Passing Local Resolutions for Nuclear Justice:

How we did it at the Oregon Legislature and City of Portland and how you can too!

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Building a Coalition: putting impacted communities at the center
Drawing on existing relationships, we engaged a broad coalition of groups around the state to support the campaign
Testifying at a state legislative hearing
City Council Resolution: Elements of the Campaign

1. Draft the resolution
2. Build your coalition
3. Secure city council support
4. Plan your hearing
5. Victory!
1. Drafting a resolution

Learn how your city council resolutions are written

Resolutions generally include “Whereas” section and “Resolved” sections.

What do you want to emphasize? Communities impacted by nuclear injustice? Cost of nukes to your community? How to make it intersectional and local? Resolved: What actions do you want the city to take?

Workshop your draft resolution with partners that you want to support it
2. Building your coalition

What organizations and individuals to reach out to?

What are you asking organizations to do?

How does the resolution connect to their work?

Give enough time for groups to make decisions
3. Secure City Council Support

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<td>1. Learn how resolutions work in your city</td>
<td>Research previous anti-war or nuclear-free zone, Mayors for Peace resolutions</td>
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<td>2. Meet with City Council members</td>
<td>Find your champion</td>
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<td>3. Strategize with your champion about how to approach others to get the votes you need</td>
<td>Determine the best date for your hearing</td>
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Your Champion can help you navigate the system and get their colleagues on board
The Hearing

1. Can you have invited testimony?
2. Set the stage
3. Visuals
4. Media strategy