

# Mountain View Community Council

Resolution No. 2013-06

## Supporting the No Action Alternative for the Proposal to Relocate the 18<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has released a draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding a proposal to relocate the 18<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron from Eielson Air Force Base (EAFB) to Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER);

WHEREAS, the draft EIS discusses impacts to the affected communities of Fairbanks and Anchorage, including the Mountain View neighborhood;

WHEREAS, there would be a disproportionate impact to the residents of the Mountain View neighborhood compared to the entire Anchorage community;

WHEREAS, the impacts to residents living in Mountain View include increased noise levels, a likely rise in the cost of housing, and an increased city-wide demand on existing public safety services;

WHEREAS, the current noise levels from military aircraft are significant and disruptive, and the increased noise levels throughout all of Mountain View would result in levels above acceptable levels for a residential area, thereby reducing the quality of life for area residents, and potentially impacting property values;

WHEREAS, increased noise levels would disrupt the learning experience for Mountain View Elementary School students;

WHEREAS, increased housing costs due to the demand placed on Anchorage by an additional 3,000 or more service members and their families living off-base could lead to Mountain View families being forced to find lower cost housing, or facing homelessness, in a super-heated Anchorage housing market where the vacancy rate is extremely low;

WHEREAS, the Mountain View neighborhood is the most diverse neighborhood in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Mountain View neighborhood is considered an economically disadvantaged neighborhood;

WHEREAS, further economic pressure for area families could have long-term negative consequences that limit the possibility of success for these families;

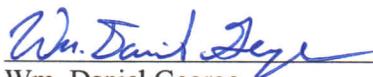
WHEREAS, Alaska's Congressional delegation of U.S. Senator Mark Begich, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, and U.S. Representative Don Young, along with Governor Sean Parnell, State Senator Johnny Ellis, and State Representative Geran Tarr do not support the relocation of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron;

WHEREAS, the community of Fairbanks, as expressed by public officials and residents, does not support the relocation of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron;

WHEREAS, the community of Anchorage, as expressed by public officials, including Mayor Dan Sullivan and Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Bill Popp, does not support the relocation of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron;

WHEREAS, no Mountain View residents have indicated support for the relocation of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013, the Mountain View Community Council supports the No Action Alternative that would allow the 18<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron to remain at EAFB.



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