

# BAY-peace Youth Manifesto

## I Believe...

- Youth should be the highest priority of the nation and the allocation of resources should reflect this.
- The dignity, goodness and leadership of young people should be honored and nurtured.
- No one should have to be willing to kill in order to advance themselves.
- It is unfair that recruiters target the poor and communities of color.
- Military recruiters should not be given access to students' personal information without the students' and parents' permission.
- Youth should have the power to make decisions that will affect their lives.

## I Want...

- To help create the world I have always dreamed of.
- Education to receive more federal funds than war.
- More leadership and alternatives to violence programs in my school.
- Health care and services that broaden the options of everyone in my community.
- The right to be myself and do what I want, unlimited by discriminatory policies.
- Military recruiters out of my school and community.

## Therefore I Demand...

- That every high school student emergency card include an option for families to "opt out" of being contacted by military recruiters.
- That a JAMRS\* Opt Out form be included in every high school registration packet to prevent private companies from collecting student information for the purpose of military recruitment.
- That military recruiters have no greater access to high school students than any other potential employer, and that students have equal access to alternative perspectives.
- That the ASVAB\* test not be given during school hours unless a non-military vocational test is offered at the same time and parents' permission is given.
- That the School District open bidding to non-military programs to provide leadership and physical education training at the same cost as the current JROTC\* program
- That the School District work with the city to make more non-military extra curricular and job training resources available for youth, and that youth be given a meaningful voice in allocating these resources.

**Our dreams will not be recruited!**

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\* JAMRS = Joint Advertising Market Research and Studies

\* ASVAB = Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery,

\* JROTC = Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps

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