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**RESOLUTION** RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2015, the Pentagon released their fiscal year 2016 budget, which included a call for a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process -- Pentagon representatives stated that at least 20 percent of their bases and facilities are underutilized and closures could save funds; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is the premier region for the aerospace industry, providing innovative systems, products and solutions in aerospace, electronics and information systems to government and commercial customers worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the tech industry is burgeoning in Los Angeles, creating new innovations everyday which could have untold aerospace and security applications for the future; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is proud to be the home of Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), which includes the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) and directly employs nearly 6,000 military, contractor and civilian workers; and

WHEREAS, SMC plays a critical role in current and future national security strategy and is responsible for comprehensive space systems including satellites, missiles, and sensors that provide capabilities like communications, navigation, spacelift, missile warning and defense, weather monitoring, satellite capabilities and nuclear deterrence; and


WHEREAS, SMC has an annual budget of approximately \$8 billion and an annual payroll of more than \$635 million - much of which is spent in the local economy, with the overall local economic impact of approximately \$1.8 billion annually; and


WHEREAS, with Los Angeles' rich aerospace tradition, an expansive ecosystem of engineering firms, supplier companies and educational training programs has grown in the region, creating over 56,000 more jobs according to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS; the closure of the base or relocation of this vital infrastructure and highly skilled workforce would be disastrous to the Los Angeles economy, and hugely detrimental to our nation's defense in the 21st century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislative or administrative action that would provide for the continued funding of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and Space and Missile Systems Center, and prevent the closure of LAAFB as part of the BRAC process.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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