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### HISTORIC MITIGATION FOR HANGAR ONE, FORMER NAS MOFFETT FIELD

Dear Ms. Fanizzo:

On behalf of the Mountain View City Council, I would like to thank the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for coming to Mountain View and holding a public meeting to hear comments regarding the United States Navy's CERCLA Removal Action for Hangar One at Former NAS Moffett Field. The City of Mountain View is vitally interested in the restoration of this historic landmark and, in addition to the comments the City provided at the September 17 hearing to the ACHP, would like to submit the following written comments.

On September 9, 2008, the Mountain View City Council officially reiterated its long-standing position that the United States Navy is not only responsible for the environmental remediation of Hangar One but is also responsible for restoration of the hangar by replacement of siding as historic mitigation and bringing the hangar into code-compliance. A copy of the City's comments to the Navy regarding the Hangar One Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Revision 1 report is enclosed.

The City has consistently held that the Navy's remediation and restoration of this historic structure is of vital interest to the Mountain View community. In a 2004 letter to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the City characterized Hangar One as "one of the most identifiable, architecturally distinguished landmarks of Silicon Valley, which makes it critically important to our visual landscape and, thus, well worth preserving for future generations."

The City of Mountain View looks forward to working with the community, NASA Ames, the City of Sunnyvale and other partners to determine a beneficial future use for Hangar One. However, such an effort and the chances for a successful outcome will be made significantly more challenging, both financially and logistically, if the Navy does not fulfill its responsibility for full historic mitigation. Leaving such a structure as a steel skeleton could invite additional environmental degradation, further compromising the historical value of this landmark, and would shift the burden and cost of restoration to another

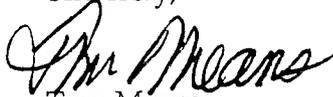
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Federal agency and its partners. Such partial historic mitigation does not meet the substantive requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The City of Mountain View encourages the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to strongly advise the Secretary of the Navy that the Navy's recommendation is unacceptable and does not satisfy applicable historic preservation requirements.

The City looks forward to receiving a copy of the ACHP's comments to the Navy. Please contact Kevin Woodhouse, Assistant to the City Manager, at (650) 903-6301 if you have any questions or require additional information regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



Tom Means  
Mayor

Enclosure

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Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

Senator Elaine Alquist

Assemblywoman Sally Lieber

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Mr. Darren Newton, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, Former NAS Moffett Field

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## HANGAR ONE EE/CA REVISION 1, FORMER NAS MOFFETT FIELD

Dear Mr. Newton:

On September 9, 2008, the Mountain View City Council considered and approved comments regarding the United States Navy's Hangar One Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Revision 1 report. The City is pleased that the Navy is no longer considering demolition of the hangar as the preferred alternative. However, the City continues to hold the position that the Navy is responsible for restoring the hangar with replacement of siding as historic mitigation and bringing the hangar into code compliance for future use.

Specifically, the City of Mountain View submits the following comments regarding the EE/CA Revision 1:

1. The City of Mountain View encourages the Navy to restore the hangar with replacement of siding as historic mitigation and bring the hangar into code compliance.
2. The City of Mountain View requests that the Navy provide specific details behind the EE/CA's \$14.9 million cost estimate for re-siding the hangar.

3. The City of Mountain View encourages the Navy, in the event they choose not to select replacement of siding as historic mitigation or not to bring the hangar into code compliance, to work cooperatively with NASA during the remedial design and implementation phases of the project to plan for a full solution, both remediation and re-siding of the hangar, simultaneously and expeditiously. Such cooperation could achieve significant project efficiencies for efforts to evaluate, make decisions and implement re-siding of the hangar and code upgrades. For example, there may be significant cost savings if scaffolding or other construction equipment can be shared between siding removal and siding replacement, as well as for electrical or mechanical code upgrades.
4. The City of Mountain View requests that the Navy assess, in greater detail, any potential negative effects of the structural framework being left open to the elements, such as, but not limited to, bird nesting and potential safety impacts for aircraft safety, potential deterioration to the hangar's floor and potential corrosion of any mechanical members related to the hangar's doors.
5. The City of Mountain View requests that the Navy commit to testing the recoating of the structural steel more frequently than every five years to ensure containment of the PCBs.
6. The City of Mountain View requests that the Navy further evaluate the epoxy penetrant remediation process used by Thomarios Corporation for the inside of Hangar One's sister hangar in Akron, Ohio, in case this process might provide a feasible alternative for remediating the inside and outside of Hangar One without removing the siding.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EE/CA Revision 1. Hangar One has been an important part of the Mountain View community since its construction in 1933 and the City and its community members are vitally interested in its preservation and future use. The City looks forward to hearing the Navy's responses to these comments and continuing to be involved in this issue. Please contact Kevin Woodhouse, Assistant

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