

**RESOLUTION NO. 5295(05)**

**A Resolution Of The Council Of The City Of Lompoc  
County Of Santa Barbara, State of California,  
In support of the California Space Authority's Proposed  
California Space Center to be located Outside Main Gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base**

WHEREAS, space enterprise is paramount to the state's economic prosperity in that it contribute more than \$10 billion each year, an amount representing 24 percent of the world's aerospace market;

WHEREAS, space enterprise has developed end-to-end space capabilities within the State of California that are unique in the nation to design, develop, and manufacture both launch vehicles and satellites as well as collect, interpret and utilize data from space;

WHEREAS, the launch vehicles and satellites produced within the State of California contribute significantly to the defense of the nation and monitor the Earth's environment;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is an installation of about 99,000 acres on the Central Coast of California that serves as the nation's premier and first polar launch site and is home to seven launch complexes and a commercial spaceport;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is the Headquarters of the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force, which is responsible for all of the Air Force's space programs that support Air Force Space Command, including spacelift for both the Eastern and Western Ranges and on-orbit space operations worldwide;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is home of the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing, which conducts space and missile launches and operations in the Western Range;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is home of the portion of NASA's Kennedy Space Center which provides satellites that monitor the Earth's environment;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is one of only two national sites for launch of the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base contributes about \$1 billion annually to the state's economy;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is rich in Chumash Indian history, once supporting a civilization that spread throughout the Central Coast and included almost 18,000 people, whose mythology includes rich references to the sky and the stars;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is the former home of the SantaYnez Band of Chumash Indians who, according to tribal records, lived on that land for more than 13,000 years;

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base and the launch activities that take place on it, provide the surrounding communities with a natural tourist opportunity that has not yet been tapped; and

WHEREAS, Vandenberg Air Force Base is the economic engine for Santa Barbara County and a strategic economic partner for the City of Lompoc; and

WHEREAS, the proposed California Space Center at Vandenberg Air Force Base could motivate students to study math, science and engineering, now then;

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Lompoc does hereby express its unanimous and dedicated support for the California Space Authority's concept for a multi-purpose California Space Center to be located on 66 acres along State Highway One outside the Main Gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base, the goals are envisioned to benefit the entire Central Coast via the following five elements:

1. Space-Related Visitor Attractions
2. Launch Viewing Site
3. Space Education Multi-Purpose Area
4. Conference Center
5. Mission Support Complex; and

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the envisioned California Space Center will highlight the past, present and future of Vandenberg Air Force Base, including key space contributions of the U.S. Air Force, NASA and the National Reconnaissance Office, as well as Vandenberg-based space enterprise contractors and the base's stewardship of the local environment; and

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the envisioned California Space Center will celebrate the role of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, showcasing their history in the area and interpreting the tribe's culture, including artifacts found and sacred sites located on Vandenberg Air Force Base; and

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Lompoc supports efforts to identify seed dollars for any and all aspects of the California Space Center by engaging personnel to investigate grants and legislative action that will secure necessary funding.

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The above and foregoing Resolution was proposed by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on November 15, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:           Councilmember:  
NOES:           Councilmember:   None.  
ABSENT:        Councilmember:   None.

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Dick DeWees, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

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Donna N. Terrones  
City Clerk, City of Lompoc