

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The Boeing Company in Long Beach is the production source of the C-17 Globemaster 111 Transport Jet, which is the workhorse of the military. The current contract for orders of the plane runs out in 2008 and puts at risk 6,500 jobs or about 3 percent of the City's workforce.

There is currently a concerted effort underway to press Congress for more C-17s to save the last vestige of an aerospace industry that was crippled by defense cuts in the 1990s. The Pentagon's independent advisory group, called the Defense Science Board, has recommended that the Long Beach production line cannot be allowed to close when the current production expires. As a result, an amendment has been added to the 2006 Defense Authorization Bill to press the Air Force to buy more C-17s. The Senate voted 89-8 to authorize the amendment; however, the House version of the Bill does not contain this provision, so it is subject for negotiation when the two chambers seek compromise legislation.

Since the Boeing plant is the last factory in the U.S. that makes large military transport planes and is important to the economy of our region:

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send correspondence to the Los Angeles County Delegation of the members of Congress and to President George W. Bush, to urge approval of the option to buy more C-17 transports after 2008.

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