

RESOLUTION R04-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES
ESTATES, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE RETENTION OF THE LOS
ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES ,
CALIFORNIA RESOLVES:**

SECTION 1.

WHEREAS, The Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) at the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) located in the South Bay manages \$60 billion of contracts generating more than 65,000 jobs, including 7,500 direct local jobs, with a majority of engineering and research positions, and

WHEREAS, The intellectual capital from this area serving the LAAFB has been the primary strength in making U.S. national security space capabilities unmatched in the world and the LAAFB is unique in its responsibility for managing the development and deployment of these space systems, and

WHEREAS, The LAAFB has recently undertaken development of a new state-of-the-art, 560,000 square foot facility that will provide a modern, efficient, and safe working environment, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense is conducting a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) review in 2005 to reduce budget demands and excess infrastructure and will consider moving the SMC to a distant location, and

WHEREAS, Success in the space launch operations business is highly dependent on the developed cadre of expert skills, processes, and tools embodied in the current work force, and disruption of this technological cadre by relocation of the base poses risks to national security wherein the failure of a single major space launch could cost more in dollars and troop supportability than any potential savings from base relocation, and

WHEREAS, During previous BRAC reviews California has lost 29 defense installations and more than 92,000 direct jobs, and it is anticipated that a relocation of SMC would result in the loss of a wide base of aerospace/defense science and engineering jobs and the companies providing them, and

WHEREAS, Many professionals in our local area are part of the aerospace/defense critical workforce as well as indirect beneficiaries such as service companies, restaurants, groceries, real estate, and accounting firms that pay taxes to fund school, police and fire services, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City to take reasonable and necessary actions to preserve national security, jobs, and local businesses that are dependent on the LAAFB and the aerospace/defense community in the South Bay area.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates resolves to support the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base by:

1. Passing this resolution and informing our citizens of the importance of the retention effort, and
2. Appealing in writing to the Office of the Secretary of Defense to state the national and local importance of not relocating the Space and Missile Systems Center, and,
3. Joining with all local, regional, and state agencies, including the Governor of California in efforts to oppose the closure or relocation of the LAAFB.

SECTION 2.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of the original resolutions.

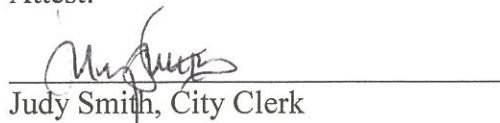
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2004.


JOSEPH C. SHERWOOD, JR. MAYOR

Approved as to form:


Stephanie R. Scher, City Attorney

Attest:


Judy Smith, City Clerk

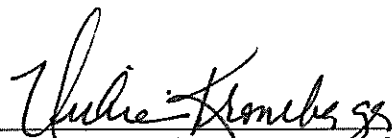
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES)

I, Vickie Kroneberger, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution **R04-08** was duly and regularly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates at its regular meeting of the City Council on the 27th day of April, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Sherwood, Abbott, Mackenbach,
Humphrey, and Flood

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None


Vickie Kroneberger, Deputy City Clerk