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To the City Council of XXXXX

We, the undersigned, write to express our support for the attached resolution, requesting that the city of XXXX cease all purchasing of products and services from Chevron Corporation, a California based company profiteering off of the war in Iraq, and embroiled in human rights and environmental violations in Ecuador, Burma, Nigeria, Angola, Alaska, Canada, and the Philippines, as well as here locally in Richmond, California.

In Ecuadorian courts, Chevron (formerly Texaco) is accused of intentionally dumping 18 billion gallons of toxic waste into the Amazon rainforest during the 28 years (1964 to 1992) it operated an oil concession there. Thousands of people are considered at risk of developing cancer, and four indigenous groups report they are on the verge of extinction in areas of the rainforest where Chevron operated.

Chevron also faces a trial in U.S federal court in San Francisco on charges it paid Nigerian military and police personnel to fire weapons at villagers staging a protest at a Chevron oil platform in 1998, killing two. Nigerian villagers also charge the company with being complicit in an attack on two villages that left four others dead.

In Burma, the company's ties to the military junta carrying out a brutal crackdown against peaceful street protests has brought international scorn. As a result of its recent take-over of Unocal, Chevron now owns the Yadana gas operation in Burma. Yadana is allowed to operate by a loophole in existing U.S. sanctions against the country, and has provided significant revenues to Burma's military regime.

In Pandacan, Philippines, oil depots partially owned by Chevron threaten the health and safety of over 84,000 residents. In March 2007, the Philippine Supreme Court cited the need to protect residents from "catastrophic devastation" and upheld enforcement of a Manila ordinance that forces Chevron and others to relocate the oil depot. Despite strong opposition by the surrounding communities, the oil companies have promised to "scale down" operations and have been allowed to stay.

Chevron's activities in Richmond, California have been the subject of ongoing controversy. The EPA reported almost 300 pollutant spills from Chevron's Richmond refinery from 2001 to 2003 alone. These are highly toxic, often cancerous, chemicals spilling directly into residential communities. The EPA lists the refinery in "significant noncompliance" for air pollution standards and toxic flaring is a regular occurrence. Deadly accidents are a far too common occurrence, including massive explosions and fires. Richmond's cancer and child-asthma rates exceed area, state and national averages.

Chevron began marketing Iraqi oil under contracts with the regime of Saddam Hussein and continues marketing Iraqi oil today. Chevron recently paid \$30 million to settle charges that it had paid illegal kickbacks to the Hussein regime to win contracts during the 1990's sanctions period. After a brief interlude during the 2003 invasion of Iraq, Chevron was one of the first companies to begin marketing Iraqi oil. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Chevron has been refining oil from Iraq at the Richmond refinery since the war began and continues to do so today.

The undersigned write to express our concern that any relationship the City of XXXXX currently maintains with Chevron unduly benefits a company with an appalling human rights and environmental record and undermines core values that the City of XXXXX holds dear.

Sincerely,

List of Co-Signers

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