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The Honorable Bob Foster
Mayor, City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
Long Beach, California 90802

Long Beach Councilmembers
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Mayor Foster and Councilmembers:

This letter expresses Alaska Airlines' support for protection of the Long Beach Airport ("LGB" or "Airport") Noise Ordinance ("noise ordinance"). More specifically, we are in favor of City Council action to ensure the integrity of all current elements of the noise ordinance.

As you know, the elements and restrictions set forth in the noise ordinance are the result of a carefully crafted settlement reached through years of efforts by the FAA, local officials and private entities. Any attempt to tweak the ordinance risks upsetting the tenuous settlement reached. We believe a stable regulatory framework is necessary in order for the airport operator and its tenants to properly make future decisions related to air service at LGB. In addition, we are concerned that any changes to the ordinance would alter the number of passengers and enplanements at the Airport and, in turn, potentially undermine the viability of the Airport's pending terminal improvement project.

We encourage city officials to reaffirm the importance of maintaining the careful compromises reached under the noise ordinance.

Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

