

# Press Release

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## **LOCAL ANTIWAR COALITION ASKS, "HOW MANY MORE?"**

**IN FACE OF EVER-WIDENING CONFLICT, ACTIVISTS DEMAND IMMEDIATE MIDEAST**

**WITHDRAWAL, JUSTICE AT HOME**

BOSTON, MA, AUGUST 3, 2006: Local antiwar activists will unfurl a large banner asking, "How many more... before we say, "No!" The banner campaign, focused on churches and institutions in high traffic locations, will be launched on Sunday, August 6, 2006, at the Community Church of Boston, overlooking Copley Square, during a 9:30 a.m. press conference.

"The American public is fed up with the war and the direction the country is headed. Even the majority (72%) of U.S. troops think they should return by the end of this year" says social worker and Stop the Wars activist, Alison Dignam. "This campaign provides a way for average citizens to take a public position simply by creating a link to our website on their homepage. The campaign draws the connection between the billions spent on the war with the ongoing

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cutbacks in domestic services and programs. As a result, children and families' basic needs are going unmet," added Dignam. "The campaign," she continues, "draws the connection between the war with the billions it costs and the ongoing cutbacks in services and programs in the United States."

"Our demand for immediate withdrawal is consistent with both public opinion and, more importantly, it is also the starting point for the rebuilding of both Iraq and for justice at home," say Nick Giannone, a local boilermaker and antiwar organizer. "The 'How many more?' campaign will surface and deepen the broad antiwar sentiment," according to Giannone. It will also educate the public via a website, [www.StopTheWars.org](http://www.StopTheWars.org), he pointed out.

"Too little of the media conversation connects the war with corporations like Halliburton and the Big Dig's Bechtel," say Dignam, "We think that our campaign and educational materials will change that."

Sergio Reyes, of Latinas & Latinos for Social Change ([www.lfsc.org](http://www.lfsc.org)), applauded the campaign's connecting global and local issues: "In a time when all decisions made in Washington DC have international repercussions, particularly in cases of war that end up with the killing of thousands of innocent people, it is imperative that the public be educated about those decisions."

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