

COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

**Policy 7.3.27 NASA Ames Research Center/ Moffett ~~Field~~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.~~as the lead tenant of the Moffett Complex and steward of a federal, limited-use airfield.~~
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. ongoing cooperation between the City of Sunnyvale, the City of Mountain View and NASA/Ames, including developing and partnering with current or potential tenants, and working on the following areas of partnership:~~
2.
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,

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- environmental stewardship, regional emergency preparedness, and the continued presence of the California Air National Guard.
8. Support transportation improvements and aircraft operations that minimize traffic, noise, environmental impacts, and public safety concerns affecting Sunnyvale residents and businesses.
- A. California Air and Space Center.
- B. Support the University Affiliated Research Center at the NASA Research Park.
- C. Support the university partnerships at the NASA Research Park to meet future workforce needs of Sunnyvale businesses through internship programs, onsite continuing education and the development of new education curricula to support emerging technologies.
- D. Support the development of the NASA Research Park as an incubator of emerging industry business start-ups and new products for existing industry clusters: Astrobiology, Biotechnology, Information technology, and Nanotechnology.
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, 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.
3. Support ancillary and limited use of a government airfield for tenants of a government facility.
4. 5. Advocate for meaningful consultation with Tthe City of Sunnyvale (and the City of Mountain View) regarding land use, aviation, transportation, infrastructure, environmental, and operational decisions that may affect surrounding communities. will be the lead local government agencies to examine the issues related to alternative land uses at the Ames/Moffett Federal Complex. Oppose efforts that would allow non-contiguous jurisdictions to determine future uses.
6. Oppose the expansion of commercial passenger aviation, general aviation and commercial air cargo operations, or other incompatible aviation uses at Moffett Federal Airfield.
5. Provide support to NASA as the lead agency in analysis and development of alternative uses, recognizing that NASA and the federal government are the ultimate decision makers on implementation of feasible uses and future decisions related to Moffett Federal Complex.

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~~7. Participate in any regional, state, and federal or other discussions and decisions (including legislation or administrative action) on potential uses of NASA Ames/Moffett Federal Complex, including any aviation uses regarding the future of the Moffett Federal Airfield Complex and advocate for policies that protect the City's interests.~~

~~6. 8. Support continued federal investment in NASA Ames Research Center, the preservation and appropriate reuse of Hangar One and other historic facilities, environmental stewardship, regional emergency preparedness, and the continued presence of the California Air National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing.~~

~~7. Support efforts to remove Moffett Field as a reliever airport for San Jose International Airport and from the Regional Airport System Plan.~~

~~8. Support adequate funding for NASA programs that strengthen the overall research and development programs at the NASA Ames/Moffett Federal Complex.~~

~~9. Support safety policies and procedures, for removing and/or storing ordnance from the Moffett complex, that ensure the protection of surrounding populations and the environment.~~

~~10. Support efforts to utilize assets at the Moffett Federal Complex in the national effort to combat weapons of mass destruction.~~

~~11. Support efforts to maintain the 129th Rescue Wing [or similar military presence] at Moffett Federal Airfield. Oppose relocation efforts.~~

~~12. Support the use of Federal funds to clean and restore Hangar One at Moffett Field so that it is habitable and code compliant.~~

~~13. 9. Support transportation improvements and aircraft operations that minimize traffic, noise, environmental impacts, and public safety concerns affecting Sunnyvale residents and businesses. collaborative efforts to enhance emergency preparedness planning, coordination and disaster mitigation, particularly to the extent any such effort can be located at the Moffett Federal Complex and/or compliment the tenants at Moffett.~~

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