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December 14, 2007

Dr. S. Pete Worden
Director, NASA Ames Research Center
Office of the Center Director, MS 200-1
Moffett Field, CA 94035

Dear Dr. Worden,

I am writing to express my support for Airship Ventures Inc.'s plan to base a sightseeing zeppelin at Moffett Field.

As you know, I have been involved for more than a decade with issues surrounding future uses of Moffett Field. I believe the return of an airship to Moffett will serve as recognition of the historical importance of the airfield while also supporting our collective efforts to find good alternative uses of Moffett's land and assets. Unlike other proposed uses, the zeppelin will have a low impact on the surrounding communities and a positive impact on our tourist economy.

I have been pleased with Airship Ventures' proactive outreach to local governments and organizations, and I look forward to working with them and with you to ensure a positive future for Moffett Field.

Sincerely,

SALLY J. LIEBER
Assemblywoman, 22nd District
Speaker pro Tempore, California State Assembly

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cc: Congresswoman Anna Eshoo



Elaine K. Alquist

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR, 13TH DISTRICT: *The Heart of Silicon Valley*
Representing San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Mountain View and Gilroy

November 9, 2007

Dr. S. Pete Worden (Brig. Gen., USAF, ret.)
Center Director
NASA Ames Research Center
Office of the Center Director, MS 200-1
Moffett Field CA 94035

Re: Airship Ventures Request for Hangar Space

Dear Dr. Worden:

As the State Senator representing Moffett Field, I am pleased to support the historic enterprise of Airship Ventures, Inc. to bring a Zeppelin back to Moffett Field for the first time in 75 years. To accomplish this, Airship Ventures needs to lease hangar space from your office.

The Zeppelin that Airship Ventures will be flying over from Germany will be used for sightseeing, education, and environmental research such as marine science and air quality monitoring. I believe it would be a huge asset and appropriate historical reuse of Moffett Field to once again house an airship there.

I am sympathetic to the challenge NASA faces in balancing the upkeep of the federal airfield with the need to respect local community wishes for limits on usage and noise. I equally understand the burden of maintaining the historic airship-related structures on site. I am confident that the efforts of Airship Ventures to be proactive in engaging with the community and seeking feedback on these issues will mitigate these concerns. The Airship project is the perfect combination of an appropriate and quiet use of the site that also offers a potential avenue for saving the historic Moffett hangar.

As such, I strongly support the request by Airship Ventures to lease space in Hangar 2 from NASA and conduct maintenance, storage, and some flight operations from Moffett Field.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

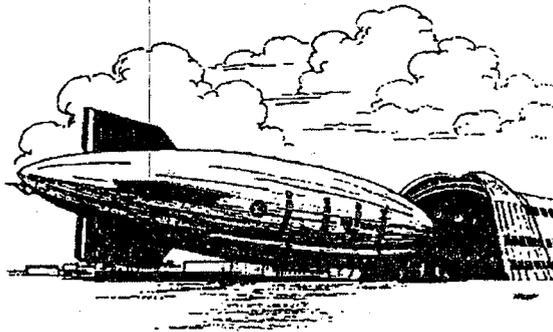
Sincerely,

Elaine Alquist
District 13

cc: Alex Hall, Airship Ventures, Inc.

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Brian Hall
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6 December 2007

Mr. Hall:

The Moffett Field Historical Society is quite enthusiastic about Airship Ventures Co. interest in conducting business in the San Francisco metropolitan area. We strongly endorse your endeavor to bring lighter than air touring to the Bay area. Any connection with Moffett Field by such a vehicle certainly highlights the legacy of this facility.

We understand that you are interested in using hangar 2 for periodic maintenance and protection from severe weather and similar situations. We also strongly endorse that activity. Although we understand that your intent is to conduct your tours primarily from the former Alameda NAS, maybe such activity could also be conducted from Moffett Federal Airfield on a limited basis.

The Moffett Field Historical Society strongly endorses an agreement between Airship Ventures Co. and NASA, Ames Research Center for lighter than air vehicle activity on this site.

Sincerely yours,

Bernie McDonough, President
Moffett Field Historical Society

AGENDA: November 27, 2007

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Council

TITLE: Resolution in Support of Airship Ventures, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AIRSHIP VENTURES, INC.'S PLAN TO BRING ZEPPELIN OPERATIONS TO MOFFETT FIELD, to be read in title only, further reading waived.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact directly associated with approval of the recommendation.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Airship Ventures, Inc. is a corporation formed to bring passenger Zeppelin operations to the United States. The private company intends to conduct exclusive flights and sightseeing tours as well as carry scientific and other special-mission payloads. The company presented their project plan at the November 6, 2007 City Council meeting and requested a resolution of support of their project.

Pending an agreement with NASA Ames, Airship Ventures is planning to bring Zeppelin's fourth Zeppelin NT07, currently under construction, to California for operations out of Moffett Federal Airfield in 2008. This will be the first Zeppelin in the United States in over 70 years and only the fourth of the new modern Zeppelin airships in the world. Airship Ventures has expressed its commitment to collaborating with the community to help contribute to the local economy, preserve Moffett Federal Airfield and serve the Bay Area as a whole.

CONCLUSION

This resolution is a statement of general support of this effort, and there is no City control over the final agreements. It is recommended for approval for all the benefits this venture could bring, including educational, economic and preservation at Moffett Federal Airfield.

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PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

Prepared by:

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Mayor

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Attachment: 1. Resolution

cc: Airship Ventures, Inc.

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2007

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AIRSHIP VENTURES, INC.'S PLAN TO
BRING ZEPPELIN OPERATIONS TO MOFFETT FIELD

WHEREAS, Airship Ventures, Inc. is a corporation formed to bring passenger Zeppelin operations to the United States to conduct exclusive flights and sightseeing tours as well as carry scientific and other special-mission payloads; and

WHEREAS, Airship Ventures, Inc. is planning to bring Zeppelin's fourth Zeppelin NT07, currently under construction to California, to be based at Moffett Federal Airfield in 2008; and

WHEREAS, this will be the first Zeppelin in the United States in over 70 years and only the fourth of the new modern Zeppelin airships in the world; and

WHEREAS, Airship Ventures has expressed its commitment to collaborating with the community and helping to contribute to the local economy, preserve Moffett Federal Airfield and serve the Bay Area as a whole; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2007, the company presented their project plan and highlighted the benefits it could bring to our region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View is committed to the economic vitality and quality of life that this exciting opportunity offers to Moffett Federal Airfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mountain View expresses its support for Airship Ventures, Inc.'s efforts to bring the Zeppelin to our region for the educational, economic and preservation benefits at Moffett Federal Airfield and the Bay Area.

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