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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Art Gallucci, City Manager 

INITIATED BY: Kathleen Jung Matsumoto, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: February 26, 2015

SUBJECT: **REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE FULL READING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE (LAAFB) AND THE SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER (SMC)**

BACKGROUND

Recently, the City received a request from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors requesting that their cities 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. This resolution is important at this time since President Obama recently released a Budget which proposes a new round of base closures using the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, which was previously used to close military facilities in Los Angeles Counties.

FINDINGS

Los Angeles County has a rich history in aerospace, missile, defense technology and development and remains the top location for aerospace and defense in the nation because of its expansive supplier base of firms, skilled talent, and unmatched export capacity.

The Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) and the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) are critical assets to the aerospace industry and the nation's ability to design the military technology necessary to adequately provide for our national defense. The biggest asset to our country's safety, possessed by the LAAFB and SMC, is its unmatched skilled workforce based in Los Angeles which directly employs 5,879 military, civilian, and contractor workers and 11,776 indirect employees, who have made their home in Los Angeles would unlikely migrate anywhere else if either the LAAFB or SMC moved some of its operations. If LAAFB and SMC were realigned or closed, the County would lose thousands of jobs and the approximately \$1.8 billion that these vital facilities contribute to the regional economy. This

localized, highly skilled workforce is essential to the success of the LAAFB and the SMC, and is crucial to the defense of the United States of America.

SMC provides the nation with highly sophisticated intelligence gathering infrastructure that has significantly contributed to the U.S. military's advancement in missions such as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom where SMC is noted as having added "unimaginable speed and precision to American military operations" through the use of space-based surveillance, communications, navigation and meteorology

LAAFB's and SMC's location also bolsters its strategic importance to our national defense due to the following factors:

- Los Angeles County remains the top location for aerospace and defense in the nation—home to major prime contractor operations, such as Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, and Honeywell, as well as home to more small and mid-sized companies in the A&D supply chain than anywhere else in the nation.
- Los Angeles County graduates more engineers than any other region and has developed sophisticated programs at community colleges and universities to meet the needs of the aerospace and defense industry well into the future.
- Proximity to a significantly large aerospace and defense ecosystem of companies coupled with an unmatched skilled workforce available only in L.A. provides LAAFB with unparalleled built-in benefits to advance our nation's mission.

Los Angeles provides LAAFB and SMC vital talent and connections to the country's largest aerospace manufacturing base. Similarly, the Los Angeles Air Force Base is a Los Angeles icon, keeping our region connected to the armed forces and the women and men who keep our country safe. Neither SMC nor Los Angeles would be as strong without the other.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Cerritos waive reading of and adopt a resolution captioned:

- 1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE (LAAFB) AND THE SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER (SMC)
- 2) Direct staff to mail copies of this resolution to Secretary of Defense Charles Hagel and Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James

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CITY OF CERRITOS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE (LAAFB) AND THE SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER (SMC)

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has a rich history in aerospace, missile, and defense technology and development and remains the top location for aerospace and defense in the nation because of its expansive supplier base of firms, skilled talent, and unmatched export capacity;

WHEREAS, Los Angeles was selected as an advanced aerospace manufacturing community, one of only twelve manufacturing communities selected nationwide, which is testament to its strength within this industry;

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) and the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) are a critical asset to the aerospace industry and the nation's ability to design the military technology necessary to adequately provide for our national defense. The LAAFB and SMC, has an unmatched skilled workforce based in Los Angeles consisting of 5,879 directly employed military, civilian, and contractor workers and 11,776 indirectly employed, is based in the Los Angeles region and would be unlikely to migrate to other regions if either the LAAFB or SMC moved its operations. This localized, highly skilled workforce is essential to the success of the LAAFB and the SMC, and has time and again proven itself crucial to the defense of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, SMC provides the nation with highly sophisticated intelligence gathering infrastructure that has significantly contributed to the U.S. military's advancement in missions such as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom where SMC is noted as having added "unimaginable speed and precision to American military operations" through the use of space-based surveillance, communications, navigation and meteorology;

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS HEREBY DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council supports the Los Angeles Air Force Base and the Space and Missile Systems Center, and firmly believe any relocation attempt of the SMC would be detrimental to our national defense and the mission of the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of February, 2015.

Mark E. Pulido, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vida Barone, City Clerk