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April 7, 2015

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach in Support of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and the Space and Missile Systems Center.

**DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to your request of March 17, 2015, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

**CHARLES PARKIN**, City Attorney

By 

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Deputy City Attorney

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS  
5 ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE SPACE AND  
6 MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER

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8 WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) and the Space and  
9 Missile Systems Center (SMC) are critical assets of the aerospace industry and the  
10 nation's ability to design the military technology necessary to adequately provide for our  
11 national defense, particularly its unmatched skilled workforce based in Los Angeles,  
12 consisting of 5,879 directly employed military, civilian, and contractor workers and 11,776  
13 indirectly employed workers; and

14 WHEREAS, LAAFB's and SMC's location also bolsters its strategic  
15 importance to our national defense due to the fact that Los Angeles County remains the  
16 top location for aerospace and defense firms in the nation, such as Northrop Grumman,  
17 Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, and Honeywell, as well as small and mid-sized  
18 companies, and that Los Angeles County graduates more engineers than any other  
19 region and has developed sophisticated programs at community colleges and universities  
20 to meet the needs of the aerospace and defense industry well into the future; and

21 WHEREAS, this critical asset to our national security and regional economy  
22 is threatened with closure or relocation by a recently adopted proposal in the Federal  
23 budget for an additional round of closures under the Base Realignment and Closure  
24 (BRAC) process, leading to the loss of thousands of jobs and approximately \$1.8 billion  
25 in economic activity;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
27 follows:

28 Section 1. The City Council expresses its strong support for the LAAFB

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1 and the SMC.

2 Section 2. The LAAFB and SMC are vital to the safety of the country and  
3 the economic health of the region.

4 Section 3. Any attempted closure or relation of the LAAFB and the SMC  
5 would be detrimental to national security and to the economic vitality of the City of Long  
6 Beach.

7 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
8 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

9 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
10 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_,  
11 2015, by the following vote:

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13 Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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17 Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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19 Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Clerk

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