



# Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

July 24, 2015

Mayor John Marchand  
Vice Mayor Laureen Turner  
Council member Stewart Gary  
Council member Steven Spedowski  
Council member Bob Woerner

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members:

As you know, Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), a limited liability company that manages Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy, employs about 6,000 people working to solve some of the nation's most critical problems in national security. Almost half that workforce resides here in Livermore.

We frequently rely on the many amenities provided within the city, as well as surrounding communities, to conduct business. With more than 1,000 high-level visitors each year, we look to the city's many fine restaurants and hospitality offerings to accommodate our Laboratory guests.

In addition, we must routinely seek suitable gathering space, along with sufficient lodging, for the many collaborative activities we conduct each year for thousands of participants. Today, the Laboratory must reach beyond the boundaries of Livermore to secure this space.

LLNS supports the city's efforts to explore the construction of a quality hotel and conference center in the heart of the downtown area. Whether in San Francisco, the East Bay or Silicon Valley, competition for adequate conference room and lodging space is fierce. With the right price point, availability of parking and proximity to quality restaurants and entertainment venues, a conference/lodging facility that could easily handle 200-500 guests would not only complement the city's already competitive list of offerings, it would be of benefit to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for a host of activities and its visitors, as well as its employees.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William H. Goldstein'.

William H. Goldstein  
Director

