

## **Madison, WI Coalition Calls on Madison and Dane County to Endorse Nuclear Weapons Disarmament and Divestment**

**Madison, WI:** On October 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) -Wisconsin in partnership with the Ecumenical Peace Working Group, Progressive Dane, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is launching a campaign calling on Madison and Dane County to support a "Back from the Brink" resolution. The resolution endorses the 2017 United Nations ban of nuclear weapons, calls for specific steps to prevent nuclear war, and a commitment to nuclear weapons-free contracts and investments. The campaign events will be:

- **October 18, 2018, at 7:00 PM** at the *H.F. Deluca Forum* in the Discovery Building on University of Wisconsin – Madison's campus. Dr. Bob Dodge, president of PSR- Los Angeles will give a presentation on "The Environment and Nuclear War: Making The Link - What Madison Can Do To Save Our Planet".
- **October 19, 2018, at 10:00 AM** at the *Assembly Parlor* in the Wisconsin State Capitol Building. A press conference will announce a campaign to urge the City of Madison and Dane County to support a "Back from the Brink" resolution and commitment to nuclear-free contracts and investments.
- **October 20, 2018, at 10:00 AM** at the Hub Room in the *Threshold Building* on 2717 Atwood Ave, Madison, Wisconsin. Beth Norman, a certified financial planner at RBC Wealth Management, Vicki Elson, and Dr. Bob Dodge will give a presentation on "Socially Responsible Investment: Individual and Institutional".

*"The driving force for the nuclear disarmament movement has been the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons and the recognition that there is no meaningful medical or humanitarian response to nuclear war,"* says Dr. Dodge.

**Dr. Dodge** is a family physician practicing in Ventura, California. He is the Co-Chair of the Security Committee of PSR - USA and President of PSR - Los Angeles. Dr. Dodge successfully lobbied for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017 and helped organize the US "Back from the Brink" campaign.

His city of Ojai, California recently passed a resolution that supports the Back from the Brink recommendations and commits the city to nuclear weapon-free contracts and investments.

**Vicki Elson** is a co-founder of NuclearBan.US, which supports cities and states in aligning with the 2017 UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, with the ultimate goal of convincing the US and other nuclear armed nations to sign, ratify and implement the Treaty, thereby eliminating all nuclear weapons forever.

Her city of Northampton, Massachusetts just voted to align with the UN Treaty and divest in nuclear weapons.

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