



April 7, 2009

MAYOR BOB FOSTER

CITY OF LONG BEACH

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

RECOMMENDATION:

Request that the City Attorney prepare a resolution declaring April 18, 2009 as C-17 day.

DISCUSSION

The C-17 Globemaster III Transport Jet, manufactured by the Boeing Company at its facility in Long Beach, is a critical component of the nation's ability to effectively deploy strategic military assets in crucial locations around the world in a timely fashion. The C-17 is the last wide-bodied military aircraft production line in the United States, has performed superbly in both the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, is crucial to the War on Terrorism, and has conducted countless humanitarian missions.

The projected completion of the last C-17 under the current order is August 2009. Without additional orders, the C-17 line will close. Closure of the C-17 will put at risk 5,500 Boeing jobs at the Long Beach facility and over 5,300 Boeing supplier jobs associated with the manufacturer of the C-17. The C-17 program is vital to the economy of Long Beach and Los Angeles County.

Consistent with actions taken by the City Council in 2008, 2007, and 2006, it is recommended the Council direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution that will declare April 18th "C-17 Day" in Long Beach to honor this plane, the women and men who build it and the women and men who fly it in support of our nation; and to support the continuation of the C-17 Globemaster III program and urge the Congress of the United States to authorize and appropriate funding to continue the C-17 program.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Bob Foster

Dated: March 26, 2009

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