



Travis Community Consortium

“Advocates for the Protection and Enhancement of Travis Air Force Base.”

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TRAVIS FOREVER

City of Benicia

Travis Air Force Base is often referred to as the “Gateway to the Pacific.” A straightforward moniker for a lynchpin of American global military power projection. Travis AFB is America’s largest air mobility base. As nations around the world increasingly test America’s resolve, our national security is buttressed by world dominance in military logistics capabilities. And those capabilities, especially when looking towards the Pacific, start and end with Travis AFB.

City of Dixon

City of Fairfield

City of Rio Vista

Air Force installations are not just pieces of land; they are the backbone of our nation’s aerial defense capabilities – they house advanced aircraft, sensitive technologies, and highly trained personnel dedicated to safeguarding our national security. Any emerging encroachment of civilian development can pose a serious risk to the security and operational effectiveness of these vital installations.

City of Suisun City

City of Vacaville

City of Vallejo

Enter California Forever. An ambitious vision backed by Silicon Valley investors to build a new city on agricultural ranchlands between California’s Bay Area and capital metro region. Without specific details or plans, California Forever has begun a well-funded political campaign to change local development regulations at the ballot box in November. Their interest? To overturn decades of county land-use law that includes significant measures for protecting Travis Air Force Base and open-space agricultural land.

County of Solano

*Fairfield Suisun Sewer
District*

Kaiser Permanente

Many locals are seriously concerned for the preservation of Travis AFB, Solano County’s largest employer, which delivers an economic impact exceeding \$2.7 billion annually. The Travis Community Consortium (TCC), formed in response to BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure), serves as a unified local voice for protecting Travis AFB and is comprised of local governments and community organizations in Solano County. As an active and proud defense community, TCC works to ensure collaboration, advocacy, and direct support for Travis from the local level. Our entire purpose for existence is to preserve existing missions, advocate and prepare for new missions, support legislation that enhances mission resiliency, and bring attention to the criticality of Travis’ worldwide military and humanitarian operations.

Republic Services

*Solano Economic
Development
Corporation*

Travis Credit Union

*Travis Regional Armed
Forces Committee*

One of the primary concerns is the impact of development upon the military mission. Encroachment, in the form of residential or commercial development, can introduce a multitude of new challenges. The noise generated by military aircraft during training exercises is a necessary component of maintaining peak operational readiness. As civilian developments inch closer to these installations, the risk of noise complaints and subsequent restrictions on training activities becomes a significant concern. Encroachment can have a detrimental impact on the training and readiness of Air Force personnel and can make the base more vulnerable to future base closure actions under BRAC.

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There must be a well-thought-out path between progress and national security. It is imperative that local and national authorities work collaboratively to establish policies and zoning regulations that protect the sanctity of Travis AFB. This involves not only delineating clear boundaries and authorities but also implementing measures to mitigate any impacts on the operational capabilities and securities of the base. Our citizens MUST prioritize the protection of our crucial military asset and recognize the indispensable role Travis plays in maintaining our national defense capabilities.

We are in an era of increasingly complex international geopolitics and competition, with foreign near-peers testing the boundaries of American interests in the Pacific and elsewhere. Today's decisions need to embrace an enduring commitment to safeguarding the very foundations upon which our security depends! While TCC's primary focus is local, the future of Travis AFB represents more than just the sustainability of Solano County's local interests. It represents the sustainability of America's interests, our economic prowess, and our ability to remain a global power. Any attempt to usurp these long-standing policies, in a rushed timeline without comprehensive thoughtful study, is highly risky and does not respect the principles citizens of Solano County have put in place and maintained over many decades.



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