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Santa Fe City Council to Vote on Nuclear Disarmament Resolution Wednesday

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SANTA FE – A resolution calling for complete nuclear disarmament pursuant to Article VI of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT; see http://www.state.gov/t/np/trty/16281.htm) is on the consent agenda at in the Santa Fe City Council at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17. Members of the public will be in attendance to support this action at the beginning of the evening session at 7:00 pm. The text of the resolution can be viewed at http://www.lasg.org/SantaFeCityCouncilResolution.htm.

The resolution was introduced by Councilor Miguel Chavez and gained five votes in committee on Tuesday, March 29. There are eight councilors in all.

The NPT, ratified by the U.S. in 1970, requires complete nuclear disarmament. A total of 188 nations have signed the treaty, which is up for review at the UN in New York this May. The U.S. has already signaled its relative detachment from this forum, which will review all aspects of the nonproliferation problem from a multilateral, rule-of-law approach.

Santa Fe Mayor Larry Delgado joined the nuclear weapons abolition organization Mayors for Peace in January of this year. More than 750 mayors worldwide have joined, including at least 60 in the U.S.

The Los Alamos Study Group will attend Wednesday's meeting with members of the Hiroshima World Peace Mission, a delegation from Japan touring the world to educate the public on nuclear weapons.

Opposition to nuclear weapons remains very high in the United States. In a recent AP/Ipsos poll released on March 30, 2005, 66% of Americans polled agreed that no country should be allowed to possess nuclear weapons, more than four times as many as agreed with any other policy option. (See: http://www.ap-ipsosresults.com/.)

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