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









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

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2. Building your coalition











American Friends Service Committee







STOP THE WAR AGAINST THE PLANET AND ALL ITS PEOPLE!









Peace and Justice Horks



Buddhist Peace Fellowship MARGINER + BOKEN, AND THE "Portland Chapter



National Association of Atomic Veterans















3. Secure City Council Support

Learn how resolutions work in your city

Research
previous anti- war
or nuclear-free
zone, Mayors for
Peace resolutions

Meet with City
Council members

Find your champion

Strategize with your champion about how to approach others to get the votes you need

Determine the best date for your hearing

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



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