



Date: February 1, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

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Subject: **Neighborhood and Stakeholder Protection Plan**

Background

Our airport is unique and requires more than a standardized approach. A modernization plan for Long Beach Airport needs to not only address the size of the terminal, but also ways in which we can protect the integrity of our neighborhoods impacted most by airport operations, a plan to better protect our Noise Ordinance which limits the number of flights, opportunities to preserve the historical significance of the terminal and equally important, maintaining the transparency of this process in which the City Council, staff and the community have been working together and will continue to work.

In the spirit of a unique approach to a modernization plan for Long Beach Airport, we request Council to direct staff to prepare and deliver to Council:

A Neighborhood and Stakeholder Protection Plan

- A. A report from the City Attorney outlining all legal options available to protect and defend the City's Noise Ordinance as related to all current facilities and proposed modernization;
- B. Develop a policy that includes criteria and thresholds for mitigating impacts to schools, churches and homes that may include, but are not limited to, windows, sound proofing, air-conditioning or buy out programs;
- C. Agreements between the City and all existing and future air carriers and commuter flights that should the City decide to modernize Long Beach Airport, each will fund or participate in financing, all up front costs related to modernization of terminal facilities; and
- D. Production of rough elevations (overhead and ground views) and artist conceptual drawings that can be shared with the community within 30 days. The purpose of which would be to provide visuals for both the Council and the public to review – not for formal inclusion in the final EIR.

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Recommended Council Action

We move to direct staff to prepare and deliver to Council said Neighborhood and Stakeholder Protection Plan.