

THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION ON MILITARY RECRUITERS ON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, UTLA and CAMS

WHEREAS, military recruiters have drastically increased recruitment efforts on high school campuses in LAUSD since 9-11 and the War on Iraq began, which has included questionable tactics and military hardware of humvees, naval ships, and army vans; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army's School Recruiting Program Handbook USAREC Pamphlet 350-13, April 2002 states that "school ownership is the goal"; and

WHEREAS, branches of the military are experiencing a shortage of recruits, prompting aggressive and unethical tactics which led to the shut down of the Army on May 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, documented concerns and complaints from students and the members of the LAUSD school community about inappropriate recruiting behavior such as aggressively pursuing students at school and home, giving students car rides home without parent permission, demanding and coercing student's contact information, even telling students to not listen to parents or school officials who disagree with enlisting in the military and encourage higher education options; and

WHEREAS, the pentagon spends \$16,000 to enlist one potential soldier, using sophisticated marketing strategies and techniques along with giving away many free items to meet their quota and to omit important information regarding the enlistment contract; and

WHEREAS, the fact that military recruiters are allowed on school campuses gives the perception to students that the district is supportive of military recruiting, and that military recruiters are giving truthful and complete information; and

WHEREAS, educational cut backs have limited students options and made career and academic counseling difficult for counselors who may have a caseload of over 500 students, leaving students vulnerable to military recruiters pitch;

WHEREAS, there is no school wide district policy regarding military recruitment creating ambiguity and disparities between high school campuses, a lack of awareness of ESEA Section 9528 (No Child Left Behind) with some schools having unlimited access by military recruiters in violation of this law.

NOW, LET IT BE THEREFORE RESOLVED, that LAUSD have clear and consistent district wide parameters and a policy regarding military recruitment on high school campuses to ensure the health, safety and academic needs of students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that schools must restrict recruiters to previously designated public locations such as career centers or cafeterias. Individual recruiter student meetings should not be allowed on other parts of the campus such as the policy adopted at Roosevelt High School (Military Recruiter Visitation Procedures at Roosevelt HS approved Jan. 2003 by the Leadership

council). Schools must prevent recruiters from moving about the campus unaccompanied by school staff, or interrupting classes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LAUSD regulations require individual or group field trips to have both previous parental approval and district notification. Accordingly, to avoid district misunderstanding and possible liability issues, recruiters are not to meet any students on school grounds before, during, or after the normal school day with the purpose of transporting the student to any off-campus location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as with representatives from colleges and career schools, only recruiters assigned to the school will be invited to set up information tables on designated College Days, Community Awareness Days, Career Days, Parent Nights and/or other special events to which community groups are invited. The military will follow district procedures and policies regarding appropriate activities and military hardware will not be allowed on campuses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Schools must ensure that if materials promoting military service are made available to students, materials stating the drawbacks of military service are made equally available, so as to avoid the perception that the schools are themselves promoting military service; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that schools must maintain a record of the name and affiliation of each recruiter who comes onto school campuses, as well as the dates and times of recruiters' visits. All institutional recruiters will continue to sign an affidavit declaring compliance with local, state, and national discrimination laws.