



May XX, 2020

Ms. Melissa James, President/CEO  
REACH  
872 Higuera Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**RE: Possible site for Vandenberg Air Force Base Business Growth Zone**

Dear Ms. James,

I am writing to you in my capacity as City Manager for the City of Lompoc.

Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) has recently announced a plan to 'move back the fence' on Base property, such that private businesses related to the space industry would have the ability to build facilities for better access to the launch areas on the base.

Currently, VAFB has discussed preliminary ideas of opening up approximately 1,500 acres at the south gate to the base, or possibly on the southern side of what is commonly known as "North Base".

The City of Lompoc would like to suggest one more option, which is the 3,000 acres belonging to the Bureau of Prisons, and is already located within the City boundaries.

Having the expansion possibly be in this area of the City would allow for utilities to be provided by the City of Lompoc without any additional agreements, such as may be needed in any site outside the City limits.

This possible location would need discussion and approval between the two federal agencies for the use of this property, but the City of Lompoc wanted to be sure that REACH includes this property in their discussions for economic development.

If there is any additional information I may pass on to you concerning this property, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, and I will do my best to get you the answers.

Sincerely,

Jim Throop  
City Manager