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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 12, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Protecting Davis-Monthan Air Force Base as a Sustainable US Air Force Military Installation**

The County has a long history of protecting Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) as a sustainable military facility. The County has also participated with DMAFB military and civilian personnel in planning activities designed to protect DMAFB from encroachment.

The US Air Force selected DMAFB to develop an Installation Complex Encroachment Management Action Plan (ICEMAP) as part of an enterprise-wide Air Force Encroachment Management Program. This process, in coordination with the Air Force Community Partnership (AFCP) Program, has led to our cooperative planning to pursue a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) for the DMAFB departure and flight training corridors necessary to preserve Base missions and retain and improve aircrew training missions. The County partnered with DMAFB to acquire grant funding for the REPI, and DMAFB staff was notified in March 2017 they will receive a REPI grant of \$1.5 million, subject to a County match.

Using voter-approved 2004 Bond funds for base encroachment prevention, the County purchased \$10 million worth of properties within the DMAFB departure corridor. We intend to use our acquired properties as match over time to secure this and future REPI grants over the next five years. This means additional funding will be made available to DMAFB to eliminate and/or mitigate encroachment in both the departure corridor and flight training corridors and sites. Due to our acquisitions, no additional funds will be necessary from Pima County to match these existing and future REPI grants.

This cooperative planning process is a result of the successful community partnership initiatives between Pima County and DMAFB.

The REPI announcement coincides with the recently released Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 economic impact analysis that indicates significant positive economic benefits of DMAFB for the community. The overall impact in FY 2016 is approximately \$1 billion, with approximately 7,547 military and 2,688 civilians employed with a combined payroll of more than \$579 million. It is estimated the Base is also responsible for an additional 4,123 indirect jobs with an annual payroll value of over \$184 million.

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The Tucson metropolitan area continues to be home to a robust military retiree population. In FY 2016, 19,523 military retirees resided in Tucson, with military retirement incomes totaling more than \$521 million. DMAFB is a vital national asset, as well as a valued local partner.

CHH/mjk

c: Colonel Scott Campbell, Commander, 355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base  
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