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Cc: Mayor; Patrick West; CityClerk; Jack Cunningham

Subject: Request Delay in FIS Study Session to January 2017 Re: Tonight's City Council Agenda Item 14 - Study Session for FIS Customs Facility

Dear Councilmembers,

I join other concerned Long Beach residents in noting that a study session prior to any deliberation regarding the FIS facility is expected. However, a study session must be done with deference and great consideration for public engagement and attendance.

This is not the type of hearing a thoughtful city council would have in the middle of an intense holiday season. Families are the priority at this time. The hearing should not be a distraction from very important family events. The most important issues should never be addressed in the middle of a holiday.

Please move the study session to January. Most of the council members have NOT been engaged in the specific concerns expressed by the public and most have not attended the public forums. If your district is not impacted by the explicitly adverse impacts airport it is important that you consider those that are in your deliberations. Put your constituency in the flight path as you decide.

The public deserves a fully engaged city council and public at this public hearing. There is frankly too much at stake. Please schedule the public hearing for January to allow a more thoughtful and thorough discussion.

Respectfully,

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