

Meeting of the South Bay Aerospace Alliance

January 5, 2021

The South Bay Aerospace Alliance (SBAA) held its January meeting on January 5, 2021, via teleconference. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Bryan Blue gave a report from the Los Angeles Air force Base's (LAAFB) Community Partnership/Community Action Team Meeting. He reported that in December the Team had a STEM event geared toward inspiring students to become interested in science and in space. They had a good turnout from local schools and are seeking partnerships with as many schools as possible, at the K-8 level. Ida Humphreys is the School Liaison Officer.

He also reported that licensing for military spouses has become a top priority for DOD, which is continuously seeking compacts with states to allow military spouses to obtain work. The state contact is Allison.henderson@opr.ca.gov

- Ed Peura gave the U.S. Space Force Update. He said there has been no decision on the headquarters, as yet, but there are 6 contenders. He believes the decision will be made by March. He also said that SMC is technically considered Space Force and there is no indication that anything will change. The base still belongs to the Air force.

He further reported that NDAA is directing a study whereby military aviators and the general aviation public are compared as to the rate of cancer in those communities. It is believed that there is a higher incidence among military aviators.

- Jennifer La Marque from Supervisor Hahn's office reported that the Supervisor is pushing to get the Navy hospital ship, Comfort, re-assigned to Los Angeles, from the East Coast.
- Damon Skinner gave the Economic report. He reported that a \$900B stimulus package has been passed. He also stated that the past year saw the largest gain in household income in 13 years and that this could all be pushed out into the market when people feel more comfortable about shopping. He further stated that real estate and manufacturing are strong in the South Bay and are expected to remain strong.
- Alison Stein, of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) reported that the agency is working on new virtual job fairs. They are also working on the Planning issue of how workforce systems can be made more accessible.
- Under New Business, it was reported that Congress has approved a new round of funding for 2021, which re-funds the emergency relief package, for small businesses, including forgiveness for EIDL grants.

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