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Calif. Congresswomen to speak at Waterloo rally

WATERLOO --- Three prominent Congresswomen will appear at a June 23 rally in Waterloo to express their concerns about military spending and the Iraq war.

U.S. Reps. Maxine Waters, Lynn Woolsey and Barbara Lee, all California Democrats, will appear from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Faith Temple Baptist Church, 415 Walnut St.

The rally "will focus on money being wasted on the war in Iraq and on obsolete Cold War weapons," according to co-organizer Chris Schwartz of Iowans for Sensible Priorities. Live music will be available.

Waters, elected to her ninth term in the House in 2006, represents much of south-central Los Angeles. Woolsey, in her eighth term, described on her Internet site as the first former welfare mother to serve in Congress, represents Marin and most of Sonoma counties north of San Francisco. Lee succeeded longtime U.S. Rep. Ron Dellums in a special election in 1998 and her district includes the cities of Berkeley and Oakland, where Dellums is mayor.

More information may be obtained by calling Schwartz at 230-5677.