

COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

Policy 7.3.27 NASA Ames Research Center/ Moffett Federal Airfield Complex

POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction on the City's policies and positions as they relate to the NASA Ames Research Center and Moffett Federal Airfield Complex. The City recognizes the Complex as an important federal asset that contributes to scientific research, innovation, national defense, emergency preparedness, and the regional economy while impacting the surrounding community.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Support NASA Ames Research Center as the principal federal research and technology center at the Moffett Federal Airfield Complex.
2. Support the continued federal ownership, stewardship, and compatible development of the Moffett Federal Airfield Complex in a manner that advances NASA's mission, preserves historic resources, and benefits the surrounding community.
3. Support partnerships among federal agencies, educational institutions, research organizations, nonprofit organizations, long-term lessees, private-sector partners, neighboring jurisdictions, and regional agencies that promote research, innovation, education, housing, workforce development, and economic vitality.
4. Support the continued use of Moffett Federal Airfield for NASA, military, emergency response, research, and other compatible federal purposes.
5. Advocate for meaningful consultation with the City of Sunnyvale and the City of Mountain View regarding land use, housing, aviation, transportation, infrastructure, environmental, and operational decisions that may affect surrounding communities. Oppose efforts that would allow non-contiguous jurisdictions to determine future uses.
6. Participate in regional, state, and federal discussions regarding the future of the Moffett Federal Airfield Complex and advocate for policies that protect the City's interests.
7. Support continued federal investment in NASA Ames Research Center, the preservation, appropriate reuse, and public access to historic facilities, environmental stewardship, regional emergency preparedness, and the continued presence of the California Air National Guard.

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8. Support transportation improvements and aircraft operations that minimize traffic, noise, environmental impacts, and public safety concerns affecting Sunnyvale residents and businesses.

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