



May 29, 2013

City of Tucson  
City of Tucson Planning Commission  
Chairman Ladd Keith  
255 W. Alameda Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Chairman Keith,

The DM-50 is very concerned about the minimal discussion of the community importance of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) in the current Plan Tucson document. DMAFB is a critical component of not only the Tucson economy but also its culture. Tucson has been a "military town" since the field's dedication in 1927 by Charles Lindberg.

In the interest of brevity, we would like to endorse and agree with all the points made by the Metropolitan Pima Alliance in their letter to you dated May 22, 2013. Of particular emphasis are those suggestions made regarding DMAFB and its impact on the local economy. The entire greater Tucson community benefits from those impacts.

The DM-50 understands the concerns and problems faced by the relatively few who are bothered by noise and aircraft over flights. We have actively been trying to help mitigate those issues for several years. Many techniques have been implemented through cooperation with DMAFB and the Department of Defense. We are committed to continuing to try to resolve those issues.

However, we must keep in mind the greater benefit to the majority of the residents and businesses in Tucson. Our Democratic process emphasizes this majority focus. That does not, however, minimize the problems of the minority population. Plan Tucson should emphasize policies and implementation techniques to address those problems without threatening the long-term viability of DMAFB and the 162<sup>nd</sup> FW Air National Guard unit at Tucson International Airport.

Finally, we submit the attached statement to be included in the Plan Tucson document that addresses requirements of State Statutes and recognizes the responsibilities of the community and DMAFB.

Thank you for your consideration.

DM-50

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Grassinger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael J. Grassinger  
President.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **Territory in the Vicinity of a Military Airport or Ancillary Military Facility and High Noise and Accident Potential Zones**

This General Plan and all zoning regulations of the City shall comply with all applicable statutes of the State of Arizona, including those statutes applicable to (1) territory within the vicinity of a military airport or ancillary military facility and (2) land within the high noise and accident potential zones of Davis-Monthan AFB or any ancillary military facility. For example, land uses within high noise or accident potential zones, as defined in A.R.S. §28-8461, must be compatible with the operation of Davis-Monthan AFB pursuant to A.R.S. §28-8481 – including, without limitation, the prohibitions against new or expanded residential development within the high noise or accident potential zones except pursuant to: (1) a development plan or building permit issued before the General Plan adoption; (2) a written compatibility finding issued by Davis-Monthan AFB; and/or (3) an agreement between the City and Davis-Monthan AFB. Therefore, the language and provisions of this General Plan shall be interpreted and construed to comply with the A.R.S. §28-8481, and any construction or interpretation contrary to A.R.S. §28-8481 is hereby rejected and renounced.