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The Honorable Tonia Uranga
Councilmember, 7th District
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Dear Councilmember ~~Uranga~~ Uranga:

I normally do not get too involved in your local issues, however my involvement in the fight against LAX expansion and reading the issues before your Council, I feel inclined to share a few mistakes.

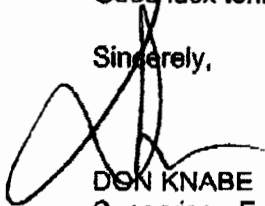
I would encourage you to make sure you include "all plans" including the 135,000 square foot plan in your review—fairness is a big issue with the FAA. Long Beach has one of the best noise ordinances and flight slot caps of anywhere in the Nation. You do not want to jeopardize those restrictions because you simply did not include the larger terminal expansion plan in your review. Even if the plan is not selected, your ability to work with the FAA is much better due to your willingness to review all safety issues. Terminal and safety improvements are totally separate from airport/slot expansion.

There has been no stronger advocate for regionalization of air traffic than me as I work to push air traffic out away from our heavily urbanized area. I have LAX, Long Beach, and Torrance airports in my District. While understanding the importance of aviation to our economy, I was also Mayor of Cerritos during the Cerritos air crash and understand the importance of aviation safety.

Obviously, it is your vote and a very difficult decision. From someone who has won some "battles" against LAX expansion, the FAA seems to be taking over the "war" issues, which will ultimately force litigation—a very expensive process for taxpayers.

Good luck tonight. I know you will be fair and do the right thing.

Sincerely,


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