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VIA E-MAIL (MEGAN.PRICE@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV) AND U.S. MAIL

Megan Price, Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Ted Lieu
415 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Re: FAA Meeting in Washington re Santa Monica Airport

Dear Ms. Price:

This responds to your e-mail advising me, a number of community members, and several city staff members, that Congressman Lieu has arranged for FAA Associate Administrator of Airports Eduardo Angeles to meet in July with City representatives, community members, and others. We appreciate the Congressman's efforts to arrange this meeting. It will afford community members an opportunity to express their concerns about the Airport and its future directly to Mr. Angeles, a senior official of the FAA. We hope that the Congressman will be able to join in the meeting; his presence will emphasize the depth of community concerns.

Your message, however, stated that the FAA has told you that it will be only in "listening mode" at the meeting. That is a serious disappointment, as it suggests that the FAA will not be prepared to engage in meaningful dialogue about community concern or possible solutions. As indicated in my letter to Representative Lieu of April 9, 2015, my goal for this meeting is frank discussion and a sincere mutual effort to solve the serious problems resulting from adverse Airport impacts. As you know, those include safety risks to residents resulting from the close proximity of both runway ends to homes; health risks resulting from aircraft emissions; and degradation of residents' quality of life by excessive noise. Our City is striving to protect its residents and neighbors. I had hoped that this meeting might help to engage the FAA as a partner in addressing the Airport's impacts. Given the gravity of this situation, the FAA's merely listening is less than satisfactory.

Nevertheless, as Mayor of Santa Monica, I will explore any opportunity that might aid in achieving our City's long-standing goals of reducing and eliminating the Airport's adverse impacts on our community. Although the circumstances are disappointingly less than optimal, I shall attend to represent the City, to participate on its behalf, and to support our residents' communicating their personal views directly to the FAA. Thank you, again, for your assistance.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin McKeown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "M".

Kevin McKeown
Mayor of Santa Monica

cc: Councilmembers
Interim City Manager
City Attorney