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Sunday, March 18
March in Chicago's leading South Asian neighborhood
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At a time when social services from mental health services to libraries to public transit are being slashed, the U.S. spends as much on war as the rest of the world combined. Demand an end to this insanity. Support our march for peace on the 9th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

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