

# **Petition**

**Ginowan City**

### Request for Cooperation in Promptly Resolving the MCAS Futenma Issue

Over the course of 70 years after the end of WWII, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, which takes up approximately 25% of the city, has greatly impacted the living environment of citizens by subjecting them to the dangers of aircraft accidents and aircraft noise. MCAS Futenma has also impacted the city's economic activities serving a hindrance to efficient city development in urban functions and, traffic system.

In 1996, the governments of the U.S. and Japan agreed to return MCAS Futenma within five to seven year under the Special Action Committee on Okinawa. However, 20 years have gone by with the return of MCAS Futenma unrealized. During this time, the projected land return date has been modified three times. Currently, the projected time frame has been extended to "2022 or later".

The citizens of Ginowan City are the ones who have had to suffer the most in the past 20 years. There must not be any further prolonged usage or possibilities of permanent placement of MCAS Futenma. The early closure and return of MCAS Futenma must be achieved, and meanwhile elimination of the dangers and mitigation of the base-related burdens must be steadily realized so the citizens can feel improvement of the situation.

We would like to request the following in regards to the prompt resolution of MCAS Futenma issue, and hope to receive your cooperation along with the Japanese government.

1. To not allow the permanent placement or prolonged usage of MCAS Futenma, and realize its closure and return as soon as possible.
2. Until the return of MCAS Futenma is realized, the US and Japanese Governments to increase efforts in eliminating the dangers of MCAS Futenma and mitigating the burdens of bearing the military base.
3. To relocate MV-22 Ospreys stationed in MCAS Futenma to another base.
4. To cease all night flight activities as well as circular flights above residential areas which essentially have great impact on the citizens' life.

We deeply respect everything you do to resolve concerns that involve the U.S. and Japan.

Sincerely yours,

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Mayor,  
Ginowan City