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The Honorable Scott Smith
Mayor of Mesa
PO Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Dear Mayor Smith:

I am pleased to inform you of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's final determination that the *Reuse Plan and Homeless Assistance Report for the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Mesa, Arizona* (the Plan) dated February 16, 2011, with supplemental information dated March 9, 2011, complies with the requirements of the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994 (the Act), 10 U.S.C. §2687 note, as amended, and its implementing regulations found at 24 CFR Part 586. The City of Mesa Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) may now move forward with pursuing an interim lease and transfer of real property to the City of Mesa via an economic development conveyance.

HUD has determined that the plan appropriately balances the needs of the City of Mesa for economic redevelopment and other development with the needs of the homeless in the community. The basis for this determination is the fact that that despite the LRA having carried out the required outreach to the representatives of the homeless, no representatives of the homeless submitted a Notice of Interest. HUD's review of base closure plans is subject to the expressed interest and requests of representatives of the homeless. Where representatives of the homeless do not express interest in obtaining base property, even for free, and HUD is satisfied that the local redevelopment authority's outreach to the representatives of the homeless was conducted in the manner dictated by the Act and regulations, HUD will conclude that a base reuse plan balances in the appropriate manner the needs of the community for economic and other redevelopment with the needs of the homeless in the community.

Congratulations on your success in carrying out the military reuse process. I wish you continued success in implementing the AFRL Mesa Redevelopment Plan. HUD stands ready to assist you in your efforts. If the Department can provide any further service, please contact Ms. Maria Cremer, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 600 Harrison Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104-1370. Ms. Cremer may also be reached at: (415) 489-6572 or maria.f.cremer@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Johnston
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Special Needs

cc:

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