

**PETITION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT  
RELOCATION OF EAST COAST MASTER JET BASE  
TO CECIL FIELD, FLORIDA**

I, the undersigned, am a registered elector and qualified voter of the consolidated City of Jacksonville, Florida, and I hereby petition and propose (1) the following question be placed on the ballot and (2) that the Charter of the City of Jacksonville be amended as set forth below.

**Ballot Summary Question**

Shall the City Charter be amended to require the City of Jacksonville to meet the requirements of the United States Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission to relocate the East Coast Master Jet Base to Cecil Field, Florida by giving title to the former Naval Air Station Cecil Field to the Department of Defense and by assisting the State of Florida in relocating tenants at Cecil Field and providing housing for Navy personnel?

YES

NO

Shall the Charter of the City of Jacksonville be amended to add a new article to the Charter as follows:

**“ARTICLE 27, RELOCATION OF EAST COAST  
MASTER JET BASE TO CECIL FIELD, FLORIDA**

**Section 27.01. Findings, Intent and Purpose.** The relocation of the United States Department of Defense East Coast Master Jet Base from Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia to the facility which was formerly Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Florida represents a unique and substantial economic opportunity and benefit to the citizens of Jacksonville and to the Consolidated Government of the City of Jacksonville through the creation of new jobs and through the increased use of the goods and services provided by existing businesses in this community. It is therefore the intent and purpose of this amendment to provide for certain measures necessary to realize this opportunity and benefit.

**Section 27.02. Definitions.** The following definitions apply to words or phrases in this article.

- a. **BRAC.** The term “BRAC” shall mean the United States 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, also known colloquially as the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

- b. Cecil Field.** The term “Cecil Field” shall mean the real property in Duval County, Florida, comprising the former Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida operated by the United States Department of Defense, including all infrastructure improvements that exist on the property as of the effective date of this amendment.
- c. Department.** The term “Department” shall mean the United States Department of Defense.
- d. Recommendation.** The term “Recommendation” shall mean the recommendations and requirements of BRAC, as set forth in its Recommendation no. 193, for its approval of the relocation of the Department’s East Coast Master Jet Base from Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia to Cecil Field.
- e. Tenants.** The term “Tenants” shall mean commercial tenants presently leasing space and facilities at Cecil Field.

**Section 27.03. Implementation.** On or before December 31, 2006, the Consolidated Government of the City of Jacksonville shall take the following actions, by ordinance, resolution or other measures it deems appropriate, to implement the terms of the Recommendation:

- a.** Convey fee simple title to Cecil Field to the Department, or its designee, and make such additional incidental dispositions of assets, liabilities, contracts, property, and records as may be necessary to accomplish the orderly transfer of Cecil Field;
- b.** Assist the State of Florida in its efforts, utilizing state funds, to:
  - (i) relocate all Tenants to other facilities; and
  - (ii) secure public-private ventures for all personnel housing requirements of the United States Navy, and;
- c.** Provide evidence to the Department that it has complied with the foregoing subparagraph a.

**Section 27.04. Repeal or Modification of Existing Law.** Any ordinance or law, the terms of which conflict with the terms of this amendment, are repealed to the extent of such conflict.”

