



City of Culver City City Council Meeting in a Minute March 9, 2015



Here are some highlights from the City Council meeting of March 9, 2015. At this meeting, the City Council:

- **Presented** a certificate of recognition to Cooper Komatsu, Los Angeles County Scripps Regional Spelling Bee Winner.
- **Presented** certificates of recognition to the Culver City High School Cheerleading Team on their success at the 2015 NHSF UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships.
- **Approved** a professional services agreement with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates in an amount not-to-exceed \$393,075 for the line-by-line and comprehensive analysis of transit service and authorized the Transportation Director to approve change orders in the amount of \$59,000 (15%) for unexpected additional costs.
- **Determined** to accept an optional provision in the proposed agreement to authorize the City to receive a \$9 per policy administrative fee and approved a three year agreement with Service Line Warranties of America to offer service line insurance policies to residential property owners for water and sanitary sewer service lines.
- **Adopted** a resolution supporting the Los Angeles Air Force Base and opposing any relocation attempt of the Space and Missile Systems Center and directed staff to forward letters in opposition to the closure of LAAFB and SMC.

You may view a complete webcast of the entire meeting by visiting <http://www.culvercity.org/agenda.aspx>. **The next regular City Council meeting will occur on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Rotunda Room at Veterans Memorial Building.** You may access the agenda for this meeting by visiting <http://www.culvercity.org/agenda.aspx>.

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**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 03/09/15	Item Number: <u>A-2</u>
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the Adoption of a Resolution which Supports the Los Angeles Air Force Base and Opposes any Relocation Attempt of the Space and Missile Systems Center.	
Contact Person/Dept.: Shelly Wolfberg	Phone Number: (310) 253-6008
Fiscal Impact: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Action Item: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commission Action Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____
Public Notification: Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation-SoCal Jobs Defense Council; Agenda and Meetings – City Council (E-Mail) (03/03/15)	
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (03/03/15)	City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (03/02/15)
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (03/03/15)	City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (03/03/15)
<p><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></p> <p>Staff recommends City Council consider adoption of a Resolution which supports the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) and opposes any relocation attempt of the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC).</p> <p><u>BACKGROUND:</u></p> <p>At the January 26, 2015 City Council Meeting, Vice Mayor O’Leary received the City Council’s consensus to direct the City Manager to place this item on a future agenda.</p> <p><u>DISCUSSION:</u></p> <p>President Obama has recently proposed in his budget that there be a new round of Base Realignments and Closures (BRAC). The LAAFB and SMC, located in El Segundo, may be under consideration for potential realignment and closure for the 2015 or 2017 closure periods.</p> <p>Jointly, it is estimated that these facilities directly employ over 5,800 military, civilian, and contract workers and indirectly employ an additional 11,800 Los Angeles County residents. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation has conveyed the following reasons why the SMC’s location in the Los Angeles region is critical to national defense:</p>	

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- 1) The LAAFB's location in the most populated county in the nation and on the Pacific Rim is of strategic geopolitical importance to our national defense and is also relied on heavily due to this location by other military commands throughout the state as well as the nation.
- 2) Los Angeles County remains the top location for aerospace and defense in the nation—home to major prime contractor operations, such as Northrop, Lockheed, Boeing, Raytheon, and Honeywell, as well as more smaller and mid-sized companies in the aerospace and defense supply chain than any other location in the nation.
- 3) Los Angeles County's institutions of higher learning also graduate more engineers than anywhere else in the nation and have developed sophisticated programs at community colleges and universities to meet the needs of our Nation's aerospace and defense industries well into the future.
- 4) Both the proximity to a significantly large system of aerospace and defense companies coupled with an unmatched skilled workforce to support this system provides LAAFB with unparalleled built-in benefits to advance its mission.
- 5) Given the diversity of workforce employed at SMC (with military as well as civilian employees and contractors) and the lifestyle many of the civilian and contractor employees have grown accustomed to in the Los Angeles Region, any relocation attempt with SMC would trigger a disruption and risk at a time when SMC's role in our national defense could not be more important.

Dating back 10 years, at the February 14, 2005 City Council Meeting, the City Council discussed the closure of LAAFB as part of the 2005 BRAC process. At that meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-R004: supporting the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

On February 3, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation, as submitted by Supervisor Don Knabe:

“Send a five-signature letter to Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James expressing the Board's firm support of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and stating that any relocation attempt of the Space and Missile Systems Center would be detrimental to national defense and the mission of the Los Angeles Air Force Base; and

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send a five-signature letter to the Mayors of the County's eighty-eight cities encouraging them to pass resolutions in support of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and the Space and Missile Systems Center to the Secretaries of Defense and the Air Force."

On February 6, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors sent a letter to Mayor Sahli-Wells requesting similar support for the LAAFB and SMC from the City Council. The League of California Cities' Los Angeles Division has indicated its support, and the City Councils of the Cities of Cerritos; El Segundo; Hawaiian Gardens; Hawthorne; Lomita; and Palos Verdes Estates have also voted in support for this effort. On February 10th, the Los Angeles City Council referred a Resolution on this issue to its Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Tonight, the City Council has an opportunity to consider a proposed Resolution in support of LAAFB and which opposes any relocation attempt of the Space and Missile Systems Center.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact to support the attached resolution.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Letter from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, February 6, 2015.
2. Proposed Resolution.

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1.A. Adopt a resolution supporting the Los Angeles Air Force Base and opposing any relocation attempt of the Space and Missile Systems Center and direct staff to forward letters in opposition to the closure of LAAFB and SMC;

OR

1.B. Provide other direction as deemed appropriate.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment 1



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CITY OF CULVER CITY

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.

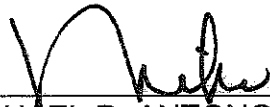
The Honorable Meghan Sahli-Wells
February 6, 2015
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Because LAAFB is in our County, it enjoys unparalleled built-in benefits including close proximity to a network of aerospace and defense companies, including Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, 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.

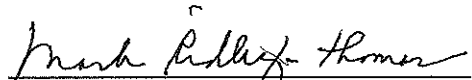
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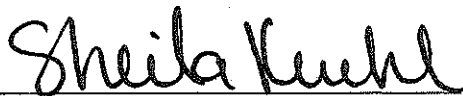
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Supervisor, Third District



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Supervisor, Fourth District

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R_____

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
4 OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA URGING THE
5 SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE AND AIR FORCE, AND
6 CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO
7 SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF THE LOS ANGELES
8 AIR FORCE BASE AND SPACE AND MISSILES SYSTEMS
9 CENTER AND OPPOSE ANY PROPOSED BASE
10 REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESSES IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY.
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13 WHEREAS, on February 2, 2015, the Pentagon released its fiscal year 2016
14 Budget, which included a call for a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process
15 wherein Pentagon representatives stated that at least 20% of their bases and facilities are
16 underutilized and closures could save funds; and,
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18 WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is the premier region for the aerospace
19 industry, providing innovative systems, products, and solutions in aerospace, electronics,
20 and information systems to government and commercial customers worldwide; and,
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22 WHEREAS, the tech industry is burgeoning in the Los Angeles region,
23 creating new innovations every day; and,
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25 WHEREAS, the west Los Angeles region is proud to be the home of Los
26 Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), which includes the Space and Missile Systems Center
27 (SMC) and directly employs nearly 6,000 military, contractor, and civilian workers; and,
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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.

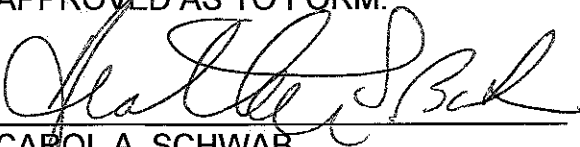
19 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2015.
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23 MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

24 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

25 _____
26 MARTIN R. COLE
27 City Clerk
28 A15-00108



CAROL A. SCHWAB
City Attorney