

R-7 CORRESPONDENCE - Mary Redlin

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Subject: FIS Facility

City Clerk - please add this correspondence to the record for the January 24 City Council meeting regarding the FIS facility at the Long Beach Airport

Good evening Council, my name is Mary Redlin, and I am a proud new homeowner as of one month ago in the 5th district. To be clear, though, I have been a resident of Long Beach for almost 8 years, and I am a native southern Californian. I am writing because I am against a developing a Federal Customs facility at Long Beach Airport.

From what I have been able to gather on this topic, I've seen that it's not expected that the noise ordinance would be at risk because of international flights. However, if the international flights are financially rewarding to the airlines then this would bring the attention of other airlines, and would this not provide further incentive for airlines to spend the money and resources to challenge the noise ordinance?

I have not seen any clear information regarding whether flight paths could be impacted or whether other runways would be used by larger planes, or even if runways would potentially be expanded to accommodate larger planes? Again, if the international flights are financially rewarding to airlines then they would have incentive to seek to expand the airport size in order to accommodate larger planes.

Another concern is for the reduction in domestic flights. My husband flies frequently for work and always looks to fly out of LB as a first option. However, he rarely find flights going where he needs them to go and frequently ends up flying out of John Wayne or LAX. With a reduction in domestic flights and an increase in international flights he would be able to use the LB airport even less frequently and we would also face the risk of the noise ordinance being compromised. This doesn't sound like a good trade off.

We wouldn't have purchased a home here if we didn't love this city. I am proud to live within so much diversity and a commitment to the environment and sustainability, as reflected in our City's Sustainability Action plan, and spearheaded by a mayor who has said, and I quote from this year's State of the City address, you "plan to vigorously defend the values of your people."

This proposal sounds like a slippery slope towards future airport development with a number of possible negative outcomes (such as potential exposure to increased pollution, noise level increase, reduction in home values, among other things).

Please vote "NO" for your people, and Long Beach's future generations. Thank you.

Mary V. Redlin

