Thank you so much for your courageous stand against U.S. Marine recruiting. I was a student at Berkeley in the '60s and the experience was a profound influence on who I am today. It's very gratifying to see that Berkeley still stands at the forefront of progressive politics. Keep up the good work.
XXXXXXXXXX, BSEE '67, MSEE '71

"Any fool can write code that a computer can understand. Good programmers write code that humans can understand."
Martin Fowler

To: lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us, manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us, lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us, mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org
Subject: Thank you for showing the country what is right.

Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 23:07:54 -0500
Thank you Berkeley!

I fully support your move to remove Marine recruiters from your city! I lived in Berkeley shortly many years ago and still cite many of the progressive moves implemented the make Berkeley different and approach sustainable.

Keep up the great work, you have been ahead of the pack for decades, America and the world needs positive role models such as your steady work offers.

Strive diligently.

XXXXXXXXXXXX, LMT
XXX-615.3296

Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 18:32:01 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Support from me to you concerning the refusal of recruitment offices remaining any longer.
To: sf@worldcantwait.org
Hello City Council, Mayor of Berkeley, California and W.C.W..

My name is XXXXXXXX and I am, among many other things, a student at HSU in Arcata. However I am originally from the East Bay Area and plan on residing there after the completion of my studies in the University.

I've heard of an additional recent political struggle concerning the Marines' recruitment office situated in Berkeley and apparently, consciously without welcome from the people and city government. It is with great passion and fervor that I support everyone who supports this notion that they are not welcome and should respectfully pack up and leave. But when they do, where do they go to unpack and start their web slingin' again? Maybe this isn't Berkeley's concern? Also, are you, the city officials strategizing as to how we will deal and hold accountable the police officers who commit brutality during these events? I'll tell you right now, their presence IS being questioned. They are not necessary in the public assembly process as we are a PEACEFUL, capable and creative people sharing in a common struggle.

We should be clear in our dialogue together as to why each of us feel they [the militant recruiters] should leave in the first place. In whose interest would it work if they were to remain or not. Maybe we feel it's because we don't need yet another fascist, parasitic force targeting our social wealth, the men and women who are in line to throw their lives away in the name of "God" or the "U.S.A." but really their blood goes towards advancing the white supremacist capitalist patriarchal agenda that has been raping this Indigenous land for a while now. Maybe we don't like how militarism targets, subjects and manipulates our men and women of color and/or who are poor/queer etc.? This needs to be articulated in public and private inclusive discussions. A clear and critical language will illustrate to folks in the process of getting engaged, just where they might be able to fit or stand in this current struggle and how it applies to them, their lives and that of their families. Some people are privileged enough to choose whether they want to even "get involved" in this or not but this is not the case for many. Let us not just be satisfied with the prevalent and superfluous testimony of the white males in higher positions of power when talking about strategies for what we should do about this current situation, but open up a dialogue with the larger community so that various voices who have been institutionally silenced will be encouraged to voice their perspective. (i.e. that of a person of color, queer, low income/homeless/unemployed, women, women of color). This is not to say that anyone who speaks from any or all of said marginalized groups will for that reason alone, have the revolutionary, politically transgressive answer. But each member of the community, our social wealth, as Angela Davis has termed it, including you all, would bring an amount of incredible experience and wisdom along with some ignorance. Thus the need to listen to other folks right now is more urgent than it's even been as these days progress. ALL the people of Berkeley (and beyond), again, the social wealth to which we all belong, is who we're defending when we raise our fist and say "No Business as Usual", "Ya Basta!"[Enough!]

In conclusion, a key point that I refuse to leave out is that the war in Iraq, that many of us are opposed to, should not take the attention off of the low intensity warfare that is going on at home, in the states. The war on people indigenous to this land, yet without papers who struggle to survive here and not get profiled by a cop. The war on womyn with us having to plan out our day each morning as to how we'll go about this one without getting raped. The war on people of color and with everything culturally telling everyone that "white has always been right, therefore, of course you're going to jail!". The war on Queers, with us having to struggle everyday with the notion that we are just a bit less authentically human then everyone else and walking around knowing that wearing a rainbow is still enough these days to get killed in the street. The war on poor people esp. those who are womyn and/or of color. Why haven't we legalized poverty yet?

I thank you all very much for taking the time to read this. As my hopes are to always challenge myself and everyone else i'm engaging with and talking to, I am openly in support of the recruitment office being shut down. Thank you.

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Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 09:01:02 -0500

To: Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us

Subject: Berkeley gives Marines the boot

CC: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
sf@worldcantwait.org

Dear members of the Berkeley City Council,

I am writing in support of your decision to dis-invite the Marine recruiting office from Berkeley. I feel that this is not based on disrespect for the brave members of the armed forces who protect our country, but on a rejection of the policies of their leaders, who have sacrificed soldiers in an unjust war and who have encouraged and even forced them to commit reprehensible acts of torture.

I know you will face pressure for this decision, and I wanted you to know that people from across the nation respect your position and wish you well.

Sincerely,
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"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."

Mark Twain

What you and your city council have done is so admirable and so courageous. People are searching desperately for leaders like yourselves to begin tapping into their own courage. If I had the way and means I would be there in person to support you. We need to fight back against these criminals and crazy folk that have hi-jacked this country through fear and took us into this illegal war/occupation, brought death and destruction to our soldiers, the Iraqis and their country and anyone else who gets in our way, like Iran. And in this free falling economy, many young people will need money and jobs and it makes it so easy for the military to seduce them. Please hang tough, you have much support.

XXXXXXX
Fenton, Mi.

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 09:06:31 EST
Subject: Resolution
To: sf@worldcantwait.org

The Berkeley City Council did a brave and correct action to let the Marine Corp Recruiting Station know by Resolution know that they were not welcome in your city. I'm not sure why the arrest of the demonstrators took place but it did not seem that they were violating the law. Please stand strong in the face of opposition you are sure to receive!

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Tarpon Springs, Florida

This e-mail was sent to each Council member and the Mayor in Berkeley.

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 06:04:17 -0800 (PST)

Subject: My Message Sent

To: sf@worldcantwait.org

Hello and thank you for your outstanding acts of courage in standing up for what is right and just and true to what this nation once stood for, with the hope that we will return to those ideals and liberties. Here below is a copy of my letter to all those on the list you posted in your email to me showing those on the Berkley City Council. I emailed all 8 but the Mayor's email was returned as undeliverable. He must be out to lunch like the rest of our so called representatives. We need to throw the whole damned bunch of these criminals out of office and into the prison system to pay for the damages they have done to We The People and those in other parts of the world.

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Dear Council Member,

I am writing this email to let you know that I fully support the resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley. It is time to put an end to all this horror that the Bush regime has brought upon the world at large and to remove this monster and his gang and bring them to justice. They no longer represent the people of this nation and are hereby declared enemies of this nation.

Please do your job in the best interest of ~~We~~ The People□

I thank you kindly,

XXXXXXXXXX

Holbrook, MA 02343

To: sf@worldcantwait.org
Subject: Copy of email to Berkley City Council
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 09:25:03 -0500

God Bless you .. you are doing the morally correct thing. It's your town if we do not recruiters for Bush's war we should be able to keep them out.

We have asked recruiters NOT to come to our high schools here as well.

Stay Strong!!!!!!

XXXX, Orlando Florida

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us
Subject: MC recruiting
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 07:02:10 -0800
I support your resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley.

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VOTE? Ha! We cannot vote our way out of our current dreadful political system.

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 07:51:25 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Recruiting Action

lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
To: lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
sf@worldcantwait.org

BRAVO to all of you. You and the courageous members of the World Can't Wait are the true American **PATRIOTS**. You exemplify the very best qualities of U.S. citizens. I applaud you, salute you . . . admire you. And thank you.

Best. In solidarity.
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Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 08:08:48 -0800 (PST)
SAME WRITER AS ABOVE EMAIL

Subject: Oops

To: lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
sf@worldcantwait.org

Oops. I just read that you propose "backing off the anti-Marines declaration" . . .
. so I retract my characterization of you as "courageous." They got to you, didn't they?

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Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 08:22:54 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Thank you for your courage

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

I would like to thank you and the Berkeley City Council for taking a courageous stand in support of the resolution to declare the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley.

Peace,

XXXXXXXXXX

Oak Park, Illinois

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 10:22:48 -0800 (PST)

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Dear Mayor Bates:

I just want to let you know that I support Berkeley's resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be unwelcome. Don't give up!

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To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
CC: olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us, lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us, manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us, lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us
Subject: U.S. Marines in Shattuck Square
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 08:53:02 -0800

Honorable Mayor Bates and City Council

We are writing to you today to thank you for telling the U.S. Marines that its Shattuck Square recruiting station *"is not welcome in the city, and if recruiters choose to stay, they do so as uninvited and unwelcome intruders,"*

At no other time in American history has the democratic republic of our founding fathers been under such virulent attack from within our own national government. You all have shown great wisdom and courage in meeting this threat head on.

Your roles in this fight mean so much because you have both a platform from which to take action and also the unique opportunity to be heard over the dull silence of our media. The inclusion of the freedom of press in our constitution was meant as a buffer against the very oppression we now face. The only expression of freedom of the press we now have, save a few Truth Sayers, is in complete collusion with the power structure they are supposed to be monitoring.

Please stay strong in your vigilance and in the decisions you make on behalf of your citizenry. Your example is a guiding light to the millions of national and international citizens who support your efforts on behalf of an America we dare not lose to the conquerors.

Remain true, do the right thing. We support you!

Respectfully,

[8 individual men's and women's names]

Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 10:00:41 -0600

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, sf@worldcantwait.org

Subject: Is Code Pink free to protest Marine recruiting in Berkeley?

Your Honor,

I am aware of and support the Berkeley City Council vote to allow the peace group Code Pink to protest in front of the Shattuck Avenue Marine recruiting station.

So I don't understand why at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 31 Berkeley police in riot formation appeared, arresting the protesters who now face court appearances.

I believe the best way to support our military is to withdraw them from Iraq. The Iraq situation can't be resolved in a just way using our military at this point. Terrorism is a criminal act, not an act of war by a sovereign nation. Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11. We were misled into war with Iraq regardless of the brutality of the Saddam Husein regime. We did not belong there in 2002, and we don't belong there now.

I commend the resolution of your city council. I would like to know who brought charges against this legal protest, and hope the charges against the Code Pink protesters will be dropped and the harassment will not be repeated.

Sincerely,
Thomas Meacham

To: sf@worldcantwait.org

Subject: i support City Council

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 11:04:30 -0500

I am a citizen who supports the Berkeley City Council to let Marine recruiters know they are unwelcome in the city. I support them 100 %.

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Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 08:25:30 -0800

mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
To: lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us
Subject: Marine Corps Recruiting

I support your resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley. It's about time people with good sense took a stand against the war machine!

Kudos to all of you!!!!

XXXXXXXXXX
Washington State

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

To: sf@worldcantwait.org
Subject: Support from Chicago
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 12:55:10 -0500

Dear Berkeley city council,

Thank you for taking this stance against the military recruiters in your city. You have the support of millions of people not just locally but across the country who are watching. We hope this will inspire further courageous acts of resistance to this nightmarish war.

Stay strong!

XXXXX
Illinois

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 09:30:31 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Military Recruits Not Welcome

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Dear Mayor Bates:

I am writing to say that I support your sentiments regarding recruiting in Shattuck Sqare. As far as I can tell, you are simply stating they are unwelcome and saying it in a very public way. I don't believe this is against any laws as you are not actually "throwing them out," and are merely showing your strong sentiments against war that is obviously supported by your constituents. I believe, like you, we have to find other ways to deal with our aggression and our "world issues."

The crimes this administration has gotten away with, and continues to get away with, make a sham of our Constitution and our commitment to the rule of law. They commit real crimes every day and then get off scot-free by legalizing their crimes after the fact. The actions you took were actually supported by your City Council prior to making them. That's more than they can say.

Sincerely,

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Elmhurst, NY 11373

To: lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, sf@worldcantwait.org

Subject: Marine recruiting office in Berkeley

Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 13:15:02 -0500

Congratulations on taking the courageous stand that you took. I support you in wanting to keep out the Marine recruiters. There have been too many of our young people that have lbeen ied to by recruiters. They are taking advantage of the gullible and vulnerable young people that just want better lives for themselves.

Sincerely, XXXXXXXXXX

Atlanta, Georgia

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 10:37:36 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Please stay strong

Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, "Anthony D.Romero ACLU"
To: <executive_director@aclu.org>, lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us, mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Hello,

I encourage you to hold to your convictions and continue to allow peaceful protests in front of the Marine recruiting station.

Thank you for your time,
XXXXXXXXXX
Las Cruces, NM
(former SF and Oakland resident

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 10:41:54 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Your decision re the Marine Corp recruiting center

mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
To: lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

As a citizen very concerned about our country's military actions, I wanted to let you know that I applaud the Berkeley City Council's courageous decision to tell the U.S. Marines that its Shattuck Square recruiting station *"is not welcome in the city."*

Thank you for taking a stand.

Sincerely,
XXXXXXXXXX
Phoenix AZ

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." - Thomas Jefferson

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 14:33:00
EST
Subject: Recruiting Center Shut Down
To: sf@worldcantwait.org

Dear Activists,

I support you and I'm cheering you on!!! Stay strong! Don't let the powers that be or people who say you're not Patriotic get to you. I don't have a WCW chapter in my town but I think its a great organization that does great things. WCW is organized and on the front lines. I have met Debra Sweet personally at a event in Madison. I hope she comes back soon. I also e-mail with her. I want you guys to know that me and my husband wear orange every chance we get. Just remember that someone in WI cares about you and wants the same change you do. Go San Francisco and Berkeley!!!

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milwaukee, WI

Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 11:00:04 -0800

To: sf@worldcantwait.org
Subject: Marine recruitment
Dear Mayor Bates,

While I do not usually answer calls from World Can't Wait which I consider too far out, I do support your action in attempting to restrict Marine or any other military recruitment in your city. These recruiters do not give young people an accurate picture of the treatment they face in the military, dwelling mostly on the benefits of military service. Granted there have been many which has made it easy to convince them to join, but in today's brutal world they do not measure up to the personal risks involved.

XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Oakland, 94606

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 12:19:42 -0800 (PST)

Subject: Support of Berkeley City Council Decision on Marine Corps Recruiting Center

To: Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: "worldcantwait" <sf@worldcantwait.org>, "Abim"
<abimthomas@gmail.com>

Dear Berkeley City Council Members,

Your decision is historic and heroic. We live in difficult times and need to stand up to the powers that be. I stand with you in your decision. Please do not let the outrageous pressures of the right cause you to back down. You gained so much respect.

What Berkeley does can start changes throughout the nation. My daughter lives in Boston . I have let her know what you have done in the hope that Boston will do the same.

THANK YOU !! Danish - tusind tak - A thousand thanks.

Dear XXXXX,

Since I'm in Portland, I e-mailed. I will forward this to the people I think will take the time. One of the women from my church said to tell you she is so very impressed and thankful and asked me whether everyone from Yreka was an activist and whether it was the water! I told her that, far from that, there are plenty of rednecks and right-wingers, but not us. Love and Thanks, XXXXXX

----- Original Message -----

From: XXXXXXXX

To: lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us ; dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us ;
spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us ; manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us ;
lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us ; olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us ;
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us ; GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us ;
mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 11:02 AM

Subject: Thank You For Your Courage

Hello, I am from Portland, Oregon, and I am a friend of [one of those arrested Friday at the Marines station]. I want to thank you and commend you for your courage in standing strong against allowing recruiting in your city. We could just lose our beautiful nation if we don't wake up to the injustices that are happening in the name of freedom. I can't believe that any pre-emptive war is moral, and the one in Iraq, in my opinion, was only instigated in order to establish a permanent foothold in the middle east and perhaps obtain access to their oil. The administration and the military have gone against most of the rest of the world and have broken the terms of the Geneva Convention. Until we abandon this imperialist mentality and clean up our own doorstep at home, we will continue to be at risk. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

When the power of love surpasses the love of power, then shall we know peace...

Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 12:40:11 -0800

Subject: We support your resolution against the Marine Corps recruiting center!
Don't back down!

To: lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

To the Honorable Berkeley City Council:

Please know how much We The People who are not brainwashed by FOX "News" and the neo-con Bush administration's propaganda, support your courageous resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley.

Do not give in to the right-wing's efforts to intimidate you! You have the overwhelming majority of the people! Stand strong and keep your resolution!

With much respect-
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 15:11:25 -0600

To: lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, "GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us"
<GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us>, sf@worldcantwait.org
Subject: I SUPPORT THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION TO BOOT THE
MARINES RECRUITING STATION OUT OF BERKELEY

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To: Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org
Subject: We support for decision to reject Military Recruiters from campus
Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 20:58:58 GMT
Dear Berkley City Council Members:

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of both myself and my family who are wholeheartedly in support of and strongly urge the the Council not to reject, their decision to ban military recruiters engaging in coercive or manipulatory tactics from their campus. I hope none of their members will succumb to intimidation.

It is depressing that this country has come to this. While it is nothing new that often purely on whim, persons engaged in competent civil nonviolent resistance, are harangued or worse, these last several years have been by far, the worst. A family member of mine is in public ed and this, likely, is not what she would want the next generation to learn. The protesters were doing nothing conduct wise, illegal, that warranted, in my opinion, either their arrest, or the specifics, thereof.

This is not now so much about impeachment as it is about whether or not the highest to lowest levels of government at at all sectors should be held accountable. I hope the council will stay with its original position.

Sincerely,
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N.Y.

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Subject: Don't rescind

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 16:16:43 -0800

Imaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
To: lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

Council Members:

Please stick to your guns and don't rescind the declaration about Marine recruiting.

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Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 16:58:29 EST
Subject: Marine Corps Resolution
To: lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org
Dear Ms. Capitelli:

It's nice to know that there is one city in America who is unafraid to take a stand to prevent innocent Americans from joining the military. Thank you Berkeley City Council for leading the way with your practical activism. In this day and age there is no reason to pit the young people of one country against the young people of another country for political purposes. If only we would all take a stand around the world, this could be stopped and peace would prevail. Good luck with your efforts!

Thank you,
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Fort Pierce, FL

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Thank you,
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Fort Pierce, FL

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 19:40:26 EST
Subject: RE: The Courage of the Berkeley City Council
sf@worldcantwait.org, lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us, manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
To: spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us, lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us, kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us, mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

I only wish there were more like you all over the country. It's obvious that the first requirement of waging any war is to recruit bodies to fight it. One of the most thought inspiring questions that had occurred to me during my stint in the military (during the mid sixties) was "What if they had a war, and nobody came?" I commend you for taking the action you have. God bless you. For the short duration you have already interfered with recruitment, some young person's life may have been saved, some family might have been spared the horror of the military call to inform them of a loved one killed, maimed or missing in action. You never know, some other cities may opt to follow your lead and it may just be the beginning of a national peace movement - something long overdue in this country. We can dream, we can pray. You have collectively gone beyond that, you have acted. As a patriotic citizen I say "THANKS TO ALL OF YOU".... I hope your ideas and actions catch on.

Bless You,
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If it weren't for the Iraq war, there would be no need for such a place.

It is entirely appropriate for Berkeley to reflect its citizens' opposition to the war in this manner.

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South San Francisco

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 18:10:36 EST
Subject: IN SUPPORT
To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us
CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Your Honor,

Today I write in support of your resolution declaring the Shattuck Square Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley. As the mother of sons, I strongly object to the recruiting center and stand with you and your wise decision.

Thank you,

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To: GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Subject: Bravo!

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 22:50:18 -0500

Thank you for your courage and conviction in passing the Berkeley resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center "unwelcome." Your city is a beacon in the dark times of this administration. Thank you for taking a stand against this illegal and immoral war!

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Newark, DE

To: sf@worldcantwait.org

Subject: US War Machine

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 18:43:18 -0700

Congratulations for booting out the war criminals and murderers! I hope that more cities will follow your example. The Empire can not prosper if the people don't support it.

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Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 23:53:43 EST

Subject: Support

To: spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

I absolutely support your decision on keeping recruiters out of your city. Thank you for your patriotism, and love for our youth and country.

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Reno, Nevada

(This letter was sent to every Councilperson, individually, along with the letter below sent to Mayor Bates)

Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 00:17:05 EST

Subject: Support

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Mr. Mayor:

I am just an ordinary citizen, but I want to express my admiration and support to you for declaring your city unwelcome to recruiters.

This takes an enormous amount of courage, and a tremendous love for our youth and our country. Thank you.

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Reno, Nevada

Subject: Marine Recruiting Center unwelcome in Berkeley

Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 20:45:00 -0800

From: "Clayton O'Brien-Smith" <COBrienSmith@GGLO.com>

To: dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us, manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us, mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

Dear Berkeley Mayor and council Members:

I support your resolution declaring the Marine Corps Recruiting Center to be "unwelcome" in Berkeley.

PS. please forward to the entire council.

Sincerely

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Seattle, Washington

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 23:51:11 EST

Subject: Support

To: manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us

CC: sf@worldcantwait.org

I absolutely support you on your resolution on keeping recruiters out of your city. Thank you for your patriotism, and love for our youth and country.

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Reno, Nevada

Subject: Shattuck Square Incident

Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 08:34:50 -0500

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, GWozniak@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
kworthington@ci.berkeley.ca.us, olds@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
lcapitelli@ci.berkeley.ca.us, spring@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us, dmoore@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
lmaio@ci.berkeley.ca.us

To all those concerned;

I wanted to take time out to voice my support of the recent protest at the Marines Shattuck Square recruiting station. The act of sending a wall of police in riot gear to remove them was nothing short of despicable, and **certainly** unpatriotic. I hope your office(s) take steps to make sure our right as American's to protest is NEVER trampled on again. If you don't do everything in your power to ensure this basic right, it will only lead to your children also loosing their rights as American's. **Please** don't let that happen. America needs your help.

Thank you for your time.

Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 19:34:28 -0800

From: "Arthur Stopes, III." <arthurstopesiii@yahoo.com>

To: mayor@ci.berkeley.ca.us, manderson@ci.berkeley.ca.us,
attorney@ci.berkeley.ca.us, sf@worldcantwait.org, sfbay-
web@lists.indymedia.org, doakley@bayareanewsgroup.com

Subject: Fwd: "Use the Law to eject the Marines!" - from C.U.R.E.
(Complimentary Copy.)

To Whom it may concern; especially Mayor Tom Bates* and Councilman Max Anderson. et al.:

Apropos of recent demonstrations by "Code PINK", and your "World Can't Wait"; I "can't wait", either, and I have discovered the peacable, legal ammunition, by which the U.S. Marines' office could be routed out of Berkeley, and every other state of these United States of America.

Below are two of the most relevant sections of the United States Codes (which are often written in *Code*). See their texts, below:
The first one (Title 4 U.S. Code, Section 72.), makes clear that such "offices" as

the Marines now unlawfully *occupy* (just as in Iraq!), must be in "D.C."; i.e., a *Federal Area*, unless there is a written "Delegation of Authority" letter. And... the Marines (and doubtless, others), have none. The second one (Title 10, Section 503.), additionally makes clear that such "offices" as the Marines now *occupy*, can only be used for (quote): "advertising and market research targeted at prospective recruits for the armed forces". Their very presence, in a Union state, is a LIE!

Please read, carefully, what I have tried to bring to the attention of Berkeley's "activists", who are led by the nose by federalized "attorneys".**

Sincerely, [Arthur Stopes, III](#).

Director; Center for Unalienable Rights Education (C.U.R.E.).

Telephone: 510 / 548 - 5238.

* **Mayor Bates:** Your "Acting Attorney" cannot PROVE he has a "License" to practice law, pursuant to the Business and Professions Code, at Section 6067. Therefore, read very carefully the U.S. Codes, above. The "Code PINK" N.L.G. "attorney", Sharon Adams, was forwarded the e-mail dated "Sun, 04 Nov 2007" (see below), but said she doesn't "agree" to it. I have presented the law. To WHAT, then, does she not agree? You ask her, as she (and doubtless your Actor Attorney), dare not reveal the LIMITS of federal authority, and your City Manager can't decode it.

** What most people do not comprehend, is that "State" and "United States" *mean* (in federal law), a Territory and the District of Columbia. That is WHY there are federal drug convictions; and "attorneys" would normally be sanctioned, if they reveal what - and *where* - the "U.S.", is!

----- Original Message -----

Subject: "Code PINK": Use the Law to eject the Marines! - from C.U.R.E.

Date: Sun, 04 Nov 2007 18:13:15 -0800

From: Arthur Stopes, III. <arthurstopesiii@yahoo.com>

To: mzsam@bayareacodepink.org, foonan@jps.net,
info@bayareacodepink.org, jscherr@berkeleydailyplanet.com,
fredericke@kzfr.org

Re: **"Marines have Landed in Berkeley and opened a Military Recruiting Station!**

NO Military Predators in OUR Town!"

Dear CodePINK members and supporters:

I read in *The Berkeley Daily Planet* of your groups' concern about the U.S. Marines' Officer Recruiting Center, at Berkeley, California. Although Letters to the Editor, posters, marches, and rallies will serve to bring attention to the presence of that institution's office, I suspect that they will have no more impact upon the questionable "conscience" of the Marines, than stones thrown by children at marauding tanks.

Therefore, **I have a positive suggestion.** It could result in the *legally required departure* of that and other U.S. military recruiting centers. You may be intrigued to learn that the laws of the federal government are in your favor - if you have the courage and diligence to apply them.

Consider this very clear dictate, regarding the lawful location of federal (U.S.) offices, as can be found in the United States Codes:

TITLE 4 - FLAG AND SEAL, SEAT OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE STATES /
CHAPTER 3 - SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT

Sec. 72. Public offices; at seat of Government

All offices attached to the seat of government shall be exercised in the District of Columbia, and not elsewhere,
except as otherwise expressly provided by law. [Underlines added.]

And, also this:

TITLE 10 - ARMED FORCES / Subtitle A - General Military Law / PART II -
PERSONNEL / CHAPTER 31 - ENLISTMENTS

Sec. 503. Enlistments: recruiting campaigns; compilation of directory information

(a) Recruiting Campaigns.

(1) The Secretary concerned shall conduct intensive recruiting campaigns to obtain enlistments in the Regular Army, Regular Navy, Regular Air Force, Regular Marine Corps, and Regular Coast Guard.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall act on a continuing basis to enhance the effectiveness of recruitment programs of the Department of Defense (including programs conducted jointly and programs conducted by the separate armed forces) through an aggressive program of advertising and market research targeted at prospective recruits for the armed forces and those who may influence prospective recruits. [Underlines added.]

According to both of these federal codes, the authority of the Marines to have an office *outside* of the District of Columbia must be "expressly provided by law"; and, restricted *solely* to "advertising and market research". The applicable Latin legal maxim, is this:

Inclusio unius est exclusio alterius. It means: "The inclusion of one is the exclusion of another."

I have been advised by a national authority in using the law to require government officials to Obey the Law, and Perform their Duty. He said that - in order to have positive (or court admissible) evidence - one should file a federal "FOIA" request. That is, a "Freedom of Information Act" Request, whereby evidence is provided by the government itself that the Marines do (or do not), have the required "Delegation of Authority" Letter. Absent that, U.S. Marine Corps Captain Richard Lund, et al., must retreat to a Federal Area, pronto!

Of course, I contacted Captain Lund; he professes to know nothing about a "Delegation of Authority" Letter, and, said he has none. Then, of course, I contacted Capt. Lund's "superior officer" - one Major Sean Pascoli - at Mountain View. He *claims* to not need one! See above... For an example of such a Letter, see http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/iln/osc/documents/ag_letter_february_06_2004.pdf.

(That letter delegated authority from the Department of Justice and Acting Attorney General, to Patrick J. Fitzgerald, U.S. Attorney.)

For a local example, here is a simple definition of such a letter, issued by the University of California / Office of the President:

What is in a Delegation Letter?

Written Delegations specify the title of the position to which the authority has been delegated, the extent of the authority and whether or not the authority can be redelegated. Authority remains with the title, not the individual.

IF necessary, the County Sheriff (being the highest civil authority in the county), could be called upon for the requisite eviction. And, IF necessary, the county's Grand Jury could be convened, in order to command the Sheriff to Obey the said Law, and Perform *his* Duty!

I trust this missive will be received by members of your group having the requisite intellectual Courage to find this information useful.

Sincerely, [ArthurStopes, III](#).

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