

An appeal for support from the Coalition Against NATO/G8 War & Poverty Agenda

NATO and the G8 Represent the 1%.

In May, they will meet in Chicago. Their agenda is **war on poor nations, war on the poor and working people – war on the 99%.**

We are demanding the right to march on their summit, to say:

- Jobs, Healthcare, Education, Pensions, Housing and the Environment, Not War!
- No to NATO/G-8 Warmakers!
- No to War and Austerity!

NATO's military expenditures come at the expense of funding for education, housing and jobs programs; and the G8 continues to advance an agenda of 'austerity' that includes bailouts, tax write-offs and tax holidays for big corporations and banks at the expense of the rest of us.

During the May 2012 G8 and NATO summits in Chicago, many thousands of people will want to exercise their right to protest against NATO's wars and against the G8 agenda to only serve the richest one percent of society. We need permits to ensure that all who want to raise their voices will be able to march.

Chicago's Mayor Rahm Emanuel has stonewalled repeated attempts by community organizers to meet with the city to discuss reasonable accommodations of protesters' rights. They have finally agreed to meet with us, but we need support: from the Occupy movement, the anti-war movement, and all movements for justice.

Our demands are simple:

1. That the City publicly commit to provide protest organizers with permits that meet the court- sanctioned standard for such protests -- that we be "within sight and sound" of the summits; and
2. That representatives of the City, including Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, refrain from making threats against protesters.

The protest movement, Occupy Wall Street (OWS), has the support of a majority of the American people. This is because people are suffering from the economic crisis brought about by Wall Street and big banks. As the OWS movement describes it, the "99%" see extreme economic inequality, where millions are unemployed without significant help while bankers in trouble get bailed out.

In Chicago and around the country, the Occupy movement is being met with repression: hundreds have been arrested, beaten, tear gassed, spied on, and refused their right to protest.

The Chicago Police Department and the Mayor have already acknowledged that they are coming down hard on the Occupy movement here to send a message to those who would protest against NATO and the G8.

We need a response that is loud and clear: we have the right to march against the generals and the bankers. We have the right to demand an end to wars, military occupations, and attacks on working people and the poor.

How you can help:

- 1) Sign the petition to the City of Chicago at www.CANG8.org You can also make a contribution there.
- 2) Write a statement supporting the right to march and send it to us at cangate2012@gmail.com.
- 3) To endorse the protests, go to https://nationalpeaceconference.org/NATO_G8_protest_support.html, or write to cangate2012@gmail.com
- 4) And then **march in Chicago on May 15th and May 19th**. Publicize the protests. Join us!

For more info: www.CANG8.org or email us at cangate2012@gmail.com