

To: Mr. Charles Bolden, Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E Street Southwest
Washington DC 20546-0001

May 12, 2011

From: Former Naval Air Station Moffett Field
Restoration Advisory Board Members

Dear Administrator Bolden:

The Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board's responsibility is to provide community advice and oversight for the Navy and NASA's plans for cleanup, restoration and reuse of Moffett Federal Airfield, formerly Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field.

The members of the RAB and the communities we represent are pleased and supportive of NASA's request for an appropriation of \$32.8 million in its FY2012 proposed budget to re-cover Hangar One at Moffett. These funds will be used to preserve Hangar One and prepare it for future reuse after the Navy completes its remediation to remove toxics.

This effort has wide support in Mountain View, Sunnyvale and the San Francisco Bay Area, where residents raised the money to buy the land for Hangar One in 1932 and donated it to the Federal Government for the sum of \$1.00. Efforts to save the structure have been supported by every elected official in Sunnyvale and Mountain View, our Congressional representatives and a broad cross-section of the political and public leaders in the region.

NASA's support for recovering Hangar One is consistent with its obligations under the National Historic Preservation Act and the Office of Management and Budget's decision to share the cleanup and re-covering of costs for Hangar One between the Navy and NASA. The Navy is well underway with its responsibility and it now time for NASA to step forward. It is the logical next step once the Navy's contractor completes the removal of the toxic siding from Hangar One and before a massive bare steel skeleton is left behind open to deterioration. Unless Hangar One is re-covered it's not going to be good for any reuse purpose or mission and will be there as an emblematic eyesore reminder of a failed preservation effort.

The Moffett RAB encourages you and our Federal Representatives and Senators to make every effort to preserve the funding for recovering the Hangar in the Washington budget battles so this unique construct of the early days of aviation can be preserved to assume a new mission and continue into the future as a Bay Area icon.

Sincerely,

Signed / Moffett Restoration Advisory Board Members (Signatures Below)

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