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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: AGENDA ITEM: Long Beach Airport Green Airport Program and Neighborhood Protection Program

After months of meetings between City staff and the appellants' representative group, several items have been agreed upon to protect our residents, their neighborhoods and quality of life for all Long Beach citizens.

These points look well into our city's future and offer protection for our citizens, their health, their investment as well as our general fund by protecting future property values to maintain the higher levels of property tax income to the General Fund.

Recommended Action:

Direct the City Manager to develop an implementation plan for the following programs in conjunction with the terminal improvements for the Long Beach Airport:

1. A Green Airport Program that includes:
 - a. A policy to reduce pollution related to aircraft, ground equipment and vehicle transportation;
 - b. A policy that the City shall strive to meet AQMD attainment levels by 2020; and
 - c. A full air quality monitoring program, similar in nature to the programs enacted at the Port of Long Beach and/or Teterborough Airport.

2. A Neighborhood Protection Program that includes:
 - a. The addition of six new noise monitors, including areas currently without monitors, such as Bixby Hill;
 - b. Covenants not to challenge the Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance incorporated into all airport leases;
 - c. Creation of an Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance legal defense fund;
 - d. Require that a new Environmental Impact Report be completed if the Long Beach Airport ever exceeds 4.2 million annual passengers;
 - e. Creation of terminal deed restrictions or covenants prohibiting use changes within the post-security terminal area; and
 - f. Elimination of Parcel "O" as part of this terminal expansion project.