

1 RESOLUTION NO. C-

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH REAFFIRMING AND SUPPORTING
5 THE CITY'S EXISTING AIRPORT NOISE COMPATIBILITY
6 ORDINANCE AND THE CURRENT AIRLINE FLIGHT SLOT
7 LIMITATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

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9 WHEREAS, in 1995, the City adopted its "Airport Noise Compatibility"
10 ordinance (the "Ordinance") as Chapter 16.43 of the Long Beach Municipal Code; and

11 WHEREAS, said Ordinance was adopted as part of a proposed
12 settlement of longstanding airport noise litigation between the City and a number of air
13 carriers and other users of the Long Beach Municipal Airport; and

14 WHEREAS, the Ordinance reflects a reasonable balance between the
15 valid concerns of the Long Beach Community pertaining to noise related issues and the
16 demand for a safe, fair and efficient national transportation system; and

17 WHEREAS, taking into consideration environmental, social, economic,
18 legal and other matters, the Ordinance places reasonable and non-arbitrary limitations
19 on the number of daily air carrier, commuter carrier, industrial, and general aviation
20 flights operating to and from the Long Beach Municipal Airport; and

21 WHEREAS, as the proprietor of the Municipal Airport, the City's goal of
22 reducing flight related noise through reasonable and rational regulation of flight traffic in
23 order to enhance and improve the human environment is a legitimate one and is in
24 keeping with federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to Airport operation;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the City's "2010 Strategic Plan" establishes a goal and vision
27 that the City strive to retain a clean, safe, healthy and prosperous environ where
28 residents, business and government act as partners to balance growth, the

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1 environment, and cultural and neighborhood interests in order to create healthy places
2 for people of all lifestyles, cultures, and perspectives to flourish, live, learn and
3 contribute; and

4 WHEREAS, the current noise and flight restrictions at the Long Beach
5 Airport, as embodied in the Ordinance, are in keeping with those visions and goals
6 expressed by the City's 2010 Strategic Plan; and

7 WHEREAS, the 2010 Strategic Plan recommends that expansion of
8 Airport related business opportunities occur only within the confines of the City's
9 existing Noise Compatibility Ordinance; and

10 WHEREAS, the Southern California region has also embraced the City's
11 efforts and vision toward balanced growth and environmental responsibility through the
12 adoption of the Southern California Association of Government's ("SCAG") 2001
13 Regional Transportation Plan, the Aviation Element of which, calls for the Long Beach
14 Municipal Airport to accommodate a level of airline passengers through the year 2025
15 which is consistent with the activity levels established and permitted by the City's
16 existing Noise Compatibility Ordinance; and

17 WHEREAS, the latest Census 2000 data reveals that the City of Long
18 Beach has a population of 461,522 persons, which population ranks Long Beach as the
19 52nd densest city over 50,000 persons in the United States, and furthermore that the
20 Long Beach Municipal Airport is located in the heart of the City thereby having a
21 profound effect on the many citizens residing adjacent to the Airport or who are
22 otherwise affected by the flight patterns emanating from the airport;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
24 as follows:

25 Section 1. That a quality living and learning environment in stable
26 neighborhoods is a principal goal of the City. That in order to achieve said goal it is
27 necessary and important to balance the sometimes conflicting legitimate and essential
28 needs of residential, environmental, educational, and air commerce related interests in

