

MEETING DATE:

March 9, 2015

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution which Supports the Los Angeles Air Force Base and Opposes any Relocation Attempt of the Space and Missile Systems Center.

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Attachment 1



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February 6, 2015

The Honorable Meghan Sahli-Wells
Mayor, City of Culver City
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90232

Dear Mayor Sahli-Wells:

We are writing to encourage your city to pass a resolution in support of the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) and the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC), which would be sent to Secretary of Defense Charles Hagel and Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. Adopting such a resolution would be especially timely because the President's recently released Budget proposes a new round of base closures using the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process – the process which was previously used to close military facilities in Los Angeles County.

Retaining Los Angeles Air Force Base and the Space and Missile Systems Center in Los Angeles County is critically important to our regional economy and the Nation's defense. Our County lost valuable military facilities in previous BRAC rounds, including the Long Beach Naval Station in 1991 and the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in 1995. Moreover, the LAAFB and SMC were previously targeted by BRAC, and directly employ 5,879 military, civilian, and contractor workers and indirectly employ another 11,776 County residents. Therefore, if LAAFB and SMC are realigned or closed, the County would lose thousands of jobs and the approximately \$1.8 billion that these vital facilities contribute to our regional economy.

The Los Angeles Air Force Base and the Space and Missile Systems Center are also critical assets to the aerospace industry and America's ability to design the military technology necessary to provide for our national defense. LAAFB is of significant national military value because it houses the SMC, which oversees research, development, and acquisitions for U.S. military space systems, and manages the launch of satellites for important national security programs.

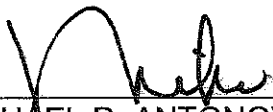
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Because LAAFB is in our County, it enjoys unparalleled built-in benefits including close proximity to a network of aerospace and defense companies, including Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Honeywell, and others, as well as access to a highly skilled and educated workforce. Moreover, the LAAFB is a Los Angeles icon which keeps our County connected to the U.S. armed forces and the women and men who keep us safe.

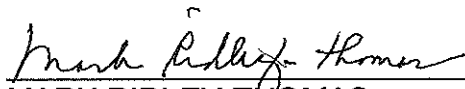
We, therefore, respectfully request that your city pass a resolution to the Secretaries of Defense and the Air Force in support of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and the Space and Missile Systems Center.

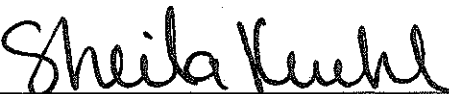
We appreciate your assistance on this important matter.

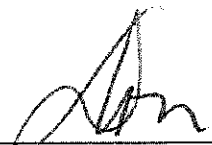
Sincerely,



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Supervisor, First District

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Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA URGING THE SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE AND AIR FORCE, AND CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND SPACE AND MISSILES SYSTEMS CENTER AND OPPOSE ANY PROPOSED BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESSES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2015, the Pentagon released its fiscal year 2016 Budget, which included a call for a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process wherein Pentagon representatives stated that at least 20% of their bases and facilities are underutilized and closures could save funds; and,

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is the premier region for the aerospace industry, providing innovative systems, products, and solutions in aerospace, electronics, and information systems to government and commercial customers worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, the tech industry is burgeoning in the Los Angeles region, creating new innovations every day; and,

WHEREAS, the west Los Angeles region is proud to be the home of Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), which includes the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) and directly employs nearly 6,000 military, contractor, and civilian workers; and,

WHEREAS, SMC plays a critical role in current and future national security strategy and is responsible for comprehensive space systems including satellites, missiles, and sensor that provide capabilities like communications, navigation, spacelift, missile warning and defense, weather monitoring, satellite capabilities, and nuclear deterrence; and,

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2 WHEREAS, SMC has an annual budget of approximately \$8 billion, including
3 an annual payroll of more than \$635 million, much of which is spent in the local economy
4 with an overall local economic impact of approximately \$1.8 billion annually; and,

5 WHEREAS, with this region's rich aerospace tradition, an expansive system
6 of engineering firms, supplier companies, and educational training programs has grown in
7 the region, creating over 56,000 additional jobs according to the Los Angeles Economic
8 Development Corporation; and,

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10 WHEREAS, the proposed closure, relocation, or consolidation of the LAAFB
11 would result in a significant, negative impact to the Los Angeles region, including Culver
12 City, including the loss of positions for highly skilled workers and also have additional,
13 negative impacts to the United States' defense infrastructure.

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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of
16 Culver City, California hereby supports any legislative or administrative action that would
17 provide for the continued funding of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and Missile Systems
18 Center and prevent the closure of LAAFB as part of the BRAC process.

19 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2015.
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MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

24 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MARTIN R. COLE
27 City Clerk
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