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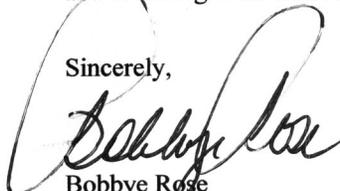
Re: "Operation Keep Cannon"

Dear BRAC Commission:

The Village of San Jon supports "Operation Keep Cannon". Cannon Air Force Base is very important to our local communities in New Mexico and is vital for our national security.

San Jon has many residents that are veterans and utilize this base for their medical needs. If this service is discontinued, many of our residents will be forced to move to another base location that will adequately service their needs. Many of the current forces spend money in our community when traveling to Ute Lake. Closing of Cannon will be detrimental to our community.

Cannon has the ability to continue training for the future with numerous aircrafts, not just the F-16. The Base has a large and clean air space with supersonic capabilities for the aircrafts and has no encroachment issues. The Village of San Jon Board of Trustees supports Cannon Air Force Base and encourages the BRAC Commission to remove Cannon from the closure list.

Sincerely,

Bobbye Rose
Administrator

Enclosure



RESOLUTION NO 0405-22

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
"KEEP CANNON INITIATIVE"**

- WHEREAS,** The Clovis Air Base was activated during World War II and closed at the end of the war, and
- WHEREAS,** the base was reactivated during the Korean conflict and has been continuously serving the national defense since that time; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Defense, on May 13 2005, announced its recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base as a part of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program; and
- WHEREAS,** Cannon Air Force Base meets all announced criteria governing the base closure evaluation; and
- WHEREAS,** the closure of Cannon Air Force Base, would have a significant adverse impact on the community, both financially and culturally due to the amount of retired military citizens in San Jon; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Richardson has vowed to lead and support efforts to overcome the recommendation; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of the Village of San Jon support Cannon Air Force Base and the efforts to resist closure; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village supports community leaders to develop a strategy and initiative to collect and present data that will demonstrate that Cannon Air Force Base is a necessary component for the military and security needs of the country far into the future; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village Council seeks the involvement, support and assistance of all citizens to successfully persuade the BRAC Commission to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Village of San Jon, New Mexico, the San Jon Village Council, to join in whatever means and energy is necessary to obtain the removal of Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list, and encourages the citizens of San Jon to actively and aggressively support this effort by writing letters, emails and communications showing the support of the community for the continued existence of Cannon Air Force Base.

DONE this 14th day of June, 2005.


Joe Clark
Mayor

ATTEST:


Rosalie Rachor
Administrative Assistant