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Chairman Anthony Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clarke St., Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi,

The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) has previously voiced our recommendations to your commission regarding the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and the Broadway Complex.

Recently, it has been brought to our attention that another San Diego Facility has been identified to realign and relocate. A detachment of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme, the Integrated Combat Systems Test Division (ICSTD), located on Point Loma, would move to the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren, Virginia (NSWC, DD). While the realignment of ICSTD under NSWC DD will increase mission effectiveness by transitioning to common practices and procedures used to certify Navy Warfare Systems, the relocation of this facility does not make sense from either a mission or cost effectiveness perspective.

ICSTD's mission is to perform Warfare System Integration and Interoperability Testing and certification of the Combat and Command and Control systems on the Navy's Aircraft carriers and major Amphibious Warfare ships such as LHA, LHD and LPD-17 classes, before they are delivered to the fleet for operational use. These ships are the Navy's major Command and Control platforms. They are equipped with the most technologically advanced systems that the Navy possesses. Many of these systems are developed and integrated at the SPAWAR complex in Point Loma. The testing requires the use of the Combat and Command and Control facilities and equipment located in the ICSTD laboratory spaces located in Lab 150 of building 600 of the Navy complex on Point Loma, as well as a wide variety of additional Command and Control Systems which are under the purview of the SPAWAR Systems Center San Diego. All of these facilities and systems, as well as the over 100 highly qualified personnel who conduct the testing and certification, are located at the Point Loma complex. They are not available anywhere

else in the country. To duplicate or relocate these facilities and systems to a location in Dahlgren would not only involve costs estimated at over \$100M, but would also cause significant delay and disrupt the delivery of certified systems to the Fleet. In addition, history has demonstrated that many, if not the majority of the personnel would not choose to relocate, resulting in a loss of critical experience and skills that will be difficult, if not impossible to replicate.

SDMAC strongly recommends that the commission revisit the DoD recommendation decision to relocate ICSTD to Dahlgren. We are convinced that this relocation is not in the best interest of the Navy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Woiwode". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark above the "i" in "Woiwode".

Mike Woiwode, ARINC
SDMAC President.