

R-7 CORRESPONDENCE – Melinda Cotton

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Subject: Item R7 LGB - FIS Facility Vote City Council meeting January 24

Dear Councilmember Suzie Price, City Council Colleagues and Mayor Garcia,

For a multitude of reasons, I urge you to vote **No** on the FIS Facility at Long Beach Airport.

I've done my best to study the issue from all angles, and I see great danger to our noise ordinance, to our quality of life, and to our property values. And I see little economic benefit to our City or to our businesses or residents.

Replacing flights to and from New York, Washington D.C., Boston and the entire East Coast, Mid West and West Coast (San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, San Diego and Las Vegas) with flights from South of our border does not make sense.

These international passengers will fly into Long Beach if the fares are cheaper or the schedule more attractive - it's unlikely that many will stay in Long Beach ... or spend their tourist dollars here. Domestic passengers are more likely to use LGB as a destination for conventions, tourism and local visits, which do help Long Beach economically.

And allowing Jet Blue to have these international flights will open the door to other airlines asking/demanding their own opportunity to fly into Long Beach.

A Long Beach FIS will with little doubt cause other carriers to seek equal status and cause an effort to break our hugely important and valuable noise ordinance.

We have just learned that flights over Long Beach from LAX have increased 58% since 2011. This combined with the FAA's NextGen flight changes in the air space over Long Beach has caused noisy additional commercial flights over our area of Long Beach (Belmont Shore) and I'm sure the rest of the City. Especially with the NextGen changes over the last few months, we have daily and nightly noted additional commercial flights over our home.

Please recognize the many costs and problems associated with the potential of international flights into Long Beach. Please protect our noise ordinance and our quality of life.

Sincerely

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