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World Airports

February 13, 2013

Mr. Mark Child
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Airport Land Use Commission
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Re: Application for General Plan Consistency Review of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS)

Dear Mr. Child:

Antonio R. Villaralghosa
Mayor
Board of Airport
Commissioners

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is providing this letter and the enclosed Aviation Application for General Plan Consistency Review of the LAX Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) project.

Michael A. Lawson
President

As is explained in greater detail in the enclosed SPAS Report, as required by Section 7.H of the LAX Specific Plan and the LAX Master Plan Stipulated Settlement, LAWA has conducted the SPAS pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The SPAS process includes the identification of Specific Plan amendments that plan for the modernization and improvement of LAX in a manner designed for a practical capacity of 78.9 million annual passengers while enhancing safety and security, minimizing environmental impacts on the surrounding communities, and creating conditions that encourage airlines to go to other airports in the region, particularly those owned and operated by LAWA. These LAX Specific Plan amendments, along with amendments to the following elements of the City of Los Angeles General Plan, comprise the land use entitlements recommended pursuant to SPAS: LAX Plan, Westchester-Playa Del Rey Community Plan, Transportation Element, and Noise Element. The proposed General Plan and Specific Plan amendments require Los Angeles City Council approval and Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) consistency review pursuant to the State Aeronautics Act (Act), Public Utilities Code § 21670 et seq.:

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In compliance with the Stipulated Settlement, the SPAS process also involves the study of potential alternatives to the "Yellow Light" projects identified in the LAX Master Plan adopted in 2004. The Final Environmental Impact Report analyzes nine alternatives, along with a Staff-Recommended Alternative, at a program-level of detail.

At a special meeting on February 5, 2013, the LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) recommended that the Los Angeles City Planning Commission and Los Angeles City Council approve the proposed General Plan and Specific Plan amendments. BOAC also certified the Final EIR and considered and selected the



Staff-Recommended Alternative as the best alternative to the problems that the "Yellow Light" projects were designed to address, subject to future detailed planning, engineering and project-level environmental review, such as project-level review of individual improvements under CEQA and the evaluation and approval processes of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). LAWA will need to conduct further project-level, technical, and other review of the SPAS projects before it will be ready to seek FAA approval of any of the SPAS elements. Accordingly, LAWA will not immediately seek FAA technical or environmental approvals for the SPAS project, but intends to do so when appropriate and as required. Approval of the Staff-Recommended Alternative would provide the platform from which the specific details of the proposed improvements would be further defined and evaluated in connection with current and future FAA standards.

Consistent with the ALUC Submittal Checklist, and to assist in your processing of the application, we have enclosed the following documents with our Aviation Application:

- Revised LAX Plan
- Revised LAX Specific Plan
- Proposed General Plan Amendments Matrix
- Los Angeles County ALUC Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Consistency Review Matrix
- Preliminary SPAS Report
- Final SPAS Report
- Draft SPAS Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
- Final SPAS Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)
- BOAC Staff Presentation, February 5, 2013
- Report to the Board of Airport Commissioners (February 5, 2013)
- Department of City Planning Recommendation Report (February 14, 2013)
- BOAC Resolution
- Existing LAX Plan Maps (Figure 1 & 2)
- Existing LAX Specific Plan Maps (Map 1 & 2)
- Existing General Plan Land Use Map for LAX

The Los Angeles City Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the SPAS project on February 14, 2013. In its City Planning Commission staff report (pg. A-7), Department of City Planning staff has recommended adding a policy to the LAX Plan supporting the completion of Runway Status Lights on all runway entrances and a policy to support the construction and use of a ground run-up enclosure to minimize aircraft engine testing noise. City staff has also recommended retaining and updating references in the LAX Specific Plan to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce regarding notification requirements for certain BOAC hearings. These additional modifications to the LAX Plan and LAX Specific Plan would not have any impact on consistency of the SPAS amendments with existing CLUP policies. Once the City Planning Commission has acted on the proposed amendments, we will forward their recommendation to you as well.

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Please feel free to contact me at (310) 646-5179, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diego Alvarez', written over a horizontal line.

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Program Director

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