

## **Channel 35 3 min statement**

**Hi, my name is Wendy Lyons. I am a longtime Socialist and have worked as a meatpacker and garment worker.**

**The bipartisan escalation of the U.S. war in Iraq serves only the ruling rich. A multi-theater war is now unfolding around the world. These military assaults are an extension of a developing war on the working class at home—from factory raids and deportations to murders by the police in working class neighborhoods, to attacks on social services and democratic rights.**

**My campaign calls for**

- Bring All the U.S. Troops Home Now! Out of Iraq. And all over the world. Stop the threats against Iran! Not one penny, not one person for imperialist wars!**
- Strengthen unions and organize them where they don't exist to unite and defend workers. We need to use the collective power of workers like the May 1 boycott for immigrant rights or the example of Smithfield packing**

**workers who walked off the job to protest firings of immigrant workers and to demand the company recognize MLK day as a holiday.**

- **For a public works program to put people to work at union wages building the things we need, like low cost housing, schools, hospitals, mass transit.**
- **For extending social security to cover lifetime health benefits**
- **Fight police brutality. No to anti-gang measures that only strengthen the “gang in blue.” Jail killer cops.**
- **No to social security checks in the workplace. No to deportations and raids. Legalize immigrant workers now!**
- **Defend affirmative action. Blacks have double the rate of white unemployment in Los Angeles and only 96 African-American students were admitted into UCLA this fall.**
- **No to the high school exit exam that denies students diplomas. Halt school lockdowns.**
- **Defend women’s right to choose abortion.**

- **Hands off Cuba and Venezuela. Cuba, where working people took power into their own hands stands as an example.**

**We need to build a revolutionary movement that will lead a fight by working people to take power out of the hands of the ruling billionaire class and establish a workers and farmers government.**