

**- NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT -**  
**CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON FED'L INSPECTON (CUSTOMS) FACILITY**  
**JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> – Meeting starts 7:00 PM**

BELOW ARE THREE TRUTHS ABOUT WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOWS A FEDERAL CUSTOMS FACILITY AT LONG BEACH AIRPORT INVITING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

1. THE CITY COULD NOT RESTRICT A FEDERAL CUSTOMS FACILITY TO ONE INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR.
2. FOR THE FIRST TIME, MULTIPLE **INTERNATIONAL** OPERATORS -- PASSENGER AND CARGO -- COULD SEEK FLIGHT SLOTS THAT AREN'T AVAILABLE UNDER OUR CITY'S PROTECTIVE AIRPORT ORDINANCE. UNTIL NOW, LB HAS NEVER FACED THAT RISK FROM THAT CATEGORY OF OPERATORS.
3. ANY INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR THAT SEEKS FLIGHT SLOTS BEYOND WHAT OUR ORDINANCE ALLOWS WOULD HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO TRY TO STRIKE DOWN OUR ORDINANCE.

***OUR AIRPORT ORDINANCE IS WHAT PROTECTS LONG BEACH FROM UNLIMITED FLIGHTS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT. IF RECKLESS ACTIONS BY THE CITY COUNCIL COST US OUR ORDINANCE, IT WOULD MEAN UNLIMITED NUMBERS OF FLIGHTS WITH NO NIGHTTIME RESTRICTIONS ON ALL RUNWAYS INCLUDING THOSE NOW LIMITED TO SMALL PLANES.***

***OUR CITY COUNCIL'S FIRST PRIORITY MUST BE TO PROTECT AND DEFEND OUR CITY'S PROTECTIVE AIRPORT NOISE ORDINANCE. NOT TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT INVITE NEW RISKS.***

ON JULY 7, CITY MGM'T WILL ASK THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE HIRING AN "**INDUSTRY EXPERT**" TO TELL THE CITY IF INT'L FLIGHTS ARE "FEASIBLE." OF COURSE IT IS FEASIBLE!!

***THE FIRST QUESTION FOR THE COUNCIL TO ASK – AND ANSWER -- IS WHETHER ALLOWING INT'L FLIGHTS WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR ORDINANCE OR CREATE NEW RISKS?***

AN "**INDUSTRY EXPERT**" IS THE LAST PERSON TO ASK ABOUT PRESERVING AND DEFENDING WHAT PROTECTS OUR ORDINANCE! FOR THE SAKE OF THE CITY'S FUTURE, AND TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOME VALUES, WE MUST SPEAK UP NOW.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. VISIT AND CONNECT UP WITH OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.LBNEIGHBORHOODSFIRST.COM](http://WWW.LBNEIGHBORHOODSFIRST.COM) AND SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE LATEST UPDATED INFORMATION.
2. VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT **LBNEIGHBORHOODSFIRST** "LIKE" AND SHARE OUR PAGE TO SPREAD THE WORD.
3. ALERT YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO WHAT'S TAKING PLACE. TAKE YOUR SEAT AT CITY HALL ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>!
4. E-MAIL YOUR MESSAGE TO THE MAYOR AND ALL COUNCIL OFFICES PRIOR TO TUESDAY'S MEETING. VISIT LBNF WEBSITE FOR ADDRESSES.

**AFTER A LONG, ARDUOUS FIGHT, HISTORY PROVED US RIGHT ON SIZING OUR AIRPORT TERMINAL. WE CAN AND MUST PREVAIL ON THIS LATEST CHALLENGE TOO...AND WITH YOUR HELP WE WILL.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Q: Wouldn't this bring the city more revenue?  
A: The Airport is forbidden by federal law from using Airport revenue (landing fees and the like) to provide funds for citywide police, fire, parks, libraries and infrastructure. The city receives spin-off revenue from sales tax (about a penny on the dollar) from souvenirs and food and may receive more sizable hotel room tax if airport users stay in LB hotels, which most don't. The City's largest general fund revenue source is property tax revenue...OUR neighborhood homes, OUR investments.
2. Q: Do you hate the airport?  
A: LBHUSH2 & Neighborhoods First fought for -- **and won** -- a right-sized Airport terminal when others tried to supersize it (which would have destroyed our airport's features that travelers like.) We like our airport as it is. We want to keep it that way. We oppose a corporate dictated international airport that could hurt our neighborhoods, harm our quality of life and reduce our home values.
3. Q: Shouldn't we be business friendly?  
A: Every family home is a family business. Families count on their home's value for their children, their grandchildren, and for equity as needed. The Airport impacts all or parts of five of nine Council districts. If any LB Council incumbents think out of town corporate interests should trump the interests of countless LB family businesses, they deserve an education at the next ballot opportunity.

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