



Councilmember
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Memorandum
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Date: December 6, 2016

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District (R)
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District (SP)
Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, Fourth District (S)

Subject: Study Session for FIS Customs Facility Council Item

RECOMMENDATION:

Request that City Manager prepare a study session for the FIS Customs Facility to be heard at the City Council Meeting on December 13, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, JetBlue Airways formally requested the City to apply to the United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, for a User Fee Airport Designation and to seek approval to establish a Federal Inspection Service Facility (FIS) at the Long Beach Airport. After receiving JetBlue's request, the City elected to prepare a comprehensive Feasibility Study to determine the overall feasibility, including economic feasibility, of moving forward with an FIS facility at the Airport. After a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. was selected as the vendor to prepare the FIS study.

Prior to the completion of the study, two community meetings were hosted by the City and Airport staff; and after the completion of the study, the Airport Advisory Commission and Economic Development Commission heard, receive, and filed presentations of the study.

Each of these meetings was attended by well over 100 community members and various other stakeholders.

Given the continued community interest in the proposed FIS facility and the extensive information contained in the Feasibility Study, including logistical, noise, and economic impacts, it is important that we, the City Council, hear the item as a Study Session for the City Council, as a whole, to hear community input and to receive additional clarification from staff before the matter is voted on by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.