RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION MAKING CEQA FINDINGS, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN FOR MOFFETT FEDERAL AIRFIELD AND AMENDING THE COUNTY-WIDE LAND USE PLAN FOR AREAS SURROUNDING SANTA CLARA COUNTY AIRPORTS

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Commission ("ALUC") was established to provide for the orderly development of each public use airport in the County and the area surrounding those airports by preventing the creation of new noise and safety problems (Public Utilities Code § 21670);

WHEREAS, one of the ALUC's statutory duties is to formulate comprehensive land use plans ("CLUPs") that provide for the orderly growth of public airports with the ALUC's jurisdiction (Public Utilities Code § 21675);

WHEREAS, the ALUC has determined that it is appropriate to update the current CLUP, which is entitled Land Use Plan for Areas Surrounding Santa Clara County Airports (adopted September 1992) ("County-wide CLUP"), and that airport-specific CLUPs would better fulfill the goals of ensuring orderly development around each airport;

WHEREAS, the ALUC has prepared an airport-specific CLUPs for Moffett Federal Airfield;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (collectively, "Negative Declaration") was prepared to analyze the impacts of the adoption of the airport-specific CLUP for Moffett Federal Airfield;

WHEREAS, the ALUC has determined that it is also appropriate to amend the County-wide CLUP to eliminate language and other information specific to Moffett Federal Airfield in light of adoption of the airport-specific CLUP; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of November 28, 2012, the ALUC held a public hearing to consider the Negative Declaration and adoption of the various CLUP amendments described herein.

THE ALUC HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO CEQA:

(a) The ALUC finds that the Negative Declaration was prepared in accordance with all legal requirements, including all public notice and comment period requirements.

(b) The ALUC declares that it has considered the Negative Declaration and all comments received within the public comment period, as well as all written and oral comments received after the public comment period and prior to the date of this Resolution, and finds that the document reflects the ALUC's independent judgment and analysis.

ALUC Resolution Adopting Negative Declaration, Adopting CLUP for Moffett Federal Airfield, and amending County-wide CLUP
(c) The ALUC finds that there is no substantial evidence in the record that adoption of the airport-specific CLUP for Moffett Federal Airfield will have a significant effect on the environment for the reasons described in the Negative Declaration. With respect to impacts from potential displacement of development, there is no substantial evidence in the record that such displacement would result in significant effects to the environment. Any such displaced development would be minimal and would most likely relocate to other proximate urbanized areas. Moreover, there is no credible evidence in the record that displacing development to other urbanized areas would result in additional environmental effects such as increased vehicle miles traveled or additional greenhouse gas emissions. There is no evidence that the direct or indirect effects of developing lands from which development may be displaced would be less than the direct or indirect effects of development lands to which such displaced development would be relocated.

(d) The ALUC designates the County Planning Office as the location and custodian of the documents and other material constituting the record of proceedings upon which this decision is made.

THE ALUC FURTHER FINDS that all of the substantive and procedural requirements for adopting and amending a comprehensive land use plan set forth in Public Utilities Code § 21670 et seq. have been met, including but not limited to the following:

(a) The airport-specific CLUP for Moffett Federal Airfield is based on the long-range master plan for the airport, is intended to provide for the orderly growth of the airport and the areas surrounding the airport, and will safeguard the general welfare of the inhabitants within the vicinity of the airport and the public in general pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 21675(a); and

(b) The planning boundaries for the Moffett Federal Airfield were established after hearing and consultation with the involved agencies pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 21675(e). Members of the ALUC met on several occasions with staff from the Cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale to discuss the planning boundaries and other aspects of the CLUP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Commission as follows:

1. That the Negative Declaration is adopted;

2. That the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Moffett Federal Airfield is adopted and shall supersede the County-wide CLUP with respect to Moffett Federal Airfield;

3. That the amended County-wide CLUP shall continue to apply to all other aspects of Airport Land Use within Santa Clara County.

//

ALUC Resolution Adopting Negative Declaration, Adopting CLUP for Moffett Federal Airfield, and amending County-wide CLUP
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Commission on NOVEMBER 28, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Britton, Windus, Clifford, Knopf, Simpson, Blake, Van Wyk
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ralph Britton, Chairperson
Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Commission

ATTEST:

Michele Napier, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Elizabeth G. Planca, Deputy County Counsel