



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** County Executive Office  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** May 2, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** **Majority**

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
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**SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize Chair to Sign an Addendum Adding Additional Participants to the Vandenberg Space Force Memorandum of Understanding**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence: Risk Management**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign Addendum Number 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) Master Plan between REACH, The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GOBiz), the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing, United States Space Force, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Deloitte Consulting, LLP that adds participants including the City of Lompoc, City of Santa Maria, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Allan Hancock College (AHC), and Cuesta College upon final execution by the other signatories and incorporation of the effective date; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action is related to the creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378 (b)(4).

**Summary:**

The County of Santa Barbara became a partner in the VSFB Master Plan MOU in January 2021. The VSFB Master Plan MOU participants have now invited additional participants to join the MOU in order to expand the space industry partnership and work towards VSFB Master Plan implementation. The modification of the MOU seeks to include the City of Lompoc, City of Santa Maria, University of

California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Allan Hancock College (AHC), and Cuesta College and expand partnership to local jurisdictions surrounding VSFB and higher education that supports the region. Expanding the partnership will strengthen cooperation with regional colleges and universities in areas such as research, education, and workforce development and with local communities in areas such as base-related housing and infrastructure needs for the Master Plan implementation.

### **Background:**

On July 15, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Regional Economic Action Coalition (REACH), the 30th Space Wing, United States Space Force, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and strategy consultant Deloitte Consulting, LLC. These participants agreed to the voluntary cooperation in clarifying goals and objectives of the plan for commercial space industry and enterprises at Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) and the surrounding regional economy; facilitating the regional economic growth through addition of high-quality commercial space industry employment; providing for national security strategic interests through the increased resilience of VSFB assured access to space mission architecture.

On [January 26, 2021](#), the County of Santa Barbara officially joined the effort and signed on as a partner through Addendum Number 1 to the MOU (Attachment A). The addendum committed the County to providing a senior staff leader from the County Executive Office to participate on the project team and supporting the strategic development of the VSFB Master Plan, focusing on the potential for commercial space industry expansion in the County. During this time, the County also sponsored the development of the Phase 1 assessment that was needed to qualify for State and federal resources to complete Phase 2 of the VSFB Master Plan by contributing \$200,000. The Master Plan (Attachment B) aims to facilitate regional economic growth through the addition of high-quality commercial space industry employment by enhancing competitiveness of the region and thus encouraging skilled jobs. Economic enhancement offers local government, the private sector, the nonprofit sectors, and County residents the opportunity to work together to improve the local economy for a public benefit.

### **Discussion:**

The parties of the MOU now seek to add new partners to the MOU to expand the partnership for space industry support to surrounding jurisdictions and the higher education sector supporting the region. Each new participant must commit to providing a senior staff member to participate in the VSFB plan project team. Participants will also coordinate as appropriate on implementation of the VSFB Master Plan. The expansion is an opportunity to strengthen cooperation with regional colleges and universities in areas such as research, education, and workforce development, and with local communities (Lompoc and Santa Maria) in areas such as base-related housing and infrastructure needs. The participants that are included in the proposed addendum are:

- City of Lompoc
- City of Santa Maria
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- Allan Hancock College
- Cuesta College

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In June 2021, the [VSFB Master Plan](#) was released. The plan lays out three main goals: 1) Attracting space industry companies to the Central Coast, 2) Modernizing and investing in infrastructure, and 3) Strengthening the region's space identity — and requirements for attaining them, including:

- Creation of a “mission zone” to support increased commercial activity
- Targeted infrastructure investment to improve regional transportation to and from other major hubs
- Incentives to spur commercial space activity
- Development of a skilled workforce by building a talent pipeline

Participants in the MOU work to implement the VSFB Master Plan and by adding additional partners, this strengthens the regional cooperation across government and education sectors in working towards implementation of the Master Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There are no fiscal impacts with adding additional participants to the MOU.

**Special Instructions:**

A fully executed copy will be provided to the Clerk of the Board for Chair's signature once all other signatories are obtained. Once executed by the Chair, please provide electronic signed copy of the Attachment C Addendum Number 2 to MOU to Jasmine McGinty, County Executive Office.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Original Memorandum of Understanding and Addendum 1

Attachment B – VSFB Master Plan

Attachment C – Proposed Addendum 2 to MOU

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