

To All Former and Present Atlas Team Members:

An August 10th article in the San Diego Union describing the proposal to erect the Atlas Space Launch Vehicle/Mercury Capsule in Balboa Park generated a flurry of negative comments. You can access this article and comments at:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20080810-9999-1m10rocket.html>

It is important that this negative public reaction be countered and that there be a strong show of support for Atlas in the Park in order to make this memorial a reality.

The approval process for the project is arduous and includes review and acceptance by the Balboa Park committee and city officials.

To that end, we encourage you to email or send a letter to the people listed below so it is understood what a significant contribution that Atlas has made to the history of San Diego and the County.

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These are some of the things you might mention in your email or letter

- * Rich San Diego history-First astronauts in earth orbit, Glenn, Carpenter, Schirra,
- * Atlas program employed over 100,000 people
- * Sent scientific probes to every planet in our solar system
- * Fitting tribute to San Diego's own astronaut-Wally Schirra
- * The Kearney Mesa facility opened up development in northern San Diego
- * Major construction boom to accommodate influx of workers
- * Spin-offs of a variety of small manufacturing facilities
- * Fostered development of variety of consumer products like WD-40

We really need your help now in assure that this dream can in fact become a permanent memorial to our endeavors and to be a reminder of the significant contributions we made to the city of San Diego. The next meeting of the Balboa Park Committee is Sept. 4th. This is the first hurdle that our proposal must overcome and it is imperative that a strong case of support be presented before then

Thanks for your help,

The Atlas in the Park Committee