

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 159)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction.

Not because Iraq was involved in 9/11.

Not because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

US military dead: 4,083 US military wounded: 30,329

Iraqi civilians killed: 91,713* Money spent on war: \$532 billion

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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More War Means Less Housing

By Jay Stockman

It is important not to forget the impact that the war in Iraq has on peoples' lives here in New York City.

An article in the April 13th *New York Times* by Manny Fernandez spotlighted Tino Hernandez, head of New York City's Housing Authority. Begun by Mayor LaGuardia in the 1930s, the New York City's Housing Authority, the most successful effort in public housing in this country, holds the hope of joining this society for many newcomers to New York City. This largest of public housing systems in the US has 408,000 residents in 2,600 buildings. Now more than 125,000 families clamor to enter New York City houses. Gregory Floyd, president of Local 237, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which represents most Housing Authority personnel called city housing, “an operation without any funding; a being whose very existence is in question.”

One example of this lack of funding: New York State built several projects as part of NYCHA, but no money was included in the New York state budget to operate them for 2008. The amount of federal money given to New York City for housing operations has also fallen. Yet, the Bush administration will spend almost \$2 billion a week in taxes and borrowed money for its misadventures in Iraq while New York City housing is left in dire straits.

We see that this country's domestic needs really suffer while we worry about happenings in Iraq on the far side of our world.



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