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Prepared By: Cynthia Daniels, AICP *CD* Agenda Item No. I-7

Reviewed By: City Manager *JPB* City Attorney *WA* Finance *JC* Other (Specify) _____

DATE: February 4, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Cynthia Daniels, Project Manager *Cynthia Daniels*
Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Letters from Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century (RDP-21) in Support of Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC)

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council authorize the Mayor to execute letters of support on behalf of RDP-21 for support of continued activities at the Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC).

DISCUSSION

The City of Oxnard is a member of the RDP-21, which represents all ten cities and the County of Ventura. Due to its strategic and economic significance in Ventura County, the City Council of the City of Oxnard has supported the activities of the NBVC. Each year RDP-21 advocates for continuing activities at the NBVC. This year's letters demonstrate unified support for funding to 1) complete the enhanced simulation capabilities that will upgrade the Electronic Warfare Laboratory at the Naval Warfare Center Division (NAWCWD) Point Mugu (a request for \$4.5 million), and 2) construct a Surface Targets Laboratory at Pt. Hueneme (a request for \$9.3 million). Mayor Pro Tem Andres Herrera is the City's member on RDP-21, and Councilman Bryan MacDonald is the alternate. The Treasurer of RDP-21, Charlotte Craven, will deliver the final letters for signature by the Mayor after the City Council action, if the recommendation is approved.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact at this time.

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Attachment #1 Letters from RDP-21 in support of NBVC

February 3, 2009

Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0504

Dear Senator Feinstein:

As the presiding members of governing bodies across Ventura County, California, representing all ten Cities and the County Board of Supervisors, we are writing to express our support for continued activities at Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC). Specifically, we are writing to demonstrate our unified support for funding to upgrade and enhance the Electronic Warfare laboratory at the Naval Air Warfare Center Division (NAWCWD) Point Mugu.

In order to better utilize the laboratory, a 360 degrees (or four quadrants) simulation capability is required. Last year, Congress provided \$1.6 million for the upgrade project. While this funding has proved extremely helpful in the initial upgrade process, it does not allow for a complete upgrade on the AMES III for 360 degree coverage, nor does it assist in the acquisition of the remaining simulator devices, AMES III High Speed Calibrator and the Airborne Interceptor Simulator for real world threat simulations. For this reason, we respectfully request an additional \$4.5 million to complete the enhanced simulation capabilities. A funding level of \$4.5 million in FY 10 will complete the systems capability enhancement project. By capitalizing on increased laboratory test hours versus more expensive flight test hours, the EW hardware-in-the-loop laboratory reduces the time and cost of EW system development.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We appreciate your past support and look forward to continuing our work in this important area. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Steve Bennett, Chairman
Ventura County Board of Supervisors

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Honorable Elton Gallegly
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0524

Dear Representative Gallegly:

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Currently, the lack of adequate engineering, laboratory, and shop space that are housed in separate locations, as well as a lack of adequate waterfront facilities has constrained the Naval Air Warfare Center's capabilities to perform assigned mission requirements. We are supporting the construction of the proposed Surface Targets Laboratory, which will house all Cognizant Field Activity (CFA) functions in a single laboratory environment.

Without the needed upgrades, the Seaborne Targets mission will continue to be executed at a greatly reduced efficiency. Costly rent, repairs, and replacement of existing capabilities will continue at unpredictable cost, therefore is not a viable alternative.

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Honorable Lois Capps
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0523

Dear Representative Capps:

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