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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Jr.
Chairman
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

The City of San Diego respectfully requests that the Navy Broadway Complex not be included on the list of bases and installations that you submit to the President in September.

As you know, the Navy Broadway Complex is the subject of a unique statute and hard-fought development agreement and entitlements that we believe is the most certain path to successful redevelopment of this prime property.

Significant progress has been made by the City of San Diego and the Department of the Navy since the Regional Hearing that the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission held in Monterey on Monday, August 8, 2005.

On Friday, August 12, 2005, I had a very productive meeting with Rear Admiral Leendert R. Hering, Sr., USN, who recently relieved Rear Admiral Jose Luis Betancourt, Jr., USN, as Commander, Navy Region Southwest. We discussed the status of the Navy Broadway Complex, and I am convinced that the Department of the Navy wants to move forward expeditiously to redevelop that property under the 1987 statute that authorizes the Navy to participate in redevelopment of the Complex.

In addition, the Centre City Development Corporation, the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation and city staff met twice that week with Admiral Hering and his staff along with representatives of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's Southwest Division to discuss the specific plan of action and milestones that will bring this redevelopment to fruition.

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Additionally, on August 17, 2005, we learned that the Department of the Navy has dedicated new and additional resources to this project, including the Director of Real Estate Support and an attorney from the Headquarters of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) in Washington, to augment the real estate staff at NAVFAC's Southwest Division in San Diego. These are clear indications that the Navy Broadway Complex is now moving toward redevelopment.

I thank the Commission for raising this issue and sparking the public discussion that has resulted in this substantial progress toward completing the redevelopment of our North Embarcadero.

Sincerely,

TONI ATKINS
Deputy Mayor
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