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Deborah Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
Department of Airports

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The Mayor

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**Request to Execute a Letter of Agreement with the City of Inglewood  
And Authorize the Release of Grant Funds for Inglewood's  
Residential Sound Insulation Program**

Transmitted for further processing, including Council consideration. See the  
City Administrative Officer report attached.

MAYOR

Ana Guerrero

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REPORT FROM

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Date:

CAO File No. 0150-11534-0000

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To: The Mayor

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer

Reference: Communication from the Department of Airports dated November 18, 2019; referred by the Mayor for report on November 18, 2019

Subject: **REQUEST TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD AND AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR INGLEWOOD'S RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM**

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Mayor:

1. Approve a Letter of Agreement between the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the City of Inglewood for implementation of the Residential Sound Insulation Program's Grant Implementation Plan Number 15 adding 1,026 residential units to the program at an additional cost to LAWA of \$9.275 million with the intent to complete this phase of the program by December 2021, subject to City Attorney approval as to form;
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles World Airports to execute the Letter of Agreement and release the necessary funds to implement the Residential Sound Insulation Grant Implementation Plan 15; and,
3. Return the proposed Letter of Agreement to the Department for further processing, including Council consideration.

### SUMMARY

In compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) guidelines and Noise Mitigation Measures, the Los Angeles World Airport's (LAWA; Department) Aircraft Noise Mitigation Plan, and the City of Inglewood's Noise Compatibility and Residential Sound Insulation Programs, LAWA's Chief Executive Officer requests authority to (1) execute, and enter into, a Letter of Agreement with the City of Inglewood to finance additional insulation efforts for an additional 1,026 residential properties in this neighboring jurisdiction; and (2) release \$9.275 million in Department grant funding to the City of Inglewood for its Residential Sound Insulation Program.

The \$9.275 million being provided for planning, engineering, design, administration, noise measurement, materials, and construction represents a 20 percent match for local FAA funds committed to the City of Inglewood's Residential Sound Insulation (RSI) Program. Since 1991, the RSI Program, for which participation is voluntary for affected residents, has received nearly \$340 million in grant funding to modify 7,739 of 11,156 eligible units. By adding funding to sound insulate another 1,026 units, the total would increase from 7,739 to 8,765 units. This latest increase in funding, known as Grant Implementation Plan (GIP) 15, results from the following LAWA and Board of Airport Commissioners' (Board) actions approving:

- A 10-year (2001–2011) Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Inglewood for implementation of various measures to provide affected homeowners with LAWA grant funds for sound insulation
- An amendment (2001) to the Land Use Mitigation Program establishing the framework for LAWA to make funds available to local jurisdictions for use as a local match to obtain federal grants to purchase or insulate residential properties to comply with California's Airport Noise Standards
- A Cooperation Agreement and Community Benefits Agreement (2004) with proposals for noise mitigation and associated benefits, including specific LAWA annual funding requirements
- A Stipulated Settlement Agreement (2006) with the County of Los Angeles; the cities of El Segundo, Culver City, and Inglewood; and the Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion that specified certain LAWA commitments for noise mitigation
- Letters of Agreement for Grant Implementation Plans 12 and 14 (2014, 2015) with the City of Inglewood providing specific funding amounts for residential sound insulation

As the next step in fulfilling the Department's commitment to mitigate the effects of airport noise on Inglewood residents, the LAWA Chief Executive Officer requests authority to enter into a Letter of Agreement for GIP 15 and approval to release \$9.275 million of Department funds—\$1 million of which is for contingencies—to the City of Inglewood to finance sound insulation for 1,026 residences. This latest grant will bring the total of LAWA's funding for this program to \$139.375 million. This is in addition to \$29.69 million expended by LAWA to acquire properties in Inglewood that were included in the LAX Noise Exposure Map in that the comprehensive sound insulation and mitigation program is comprised of two parts: insulation and acquisition.

In addition to the LAWA grant funds, Inglewood has used two other funding sources for its RSI Program: the FAA's AIP and its own General Fund. To date, approximately \$341 million has been spent by Inglewood, from all three sources, to mitigate aircraft noise affecting its local residents. The City of Inglewood's goal is to complete the RSI Program by 2024 depending upon the availability of funding from the FAA and LAWA. Excluding the 1,026 dwelling units being funded by the GIP 15, Inglewood estimates that there remains 1,200 units that will participate in the sound insulation program between now and 2024.

The Letter of Agreement (attached) with and authorization to release funds to the City of Inglewood for its Residential Sound Insulation Program was approved by the Board at its meeting of November 21, 2019.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The \$9.275 million in grant funding being provided to the City of Inglewood by the Los Angeles World Airports to continue financing Inglewood's Residential Sound Insulation Program, in compliance with California's Airport Noise Standards and the 2006 Stipulated Settlement Agreement for airport noise mitigation, is being requested as an allocation and appropriation from the LAX Revenue Fund to the "City of Inglewood Residential Soundproofing Program" budget element to be reimbursed by LAX Passenger Facility Charges, subject to eligibility. Approval of the proposed Letter of Agreement with the City of Inglewood and the accompanying release of funds will have no impact on the City of Los Angeles' General Fund. This action complies with the Department of Airports' adopted Financial Policies.

Attachment

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