CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

CITY OF SUNNYVALE CALIFORNIA

June 18, 2012

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building Suite 212
Washington, DC 20510

HANGAR ONE & MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD

Dear Senator Boxer,

On behalf of the cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale, we would like to communicate with you and request your assistance concerning Hangar One and Moffett Federal Airfield. Mountain View and Sunnyvale share concerns about the uncertainties and delays in action by NASA and the General Services Administration in capitalizing on a viable private/public partnership proposal for restoration of Hangar One. This partnership would avoid significant taxpayer costs while restoring the hangar for beneficial public and private use. Additionally, there remain significant uncertainties as to whether the airfield would, or even could, remain a secure Federal facility and fulfill its significant role in our nation's security were it to be transferred to the GSA. We would like to request a brief meeting with you as soon as possible, when you are back in California this summer, to convey in person the importance of these concerns to our communities.

Mountain View and Sunnyvale, in addition to numerous community groups, regional organizations, and private entities, have been advocating for many years a solution for restoration and reuse of the historic Hangar One at Moffett. Most recently, the cities and the Moffett Restoration Advisory Board sent the attached detailed letters to NASA Administrator Bolden expressing concern about NASA's statement that the airfield no longer has a mission need and is therefore excess to the Agency. Congresswoman Eshoo, as well as Congresswoman Lofgren and others from the Bay Area congressional delegation, have also been keenly focused on this concern. Despite these efforts, NASA continues to pursue a slow path forward with GSA involvement that could squander the unique public-private partnership opportunity that is currently on the table. Instead,

NASA should use its Enhanced Use Lease authority to immediately capitalize on this proposal and ensure Hangar One is restored. The fact that this proposal leverages private funding, minimizing tax-payer money, for the restoration and reuse of a national historic structure is a win-win situation for all parties involved.

Your attention to this important matter is urgently requested and your consideration to meet with us is appreciated.

Respectfully,

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