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CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2024

N.3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REDONDO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOOTING RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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- **LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE**
- **LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE NAVAL WEAPONS STATION SEAL BEACH**



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS SPACE BASE DELTA 3 (USSF)
LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA**

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Ms. Paige Kaluderovic
Council Member, District 3
City of Redondo Beach
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach CA 90277

Dear Council Member Kaluderovic

Los Angeles Air Force Base endorses and supports the City of Redondo Beach's Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program application to renovate an existing shooting range to support numerous police departments and military bases in the South Bay area. An improved shooting range would benefit Redondo Beach Police Department, El Segundo Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department as well as Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, and Coast Guard Base Los Angeles Long Beach.

The potential partnership between the City of Redondo Beach and LAAFB would address the critical challenges and shortfalls of military and law enforcement firing ranges in the area. The City of Redondo Beach has a need to upgrade their existing range due to its limitations and LAAFB members currently need to travel to March ARB, CA to qualify, which is over 80 miles from the base and takes approximately 2-3 hours of travel, depending on traffic.

Using DCIP funding and sharing resources to construct a joint range would allow each partner, as well as other units in the area, to meet their respective requirements. I personally met with El Segundo Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and the Torrance Police Department to discuss range limitations in the area. I also met with the Commanders of Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, and Coast Guard Base Los Angeles Long Beach. We would all benefit from a shared firing range. I highly recommend approval of the City of Redondo Beach's application.

We look forward to hearing the outcome of the DCIP application submission. If you have additional questions, please contact my Commander's Action Group Chief, Lt Keenan Sweeney, at (310) 653-5862 or sbd3.ccx.orgbox@spaceforce.mil.

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February 29, 2024

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Dear Council Member Kaluderovic:

Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach endorses and supports the City of Redondo Beach's Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program application to renovate an existing shooting range to support police departments and military bases in the region. An improved shooting range would benefit local law enforcement organizations as well as Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and other area military installations.

A potential partnership between the City of Redondo Beach and the Navy would address the significant challenges and shortfalls of military and law enforcement firing ranges in the area. The City of Redondo Beach has a need to upgrade their existing range due to its limitations. My base security personnel currently travel to ranges in Riverside and San Diego counties to qualify and train on their weapons, and this takes approximately 2-3 hours of travel time depending on traffic.

Using DCIP funding for range renovation and sharing range resources would allow both military and civilian law enforcement to meet their respective requirements in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. I highly recommend approval of the City of Redondo Beach's application.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of the DCIP application submission. If you have additional questions, please contact my Plans, Programs and Readiness Integrator, Ms. Jazmin Atencia, at (562) 626-7016 or jazmin.atencia.civ@us.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. J. O'Brien", is positioned above the typed name.

J. J. O'Brien
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer