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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

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Mr. David F. Cushing
Manager, Los Angeles Airports District Office, LAX-600
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El Segundo, CA 90245

RE: BUR Replacement Terminal EIS Comment

Dear Mr. Cushing:

Hollywood Burbank Airport is a vital economic asset for our region and an extraordinarily important part of Southern California's transportation future. At the same time, the operation of the Airport has had significant adverse impacts on the surrounding communities, including the neighborhoods of the City of Los Angeles that I represent. This environmental review process regarding the proposed replacement terminal presents another opportunity to engage the public in that discussion, and in that spirit I offer the following comments.

Establishing a modern, safe, efficient and attractive terminal for the Airport, with increased amenities and improved airside facilities will increase efficiency, potentially allowing for more passengers and flights. At the same time, minimizing and mitigating for the impacts of the Airport has proven to be a tremendous challenge for many years. The increased frequency of flights in the same airspace will most certainly lead to increased noise levels and have impacts on air quality. To ensure that all significant issues are identified, this process must guarantee that all cumulative impacts of the proposed terminal relocation are thoroughly considered and reviewed.

The residents of the City of Los Angeles, and especially those in the East San Fernando Valley, have been largely left out of the dialogue about the future of the Airport. Residents of Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Toluca Lake, Valley Village, Valley Glen, Sun Valley and Studio City already must bear the brunt of the burden of noise from departing and arriving aircraft. I urge that the Agency thoroughly identify and analyze all impacts upon the communities of Los Angeles.

Enplanements at Hollywood Burbank Airport have increased 31% over the last three years, but the Agency only projects a 1.2% to 2.2% annual growth between the 2019 through 2029 period. I strongly advise the Agency to reevaluate growth projections for enplanements and air carrier operations. I believe that the projected growth numbers are inadequate to understand the full impacts of this project. I request that all analysis as part of the EIS process for the Proposed Replacement Terminal Project at Bob Hope "Hollywood Burbank" Airport use accurate and

increased airside operations projections when determining environmental impacts of this new terminal.

I further remind the Agency that FAA Order 5050.4B directs the Agency “to involve other Federal agencies, State and local agencies, agencies and officials having expertise on environmental resources and the affected or interested public in this process.” To that end, I request that you consult with and update the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office on this cumulative analysis and pursuant to FAA Order 1050.1F, which requires that the Agency consult with local units of government early in the NEPA process.

The City Attorney staff for contact is as follows:

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Finally, I again ask you to include my constituents in all public outreach efforts relating to this proposal. Although the existing terminal and the proposed replacement are located in the City of Burbank, I urge the Agency to keep in mind that the impacts of the Airport are experienced at least as significantly in Los Angeles. It is therefore incumbent upon the management of the Airport and all of the members of the Agency to show due respect to the people of Los Angeles who must daily deal with the adverse impacts of the Airport’s operations. I hope that you will carefully consider and fully respond to these and all public comments from the residents of Los Angeles who are deeply impacted by the proposed project.

If you have any questions about my comments, please contact my Transportation Director Doug Mensman at (213) 473-7002.

Very truly yours,



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