



**United States House of Representatives**  
**19th Congressional District, California**

**Jimmy Panetta**

February 23, 2026

Mayor and City Council  
City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mayor Hamon and Members of the City Council,

I write in support of the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the Paso Robles Spaceport initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

The Central Coast has a meaningful foundation in aviation, engineering and advanced manufacturing. I recognize the Spaceport project as a forward-looking regional economic development opportunity that has the potential to diversify the local economy, attract private investment and strengthen the Central Coast's position within California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors.

Additionally, I appreciate the City's focus on workforce development and education partnerships. Coordination with K-20 education and institutions to support workforce development aligned with aerospace, engineering, manufacturing, and technology careers can create clear pathways for local students and workers to access long-term career opportunities.

This initiative also supports the City's goal of attracting higher-wage, head-of-household jobs that allow residents to live and work locally and contribute to Paso Robles' long-term resilience and quality of life.

For these reasons, I support the continued evaluation of advancement of the Spaceport project and its associated FAA licensing efforts. My office is available to assist as appropriate. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jimmy Panetta  
U.S. Representative  
19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, California

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# Attachment 7

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February 27, 2026

City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Paso Robles' Spaceport Initiative

Dear Paso Robles City Council Members, Planning Commissioners, and Airport Commissioners,

As the State Senator representing California's 17th Senate District, which includes the City of Paso Robles, and as a former California Secretary for Natural Resources, I am writing to express my support for the continued progress and exploration of Paso Robles' Spaceport initiative. Over the years, the City has taken an innovative and forward-thinking approach to this project, recognizing its potential to bring broad benefits that extend well beyond innovation alone. These include driving economic growth, expanding local workforce opportunities, and fostering partnerships with local businesses, TK-12 and higher education institutions, nonprofits, and community organizations across the region.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to continuing to partner with the City as it pursues the next steps in obtaining a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) horizontal launch license and further developing the vision for this important initiative.

Sincerely,

John Laird  
State Senator, 17<sup>th</sup> District

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February 24, 2026

City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

**Subject: Letter of Support – Paso Robles Spaceport Project**

Dear Mayor Hamon and City Council Members,

As the Assemblymember representing Assembly District 30 and as the chair of the California Legislative Central Coast Caucus, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the Paso Robles Spaceport initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

The Spaceport project is a forward-looking regional economic development opportunity that has the potential to diversify the local economy, attract private investment, and strengthen the Central Coast's position within California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors. By enabling future aerospace research, testing, and related industrial activity, the project could generate meaningful economic benefits for Paso Robles and the broader region, including business growth, supply-chain opportunities, and expanded tax base stability.

As a former teacher, I am particularly encouraged by the City's commitment to partnering with K–20 education and training institutions to support workforce development aligned with aerospace, engineering, manufacturing, and technology careers. Collaboration between industry, local schools, community colleges, and universities will help create clear pathways for students and workers to access high-demand skills and long-term career opportunities.

The Paso Robles Spaceport initiative also supports the important goal of attracting higher-paying, head-of-household jobs that allow residents to live and work within the region while contributing to the community's long-term economic resilience and quality of life.

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For these reasons, I support the City of Paso Robles' continued evaluation and advancement of the Spaceport project and its associated FAA licensing efforts.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of Paso Robles and the Central Coast, and your leadership in exploring innovative opportunities that promote sustainable economic growth and regional collaboration.

Sincerely,

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DAWN ADDIS  
Assemblymember, 30th District



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Heather Moreno *District Five Supervisor*

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February 26, 2026  
Mayor and Members of the Paso Robles City Council  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing in my capacity as the District 5 Supervisor for San Luis Obispo County to express my strong support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the Paso Robles Spaceport initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

Economic development that creates high-quality, head-of-household jobs is a priority for me, particularly in North County. The Spaceport initiative represents a significant opportunity to diversify the local economy, attract private investment, and position Paso Robles as a leader in California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors. Projects of this scale and type have the potential to generate long-term economic benefits well beyond the airport itself, including supply-chain activity, workforce growth, and increased regional competitiveness.

I am especially encouraged by the project's potential to support well-paying careers and workforce pathways in engineering, manufacturing, aviation, and related technical fields. Creating opportunities that allow residents to build careers locally, rather than commuting long distances or leaving the region altogether, is essential to the long-term strength and resilience of North County.

Paso Robles has a history of thoughtful planning and innovation, and I appreciate your leadership in exploring forward-looking economic opportunities. The Spaceport initiative has the potential to be a transformational asset for the region, and I support the City's continued pursuit of the evaluations, partnerships, and regulatory steps necessary to move this project forward.

Thank you for your commitment to strengthening the North County economy and expanding opportunity for residents.

Sincerely,

Heather Moreno  
Supervisor, District 5  
San Luis Obispo County



**KING CITY**  
C A L I F O R N I A

February 24, 2026

City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

**Subject: Letter of Support – Paso Robles Spaceport Project**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the City of King, I am pleased to express our support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the **Paso Robles Spaceport** initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

We recognize the Spaceport project as a forward-looking regional economic development opportunity that has the potential to diversify the local economy, attract private investment, and strengthen the Central Coast's position within California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors. By enabling future aerospace research, testing, and related industrial activity, the project could generate meaningful economic benefits for Paso Robles and the broader region, including business growth, supply-chain opportunities, and expanded tax base stability.

We are particularly encouraged by the City's commitment to partnering with **K–20 education and training institutions** to support workforce development aligned with aerospace, engineering, manufacturing, and technology careers. Collaboration between industry, local schools, community colleges, and universities will help create clear pathways for students and workers to access high-demand skills and long-term career opportunities.

The Paso Robles Spaceport initiative also supports the important goal of attracting **higher-paying, head-of-household jobs** that allow residents to live and work within the region while contributing to the community's long-term economic resilience and quality of life.

For these reasons, the City of King supports the City of Paso Robles' continued evaluation and advancement of the Spaceport project and its associated FAA licensing efforts. We appreciate the City's leadership in exploring innovative opportunities that promote sustainable economic growth and regional collaboration.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of Paso Robles and the Central Coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike LeBarre', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mike LeBarre  
Mayor  
City of King  
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February 23, 2025

Dear Members of the Paso Robles City Council, Airport Commission, and Planning Commission,

On behalf of the Global Spaceport Alliance, I would like to express our enthusiastic support for the Paso Robles Spaceport project.

This is an exciting time for commercial space transportation, and for commercial spaceports in particular. According to the Space Foundation, the global space economy currently exceeds \$613 billion. There is also a strong consensus among economists and financial service organizations (including the World Economic Forum, UBS, Morgan Stanley, and Bank of America Merrill Lynch) that the overall space economy will likely exceed \$1 trillion within the next few years. Much of that economic activity could take place at or near spaceports.

While spaceports are diverse in their business models, they have the potential to become economic engines for communities across the nation and around the world. Spaceports can also serve as the front door to space for the general public. It is important to recognize that a spaceport is not just a location from which launches and reentries can take place. Rather, it can also serve as a technology hub and focal point for conducting research and development, education and training, point-to-point transportation, aerospace manufacturing, and workforce development. Thought of in this way, and with federal, state, and local governments; academic institutions; and private industry all working together as partners, spaceports have the potential to bring about job creation and economic development, engage the next generation, and support humanity's future accomplishments in space.

Given the region's history of aerospace accomplishments and innovation, and the potential to closely collaborate with Cal Poly and other stakeholders, Paso Robles is uniquely situated to become a shining star in the spaceport community. I strongly recommend that you continue to support this project. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance.

All the Best!

**George C. Nield**

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February 25, 2026

Reply to Attn of: NASA Ames Strategic Partnerships Office

Letter of Support

Subject: Paso Robles Public Space Port

To Members of the Paso Robles City Council, Regional and Academic Partners

The Strategic Partnerships Office at NASA Ames Research Center acknowledges discussions with leadership from the City of Paso Robles regarding the proposed development of an Air and Space Port in California's Central Coast region. NASA Ames Research Center conducts research and technology development in aeronautics, advanced air mobility, autonomy, space systems, supercomputing, and related aerospace disciplines. The Ames Partnerships Office facilitates collaboration with academic institutions, industry, and governmental entities to advance research, technology maturation, and workforce development consistent with the Center's mission and federal authorities.

As described by City leadership, the proposed Paso Robles Air and Space Port seeks to foster collaboration among municipal stakeholders, the State of California, aerospace and defense industry participants, and academic partners including California Polytechnic State University. Infrastructure supporting flight testing, systems integration, applied research, and workforce training may provide an environment suitable for cooperative activities aligned with Ames' research and technology objectives.

The NASA Ames Partnerships Office welcomes opportunities to explore cooperative research, testing partnerships, workforce initiatives, and technology demonstration activities as the Paso Robles Air and Space Port matures. Furthermore, NASA Ames recognizes the strategic necessity of such a public

**Any potential engagement would be subject to applicable federal statutes and regulations, mission alignment, availability of resources, and execution of appropriate agreements. This correspondence does not constitute an endorsement, funding commitment, regulatory approval, or formal partnership agreement.**

spaceport as a research, academic, and economic driver.

The Partnerships Office appreciates the opportunity to remain informed as planning efforts advance and looks forward to continued dialogue with state, municipal, academic, and industry stakeholders regarding areas of potential mutual interest.

Sincerely,

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Director, Strategic Partnerships Office



**Paso Robles City Council**

1000 Spring Street  
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Members of the City Council,

As the owner of Streamline Aerospace, a 20-person engineering firm with offices and operations in San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles, I am writing to express our company's strong support for the city's continued investment in the Paso Robles Airport's transition into a commercial spaceport.

My confidence in this project is rooted in direct, successful experience. Streamline Aerospace recently completed a successful month-long propulsion system test campaign at the Paso Robles Airport for a significant aerospace consulting client. This client chose the Paso Robles engine test site over multiple competing engine test sites, including the Mojave Spaceport, and remains enthusiastic about continued propulsion system testing at Paso Robles. This experience demonstrated that Paso Robles possesses geographical and operational advantages that can enable this airport to become a premier hub for practical aerospace testing, which is critical for innovation and continued technology development.

The strategic move to pursue an FAA Commercial Spaceport License is a critical next step. From our perspective in the industry, the benefits of this project are three-fold:

**Infrastructure for Innovation:** The development of dedicated test facilities would provide an invaluable resource for local Central Coast technology firms like ours. Having a local, dedicated environment for propulsion and horizontal launch testing is a significant competitive advantage to local Central Coast companies.

**Economic Magnetism:** A licensed spaceport will act as a beacon for outside investment. We have already seen interest from major VC-funded start-ups and aerospace primes outside the region who are looking for exactly the type of ecosystem Paso Robles is currently building and proposing to expand.

**Workforce Development:** This initiative will enable local companies to create high-value aerospace testing and development jobs, as well as provide local educational partners with a hands-on test environment, ensuring that the next generation of aerospace talent is both cultivated right here in the Central Coast, and can stay to live and work on the Central Coast.

Streamline Aerospace is excited about the future of the Paso Robles Spaceport. We strongly urge the City Council to approve the staff's recommendation to proceed with the RFP process and continue this momentum.

Sincerely,

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February 26, 2026

City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
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**Subject: Letter of Support – Paso Robles Spaceport Project**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I would like to express support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the **Paso Robles Spaceport** initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

The Aerospace Engineering Department at Cal Poly recognizes the Spaceport project as very consistent with the educational goals of the university. By enabling future aerospace research, testing, and related industrial activity, the project will generate meaningful educational and economic benefits for California in general and the central coast specifically. The opportunities for students to interact with industry developers is beneficial on many levels and is worth the investment to give these projects a place to flourish.

We are particularly encouraged by the City's commitment to partnering with K-20 education and training institutions to support workforce development aligned with aerospace, engineering, manufacturing, and technology careers. Collaboration between industry, local schools, community colleges, and universities will help create clear pathways for students and workers to access high-demand skills and long-term career opportunities. The Spaceport initiative also supports the important goal of attracting higher-paying, head-of-household jobs that allow residents to live and work within the region while contributing to the community's long-term economic resilience and quality of life.

The City of Paso Robles' should continue evaluation and advancement of the Spaceport project and its associated FAA licensing efforts. The City's leadership in exploring innovative opportunities that promote sustainable economic growth and regional collaboration is much appreciated. Thank you for your commitment to the future of Paso Robles and the Central Coast.

Sincerely,

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February 26, 2026

Dear Mayor Hamon and Members of the Paso Robles City Council,

On behalf of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, I am writing to express our support for the City of Paso Robles in its application to the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a licensed spaceport at the Paso Robles Airport.

Our district's interest in this effort is grounded in our commitment to preparing students for meaningful postsecondary opportunities and careers. The proposed spaceport represents a significant opportunity to strengthen Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways and align high school experiences with emerging industry demands in aerospace, advanced manufacturing, engineering, information technology, and other high-skill, high-wage fields.

Through strong collaboration between education and industry, we believe the development of a regional spaceport can provide our students with expanded access to relevant coursework, work-based learning experiences, internships, and exposure to real-world applications of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This type of alignment between K-12 education and workforce needs is essential to ensuring that our graduates are prepared to enter the workforce with the skills, knowledge, and adaptability required in a rapidly evolving economy.

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District is committed to continuing to work in partnership with the City, local employers, higher education institutions, and regional organizations to strengthen CTE programming and build clear, coherent pathways from high school to career. The spaceport initiative offers a unique and forward-looking opportunity to further those efforts while contributing to the long-term economic vitality of our community.

We appreciate the City's leadership and vision in exploring this opportunity and its potential benefits for students, families, and the broader region. We are proud to support this application and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Loftus, Superintendent  
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District



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Meth Vicente, Clerk  
Lindsay Riley  
Lillian Ryan  
June Yardley

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

**Subject: Letter of Support – Paso Robles Spaceport Project**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the Bradley Union School District, I am pleased to express our support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the **Paso Robles Spaceport** initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

We recognize the Spaceport project as a forward-looking regional economic development opportunity that has the potential to diversify the local economy, attract private investment, and strengthen the Central Coast's position within California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors. By enabling future aerospace research, testing, and related industrial activity, the project could generate meaningful economic benefits for Paso Robles and the broader region (which would include our community of Bradley), including business growth, supply-chain opportunities, and expanded tax base stability.

We are particularly encouraged by the City's commitment to partnering with **K–20 education and training institutions** to support workforce development aligned with aerospace, engineering, manufacturing, and technology careers. Recently, our school district hosted nearly 350 attendees for our annual Regional Career Fair. This event, which brought together Middle School students from San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties, along with vendors from various professions, which included representatives from the City of Paso Robles as well as the Paso Robles Municipal Airport, provided a platform for students to engage with industry professionals and learn about potential careers. Our Regional Career Fair highlights the importance of engaging with youth early on about the potential possibilities for future Career Pathways. Collaboration between industry, local schools, community colleges, and universities will help create clear pathways for students and workers to access high-demand skills and long-term career opportunities.

The Paso Robles Spaceport initiative also supports the important goal of attracting **higher-paying, head-of-household jobs** that allow residents to live and work within the region while contributing to the community's long-term economic resilience and quality of life.

For these reasons, the Bradley Union School District supports the City of Paso Robles' continued evaluation and advancement of the Spaceport project and its associated FAA licensing efforts. We appreciate the City's leadership in exploring innovative opportunities that promote sustainable economic growth and regional collaboration.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of Paso Robles and the Central Coast.

Sincerely,

Josh Van Norman  
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# Attachment 7



## PASO ROBLES MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

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City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

### **Subject: Letter of Support for the Paso Robles Spaceport Project**

Dear Mayor Hammon and Esteemed City Council Members,

On behalf of the Paso Robles Main Street Association, the Board of Directors, and the more than 200 member businesses we represent, we would like to express our full support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the *Paso Robles Spaceport* initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

We recognize the Spaceport project as a forward-looking regional economic development opportunity that has the potential to diversify the local economy, attract private investment, and strengthen the Central Coast's position within California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors. By enabling future aerospace research, testing, and related industrial activity, the project could generate meaningful economic benefits for the City of Paso Robles, the Downtown business district, and the broader region, including business growth and expanded tax base stability.

We are particularly encouraged by the City's commitment to partnering with all levels of educational and training institutions to support workforce development aligned with aerospace, engineering, manufacturing, and technology careers. Collaboration between industry, local schools, community colleges, and universities will help create clear pathways for students and workers to access high-demand skills and long-term career opportunities.

The Paso Robles Spaceport initiative also supports the key goal of attracting higher-paying, head-of-household jobs that enable residents to live and work locally, which enhances the community's long-term economic resilience and quality of life. We believe these job opportunities are vital to the sustainable growth and future of our community.

For these reasons, the Paso Robles Main Street Association supports the City of Paso Robles' continued evaluation and advancement of the Spaceport project and its associated FAA licensing efforts. We appreciate the City's leadership in exploring innovative opportunities that promote sustainable economic growth and regional collaboration.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of Paso Robles and the Central Coast.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Wiesinger  
Executive Director  
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February 23, 2026

City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

**Subject: Letter of Support – Paso Robles Spaceport Project**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, I am pleased to express our support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance the **Paso Robles Spaceport** initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

We recognize the Spaceport project as a forward-looking regional economic development opportunity that has the potential to diversify the local economy, attract private investment, and strengthen the Central Coast's position within California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors. By enabling future aerospace research, testing, and related industrial activity, the project could generate meaningful economic benefits for Paso Robles and the broader region, including business growth, supply-chain opportunities, and expanded tax base stability.

We are particularly encouraged by the City's commitment to partnering with **K-20 education and training institutions** to support workforce development aligned with aerospace, engineering, manufacturing, and technology careers. Collaboration between industry, local schools, community colleges, and universities will help create clear pathways for students and workers to access high-demand skills and long-term career opportunities.

The Paso Robles Spaceport initiative also supports the important goal of attracting **higher-paying, head-of-household jobs** that allow residents to live and work within the region while contributing to the community's long-term economic resilience and quality of life.

For these reasons, the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance supports the City of Paso Robles' continued evaluation and advancement of the Spaceport project and its associated FAA licensing efforts. We appreciate the City's leadership in exploring innovative opportunities that promote sustainable economic growth and regional collaboration.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of Paso Robles and the Central Coast.

Sincerely,

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Joel Peterson  
CEO  
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance  
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jpeterson@pasowine.com



# Attachment 7



February 25, 2026

Dear Mayor, City Council Members, Airport Commission, and Planning Commission,

On behalf of Travel Paso, we are pleased to express our support for the Paso Robles Spaceport initiative as you consider next steps in the FAA horizontal launch licensing process.

According to the [2025 Tourism Impact Study](#), Paso Robles welcomes approximately 2.5 million visitors annually, with tourism generating \$467.6 million dollars in direct local spending and supporting 3,424 local jobs. Tourism also contributes 37- 40% of the City's General Fund, underscoring its critical role in the local economy.

The Spaceport strongly aligns with the City's 5-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan, particularly its goals to diversify the economy, expand the local workforce, attract high-value industries, and advance development within the airport corridor.

From a destination and economic perspective, the project presents a meaningful opportunity to:

- Diversify visitation and strengthen year-round demand
- Attract high-value business and innovation-driven travel
- Support workforce development and higher-wage career pathways
- Elevate Paso Robles' visibility as a forward-looking, innovation-driven destination

We recognize that a project of this scale requires careful planning, community alignment, and thoughtful execution. Travel Paso supports a measured and strategic approach as the City evaluates this opportunity and its long-term impact.

We appreciate the City's leadership in exploring initiatives that advance economic development, workforce opportunity, and innovation. Travel Paso stands ready to support efforts that responsibly strengthen Paso Robles' position as both a leading visitor destination and an emerging center for future-focused industries.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stacie Jacob,  
President & CEO  
Travel Paso



Ideas + Action for a Thriving Central Coast

February 27, 2026

**Subject: REACH Support for City of Paso Robles and Airport Economic Development Efforts**

Dear Joint City Council, Planning Commission, and Airport Commission:

I am writing to offer REACH's strong support for the City of Paso Robles and Paso Robles Municipal Airport as you consider next steps to develop the Paso Robles Spaceport and Technology Corridor including completion of the application for the FAA Commercial Spaceport license.

By way of background, REACH is a nonprofit, economic impact organization with a mission to increase economic prosperity on the Central Coast of California through big thinking, bold action and regional collaboration. The north star of our work is collaboration with business, education, government and nonprofit partners to create good paying jobs and provide current and future generations the opportunity to thrive. A pillar of our work is partnering with regional stakeholders to grow the Central Coast's space and aerospace ecosystem, including by building on our region's critical assets and airfields.

Commercial space is a key driver of California's innovation economy as shown in the state's economic blueprint (see [website](#) and [full report](#)), which aims to guide the state's economic development and workforce efforts. This reflects many Central Coast-led efforts and strengths, including the prioritization of 4 economic sectors where our region particularly excels: space/satellites/defense, semiconductors, agtech, and life sciences. The Central Coast now has a unique opportunity to double down on its long-standing space leadership and attract jobs and investment. This project will further these efforts by contributing to the development of an aerospace talent pipeline, offering comprehensive educational programs, from associate's to bachelor's degrees, and serving as a model for other spaceports by producing a highly skilled and job-ready aerospace workforce.

Our work has shown that the aerospace industry is a well positioned, high growth sector on the Central Coast with \$1.7B in economic impact across Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, with a high concentration of Advanced Airmobility and Autonomous Systems rooted and expanding in San Luis Obispo county. The expansion of commercial space and defense applications combined with coordinated workforce development efforts position the Central Coast to not only capture industry investment but lead in the development of strong workforce pipelines.

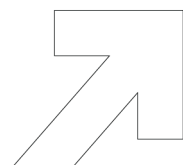
The pursuit of a Launch Site Operators License (LSOL) for the municipal airport (PRB) will not only strengthen the local economy through industry diversification, but will also strengthen the region as a whole through a pipeline of workforce positions, opportunities for research and development, and enhancement of the wider aerospace ecosystem on the Central Coast. By leveraging strategic partnerships with local governments, educational institutions and workforce development groups, the center will drive innovation, enhance national security capabilities, and bolster American leadership in the rapidly evolving commercial space industry.

Thank you for continuing to advance this important project for our economy and workforce. We look forward to continued partnership in this effort.

Sincerely,

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Michael Foote  
Director of Economic Development and Community Affairs  
REACH



Executive Committee

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# California Association for Local Economic Development

# Attachment 7

February 23, 2026

City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

**Subject: Letter of Support - Paso Robles Spaceport Project**

Honorable Mayor Hamon and Members of the City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the California Association for Local Economic Development to express our support for the City of Paso Robles' efforts to advance economic development by pursuing the **Paso Robles Spaceport** initiative at the Paso Robles Municipal Airport.

Economic development is the creation of wealth from which community benefits are realized. The City's Spaceport project, as shared with us, is a forward-looking regional economic development opportunity that has the potential to diversify the local economy, attract private investment, and strengthen the Central Coast's position within California's growing aerospace and advanced technology sectors.

In addition to the benefits stated already, we see that the project could generate meaningful economic benefits for Paso Robles and the broader region, including business growth, supply-chain opportunities, and expanded tax base stability.

The Paso Robles Spaceport initiative also supports the important goal of attracting **higher-paying, head-of-household jobs** that allow residents to live and work within the region while contributing to the community's long-term economic resilience and quality of life.

We support local economic development efforts such as the Paso Robles Spaceport because we understand that this is how we create economic opportunities for Californians, as well as grow the economy. We applaud the City's leadership in exploring innovative opportunities that further economic development, promote sustainable economic growth, and encourage regional collaboration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 916-448-8252. Thank you for your leadership and wishing you much success.

Sincerely,

Gurbax Sahota  
President & CEO

cc: Paul Sloan, ACE, Economic Development Manager, City of Paso Robles