



**JOIN CONGRESSMAN PETE STARK**



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# Town Meeting

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 14, 2005**

**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 4, 2005**

**FREMONT**

9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Fremont Senior Center  
Wing A  
40086 Paseo Padre Parkway

**HAYWARD**

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Hayward City Council Chambers  
City Hall  
777 B Street

**UNION CITY**

9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Ruggieri Senior Center  
33997 Alvarado Niles Road

**SAN LEANDRO**

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
San Leandro Library  
Lecture Hall  
300 Estudillo



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PRESORTED STANDARD

May 2005

Dear Friend:

More than two years after the fall of Baghdad, 150,000 American troops are still fighting in and occupying Iraq. More than 1,500 American soldiers have been killed in this protracted war, along with countless numbers of Iraqi civilians. More than 11,000 American soldiers have been wounded.

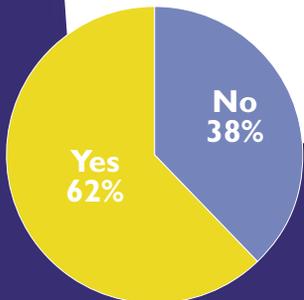
Already, more than a dozen coalition countries have pulled their troops out of Iraq. Other countries have set a timetable to pull out. Still, however, President Bush refuses to set a concrete timetable to bring our troops home.

I recently sent out a survey to East Bay residents asking you whether you think the US should pull out of Iraq as soon as possible. An overwhelming 62% said "Yes". I agree - and I co-sponsored a resolution in Congress to bring our troops home immediately.

Please join me at one of my upcoming town meetings on May 14th or June 4th to discuss this and other matters of national importance that affect you.

Sincerely,

*Pete Stark*



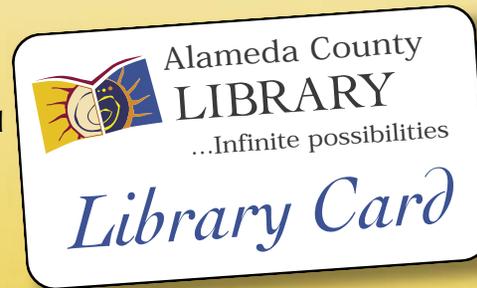
Do you think the United States should pull out of Iraq as soon as possible?

## Should the Patriot Act be extended?

This year, the USA Patriot Act is up for renewal in Congress. As you may recall, it was rushed through Congress just 45 days after the attacks on September 11th. The law gives law enforcement agencies broad powers to invade the privacy of ordinary Americans in pursuit of terrorists. I voted against the Patriot Act then, and I continue to oppose many of its key provisions.

While we all want law enforcement agencies to protect us from terrorists, the Patriot Act goes way too far - and tramples on the very rights that are fundamental in our country.

For example, Section 215, the so-called "library provision" of the Act, allows the government to demand your library, medical and other personal records - and it makes it a crime for the record holders to reveal that the government requested the information. That's wrong. That's why I co-sponsored legislation to repeal Section 215.



Another provision of the Patriot Act, Section 213, the "sneak and peek" provision, allows the government to search your home without telling you about it. They can literally come into your home - whether you are suspected of terrorism or not - and search for information without your knowledge or consent. That, too, goes too far. I'm a cosponsor of legislation to strictly limit the government's authority to obtain warrants for sneak and peek searches.

Many other provisions of the Patriot Act should either be revised or thrown out altogether. I'll continue my efforts to repeal the most egregious provisions of the law and restore important checks and balances that uphold our Constitutionally protected freedoms.