

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 060323)

RESOLUTION

Calling on the City and State Pension Funds to Divest Holdings in Companies that do business in the Sudan or with the Sudanese Government and support the International Crusade for Full Divestiture of all Investment Holdings in the Sudan.

WHEREAS, The Sudanese Government is presently engaged in the systematic killing and torturing of its own citizens; and

WHEREAS, During the last three years in the Darfur region of the Sudan, 300,000 people have been killed and more than 2 million driven from their homes; and

WHEREAS, In order to suppress dissent, the government places severe restrictions on the freedom of assembly, association, movement and speech; and

WHEREAS, The City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, stands with the global community in recognizing our moral obligation to condemn genocide anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, On June 16, 2005, Council adopted Resolution 050700 calling on the U.S. Government to condemn the genocide occurring in the Sudan at the hands of the Sudanese Government and urging the U.S. Government to provide humanitarian relief; and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2006, Council adopted Resolution 060188 calling on one-million Americans to write President Bush, urging him to send a strong, multinational force to the Darfur region of the Sudan to stop the genocide occurring there; and

WHEREAS, Three states including Illinois, New Jersey and Oregon have passed legislation calling for pension fund divestiture of all investment holdings in the Sudan; and

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WHEREAS, The Philadelphia City Controller Alan Butkovitz, as a trustee of the Philadelphia Board of Pensions, has asked the Board to conduct an inquiry to determine which domestic and foreign companies do business in the Sudan; identify whether we have investments with those companies; and divest holdings in those companies; and

WHEREAS, Council should join the Controller and others calling for divestiture of investment holdings in companies doing business in the Sudan or with the Sudanese Government; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we call on the City and State Pension Funds to divest holdings in companies that do business in the Sudan or with the Sudanese Government and support an international crusade for full divestiture of all investments in the Sudan; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, Chair and members of the Pension Board, to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate of Pennsylvania, the President and Vice-President of the United States and members of the United States House and Senate.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-seventh of April, 2006.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Blackwell

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Goode, Ramos, DiCicco, Miller, Reynolds Brown, Kenney, O'Neill, Rizzo, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Krajewski, Nutter, Kelly, Clarke and Tasco