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SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE LOCAL LEADERS INITIATE A NON AGGRESSION COMPACT OVER MILITARY BASE RETENTION

SACRAMENTO – The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the California Space Authority (CSA) announced today an effort to unite local governments, local government officials and community based organizations in support of military base retention and closure preparedness. Local decision makers and civic leaders from throughout the state will be asked to sign a Non-Aggression Compact designed to pledge cooperation in the protection of California’s military assets.

Starting with the first hearing of the Governor’s Council on Base Support and Retention (BRAC Council) in Sacramento on January 6, and continuing at subsequent hearings, the Non-Aggression Compact will ask community leaders to pledge their cooperation and unity with each other during the Department of Defense’s BRAC process. At each of the BRAC Council hearings the document will continue to seek new signatures from local and civic leaders, culminating in a show of support for the Governor’s stated goal of “speaking with one voice.”

“We believe a valuable piece of the BRAC preparedness effort must be the harmonious unity of the communities throughout California,” stated Andrea Seastrand, Executive Director of CSA and a BRAC Council member. “A powerful message must be sent to other states that California’s communities will not be pitted against one another.”

Four previous rounds of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) have closed or realigned 31 of the 91 military installations in California. The closures have led to a loss of over 90,000 defense-related jobs and over \$30 billion in Department of Defense investments in California per year. Governor Schwarzenegger, CSA, CSAC and the members of the BRAC Council are working to ensure a better outcome for the Golden State as the base realignment process moved forward.

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