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Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Economic Development Division, recommending Chairman be authorized to sign a letter of support to the Beale Enhancement Team in its effort to attract the CyberSpace Command to Beale Air Force Base.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

Funding: None

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: None

Background: Members of the Beale Enhancement Team and partners are working to promote Beale Air Force Base, located in the Yuba-Sutter area, as the location for the new Cyber Command headquarters. Currently 24 locations around the nation are competing for the distinction to house this headquarters command and control operation.

Beale is home of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, and is also considered by many to be one of the show places of the United States Air Force. A base steeped in history, it is in the forefront of the Air Force's future in high technology. Beale is located in northern California about 10 miles east of the towns of Marysville and Yuba City and about 40 miles north of Sacramento. Beale covers nearly 23,000 acres and has five gates providing access on all sides of the base. Visitors enter the base through a main gate that local merchants, individuals and the Beale Military Liaison Committee donated \$100,000 to construct. The base is home for approximately 4,000 military personnel.

The Cyber Command was established in November 2006 to fend off computer network and Internet attacks on U.S. military targets and infrastructure, and to engage in technology-based warfare.

A roster of Beale AFB's most attractive cyber-related attributes includes proximity to Silicon Valley and major technology-heavy research universities, and the presence of Global Hawk drone reconnaissance plane, which is described as a "cyber platform."

Reason for Recommendation: Demonstration of regional support for a regional economic development project.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Letter of Support

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