

RESOLUTION NO. 3755 NEW SERIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE A LAND TRADE OF EQUITABLE VALUE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE LAND OWNERS OF VACANT LAND AND FARM LAND WITHIN THE 65 Ldn NOISE CONTOURS OF LUKE AIR FORCE BASE.

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale recognizes the vital role Arizona and Luke Air Force Base play in ensuring our military's unparalleled training, combat readiness and air superiority in protecting American freedom; and

WHEREAS, Luke Air Force Base has operated continuously since 1951 as an outstanding pilot training facility, plays a vital role in our nation's military superiority, is the home of the largest fighter wing in the United States Air Force, trains all F-16 pilots and crew chiefs for the United States Air Force and is strategically located within fifty miles of the Barry M. Goldwater Range; and

WHEREAS, in 1951 Luke Air Force Base was located in a rural, agricultural portion of the Phoenix metropolitan area, but is now within one of the fastest growing municipal and county areas in the Nation and State of Arizona, which has exacerbated the challenges caused by urbanization in the Phoenix metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of Luke Air Force Base is vital to national security, the State of Arizona and local concerns; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona, the Cities of Glendale, Goodyear, Peoria, Phoenix, Maricopa County and other local communities and landowners surrounding Luke Air Force Base have made substantial strides in strengthening the long-term mission viability of Luke Air Force Base and those efforts have been recognized as a model around the Nation among states endeavoring similar protections for military facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Congressional Delegation has secured over 27.3 million dollars to acquire land and development easements surrounding Luke Air Force Base and those funds should be utilized for the highest priority acquisitions and protective easements as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, Luke Air Force Base continues to address the challenges caused by considerable growth; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has substantial landholdings in Arizona, which could serve as the basis for a voluntary land exchange between the United States Bureau of Land Management and the owners of the vacant land and farm land within the 65 Ldn noise contours surrounding Luke Air Force Base, thus providing another tool to manage encroachment from incompatible development thereby sustaining the 56th Fighter Wing's long-term access to the Barry M. Goldwater Range; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of such a land exchange to hinder, supplant or impede the Air Force's plan to acquire land adjacent to the Luke's munitions storage area, but rather to address only those lands within the 65 Ldn noise contours that are not the focus of the Air Force acquisition effort; and

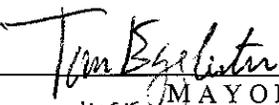
WHEREAS, the Air Force land acquisition plan also requires the Army Corps of Engineers to simultaneously acquire perpetual land-use restrictive easements in key sectors of the Luke flight corridors, the voluntary land exchange will likewise only apply to those parcels of land that are not of interest to the Army Corp of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, such a land exchange would establish a permanent buffer zone of protection to eliminate the challenges of preservation caused by growth pressure.

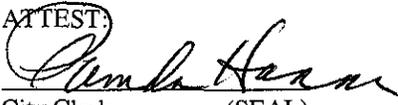
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City of Glendale supports and urges the United States Congress to authorize and direct the United States Bureau of Land Management to prepare and execute a land trade of equitable value between the United States and the land owners of vacant land and farm land within the 65 Ldn noise contours of Luke Air Force Base.

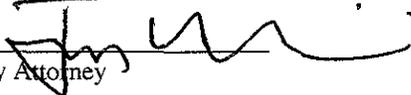
PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 11th day of May, 2004.



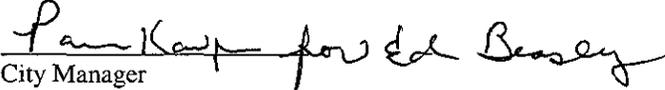
VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:


City Manager