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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Anthony Principi, Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC)
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

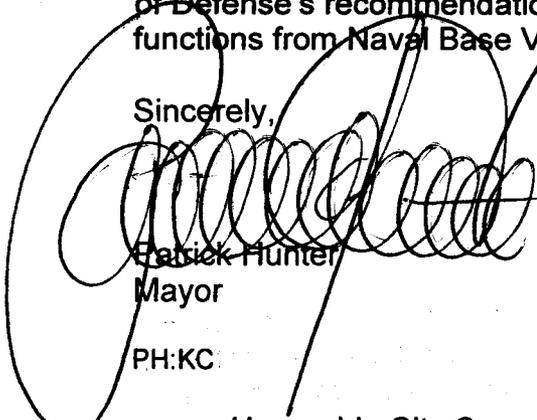
The City of Moorpark urges you to reject the Department of Defense's recommendation to move weapons, range, and electronic warfare functions from Naval Base Ventura County to China Lake.

The sea test range and its supporting functions at Point Mugu and Port Hueneme are unparalleled and cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Moving the range and aerial target functions, including its supporting aircraft, to China Lake, 150 miles from the primary range, would increase response time to range tasking, reduce range time, increase operating costs, and reduce safety.

Moreover, many veteran civil service and contract employees are unable to relocate to China Lake, choosing retirement or other employment. It would take years to reconstitute this lost expertise and significant projects would suffer.

This loss of intellectual capital and productivity could weaken America's global war on terrorism. For these reasons, the City of Moorpark urges you to reject the Department of Defense's recommendation to move weapons, range, and electronic warfare functions from Naval Base Ventura County to China Lake.

Sincerely,



Patrick Hunter
Mayor

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cc: Honorable City Council
Steven Kueny, City Manager