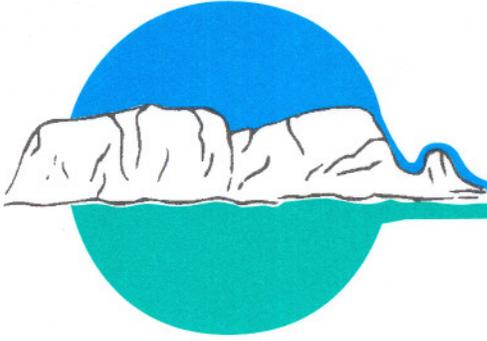


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June 22, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202



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Re: "Keep Cannon" Initiative.

Dear Commissioners:

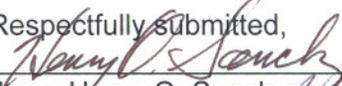
Enclosed, please find a copy of Resolution No. 05-23, supporting the "Keep Cannon" Initiative, which was adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico on June 15, 2005.

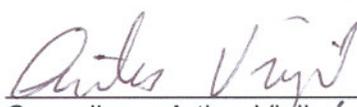
This resolution serves as support in the efforts to overcome the Defense Department's recommendation of the closure of Cannon Air Force Base, which is based in Clovis, New Mexico.

The closure of Cannon Air Force Base will not only impact the community where it is based, but the surrounding communities, as well as our, (Las Vegas) Municipal Airport which will be impacted by the proposed closure, due to Cannon's Aircraft making stops at the Las Vegas Municipal Airport for the purchase of fuel.

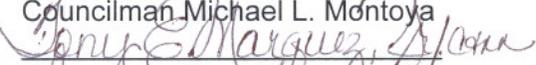
We strongly stand behind Cannon Air Force Base, the community of Clovis, New Mexico, and the many New Mexican communities in supporting the removal of Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list.

Respectfully submitted,

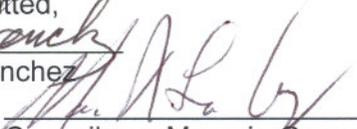

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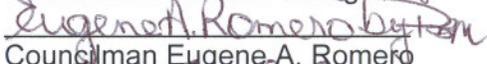

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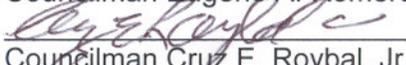

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**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 05-23**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "KEEP CANNON" INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Clovis Army 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, Cannon Air Force Base has a long history of both combat and peace time service to the safety and security of the country; and

WHEREAS, the Clovis community has strongly supported Cannon Air Force Base, its mission and the United States Air Force personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense, on May 13, 2005, announced its recommendation to close Cannon Air Force Base as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base meets all announced criteria governing the base closure evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Air Force Base has favorable flying conditions, is in close proximity to the Melrose Bomb range, has recently refurbished both runways and other infrastructure, and has infrastructure capable of accommodating an expanded mission; and

WHEREAS, through foresight and planning by local and state officials, air right easements have been previously acquired to eliminate encroachment issues and have impacted other Air Force bases; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Training initiative should be finalized before the end of 2005, allowing supersonic training at Melrose Bomb Range and the associated military airspace; and

WHEREAS, from the inception of the air expeditionary force (AEF) concept, Cannon Air Force Base has served as a lead wing; and

WHEREAS, Cannon personnel and their families have contributed greatly to the local community, and the local community has provided a supportive home to those military families; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have a significant adverse impact on the community, both financially and culturally; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the Closure recommendation fails to follow the announced criteria; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has vowed to lead and support efforts to overcome the recommendation of the Defense Department; and

WHEREAS, Congressional leaders have also pledged to lead efforts to overcome the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Clovis, Portales, Curry County, Roosevelt County, Eastern New Mexico and West Texas support Cannon Air Force Base and the efforts to resist closure; and

WHEREAS, City and community leaders have developed a strategy and initiative to collect the 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

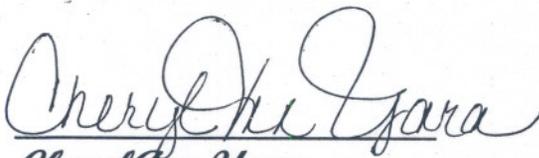
WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks the involvement, support and assistance of all citizens to successfully persuade the BRAC Commission to remove Cannon Air Force Base from the closure list.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Henry O. Sanchez, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, along with the Governing Body to exert whatever means and energy is necessary to obtain the removal of Cannon Air Force Base from the BRAC closure list, and encourage the citizens of our surrounding areas to actively and aggressively support this effort by writing letters, emails and communications showing the support for the continued existence of Cannon Air Force Base

DONE this 15th day of June, 2005.

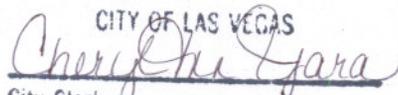

Henry O. Sanchez
Mayor

ATTEST:


Cheryl Ann Yara
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

City Clerk
Date 6/22/05