



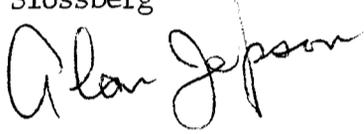
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To: Mayor James Richetelli
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From: Alan Jepson
City Clerk 

Date: June 28, 2005

Subject: Board of Alderman Referral Item #6

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on June 27, 2005 the following action was taken:

6. Board of Aldermen approval is requested for the attached Resolution RE: (SOS) to prevent the Closure of the U.S. Submarine Base at Groton/New London (Requested by Chairman Michele Collins).

Approved unanimously.

Copy of Resolution attached.

AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD ON JUNE 27, 2005,
THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED:

**RESOLUTION RE: (SOS) TO PREVENT THE CLOSURE OF THE U.S.
SUBMARINE BASE AT GROTON/NEW LONDON**

(Sponsored by Board of Aldermen Chairman Michele Collins)

Whereas, the City of Milford, Connecticut has a long nautical history as well as having the honor of being the home of one of the submarine industry's early pioneers, Simon Lake, whose exploratory submarine now sits at the Head of Milford's Harbor; and

Whereas, the financial impact of the proposed Groton/New London base closure will effect businesses and families in Milford as well as the other 169 towns in Connecticut; and

Whereas, the proposed closing of U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London in Connecticut is clearly not in the strategic military, federal budgetary or national economic interests of our nation; and

Whereas, there are profound doubts about the fairness, objectivity and thoroughness of the process that led to this recommendation but optimism that the work of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission will prioritize the national interest ahead of partisan politics; and

Whereas, the unique and irreplaceable existing co-location and integration of strategic assets at U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London (submarine base, submarine training, underwater research, nuclear capable and deep-water porting, and proven world-class submarine production at Electric Boat) best serve national military and fiscal objectives for sound base location; and

Whereas, in the age of global terrorism, any "all our eggs in one basket" approach to base consolidation especially endangers America's offensive and defensive capacity; and

Whereas, the New London Sub Base offers the best proximity to the North Atlantic and to the North Pacific (since our subs go under the Polar Ice Cap to reach same); and

Whereas, transportation, housing, schooling, healthcare, commerce, services and amenities in the U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London region provide essential and significantly customized support for the morale of those in the submarine service and their families that is unduplicated at any identified relocation site; and

Whereas, commercial transportation, research and development, skilled workforce and related high technology in the U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London region are also unduplicated at any identified relocation site; and

Whereas, the direct federal costs of closure and environmental remediation, relocation, recreation of related infrastructure, services and amenities have been vastly underestimated and otherwise largely ignored; and

Whereas, other naval stations were completely exempted, bases that ranked below U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London, and are to be left open, and irrelevant criteria inflated the ranking of other bases while key facts such as pier capacity were misrepresented; and

Whereas, the economic impact will be devastating, with losses conservatively estimated at \$3.3 billion and 31,500 jobs that would double the regional unemployment rate; and

Whereas, there will be direct additional costs to our national, federal defense budget, service families, local and national economies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED By the Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford to welcome and support the independent review by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRACC) of the proposal to close the Groton/New London Submarine Base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED By the Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford to respectfully urge the BRACC to reject the recommendation for closure of the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton/New London, Connecticut.

Dated at Milford, CT this
28th day of June, 2005

Attest:s/Alan H. Jepson, CCTC
City Clerk