

Citizen Group Card #3

Vocabulary

Business Community Expresses Opinions about Proposed Space Colony

business community: (n.) having to do with making money
encourage: (v.) to give hope, confidence, or courage
funding: (v.) providing money to pay for something

mining: (v.) digging for mineral resources like silver, gold, and coal

transportation: (n.) process of moving from one place to another

investments: (n.) to use money to fund a project in the hope of acquiring more money

private enterprise: (n.) businesses owned by an individual or group

resources: (n.) valuable objects used for some purpose

Many members of the *business community* *encourage funding* the space colony because they feel it will lead to the creation of new business opportunities.

They see new investment opportunities in space travel, *mining*, and *transportation* systems. They believe that these *investments* will spur economic growth throughout the United States.

Some members of the business community are inspired by the early success of space travel. Wealthy individuals have paid large amounts of money for the opportunity to fly in outer space. As *private enterprise* expands its interest in space adventures, new opportunities will flow across the economy. Space travel will create many new jobs, make a lot of money, and benefit the economy.

Businesses involved in mining, energy production, and transportation are excited about the proposed space colony. They see the space colony as a great opportunity to search for valuable *resources* on other planets, moons, and asteroids.

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economy, economics: (n) the buying and selling of products and services (not the government)

public: (adj.) shared by all of the people in a community proposed space colony.

government: (n.) institution involved in ruling a group of people (The U.S. Constitution states that the United States government gets its power from "We the People")

essential: (adj.) very important; vital

Mining these resources could provide new sources for energy production, building materials, and unique products. Getting to and from the space colony will create many opportunities for companies involved in transportation. All of these activities will result in a boost to our entire *economy*.

Some members of the business community are concerned about government funding of a space colony. They feel that this proposal is unfair because it uses *public* funds to favor one business over another. Others have stated that funding a space colony is better left to private businesses. They feel that the *government* is too large with too many offices and people to effectively guide this important mission.

The many interests voiced by the business community are important to consider in the discussion of a space colony. Their financial support is *essential* to the success of this mission.