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September 1, 2011

VIA E-MAIL

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Los Angeles City Councilmembers
200 N. Spring Street.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Possible Expansion of Los Angeles International Airport

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) was formed in 2008, and is made up of the thirteen above referenced Neighborhood and Community Councils. The WRAC was formed to provide a forum for the discussion and review of issues of interest to the Westside of Los Angeles on a region-wide basis, and to be an advocate for its member councils in dealing with governmental and private entities on issues we collectively deem important to our region. Each member council designates a voting delegate to the WRAC, and those delegates make up the WRAC's governing Board.

The following motion has been adopted by the WRAC with a supermajority of nine members voting in favor, or substantially in favor of the below language:¹

WRAC POLICY MOTION FOR LAX OPERATIONS

LAX enhances tourism and economic growth in the entire region. Any revised LAX Master Plan Elements should:

1. Retain the existing LAX footprint and forego runway modifications which increase runway protection zone impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, or result in wholesale removal of local businesses/tax base. Improve placement of taxiways to handle the new larger aircraft, and incorporate safety enhancements that do not require movement of runways.
2. Reduce freeway traffic and discourage traffic flow into local neighborhoods while avoiding any new Lincoln Boulevard connection tunnels. Improve Central Terminal Area

¹ Please note that the following WRAC councils have not yet taken votes on this motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC, Brentwood CC, Palms NC and South Robertson NC. However, these councils are set to do so this month.

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accessibility, including signage, physical roadway, multi modal passenger drop off and pick up, a consolidated Rental Car Facility, and rail connection.

3. Hold LAX capacity to its current theoretical threshold of 78.9 Million Annual Passengers and preclude easily added passenger gates or cargo facilities after the 2020 prohibition ends. Encourage development and maintenance of capacity at other regional airports, such as Palmdale and Ontario, which can act as a back up to LAX and which both have available capacity. In conclusion, WRAC supports the improvement of safety, security and convenience at LAX but has concerns which should be addressed by the LAX Master Plan update process, including appropriate EIR scrutiny.

We feel that the issues addressed in this motion are not only of vital importance to the Westside, but also necessarily concerns all of Los Angeles, which does not break down conveniently by district lines. As such, we would appreciate a formal response from each of you with respect to your positions on this issue. Please feel free to contact me at mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com with your thoughts.

Sincerely,



Mike Newhouse
Chair

Cc: WRAC Delegates and Alternates

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