

May 9, 2012

The Honorable Charles Bolden  
NASA Administrator  
NASA Headquarters  
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**Re: Hangar One, Moffett Field, California**

Dear Secretary Bolden:

We urge NASA to seriously consider a proposal by H211, LLC to engage in a public-private partnership that will lead to the rehabilitation of Hangar One at Moffett Federal Airfield. Hangar One is a prominent and much beloved historic site in Silicon Valley. It was threatened with demolition in 2006 and placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2008 list of *America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places*. While plans for its demolition were reversed, the structure is now threatened with deterioration unless NASA takes immediate action to secure its future.

With the Navy's environmental remediation work scheduled to be completed in July, the hangar's full structural steel frame will soon be exposed to the elements. NASA does not currently have a plan to replace the exterior paneling and windows of the structure. The longer the delay, the more costly future rehabilitation efforts are likely to be in the future.

With this in mind, we have followed with great interest the proposal from H211, LLC to replace the exterior of Hangar One in exchange for a long term lease. The company currently leases property at NASA Ames Research Center for aircraft storage and appears to have the financial wherewithal to accomplish what NASA does not – full rehabilitation of an important historic building, consistent with historic preservation standards.

While many details of the proposed rehabilitation plan have yet to be worked out, we are enthusiastic about H211, LLC's interest. We are particularly pleased, for instance, that the company is willing to engage a subtenant to lease part of the hangar for a museum or other public use. NASA should act swiftly on this proposal for the benefit of the American public to see this historic site preserved well into future.

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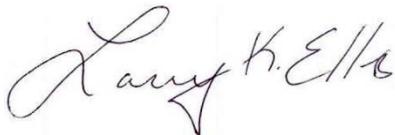
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