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U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Representative Ted Lieu
415 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D C 20515

Re: Santa Monica Airport

Dear Congressman Lieu:

Mayor Pro Tem Tony Vazquez, Councilmember Sue Himmelrich and I all want to thank you and your staff for arranging yesterday's meeting with FAA Associate Administrator Eduardo Angeles about the Santa Monica Airport.

As you well know, and as testimony from multiple community members should have made clear to Mr. Angeles, the Airport's adverse impacts have become intolerable to residents of both Santa Monica and Venice. I thought the constituents who attended yesterday's meeting conveyed effectively their frustrations, fears and anger about safety risks created by jet usage of a runway which does not meet current safety standards and ends within 300 feet of homes; about documented health risks arising from aircraft emissions; and about the destruction of their peaceful enjoyment of their homes by aircraft noise. I know they valued the opportunity you made possible to personally express themselves to the FAA.

Those present seemed to me to be particularly heartened by your clear and direct remarks to the FAA, including your admonition to the FAA that "in 2023 at the outside, it is game over for jets." Your remarks, and those of your staff at a subsequent meeting yesterday, helped the community members understand the challenge posed by the fact that the FAA will not willingly release its claims on the City's land. Our fight for local control will therefore, inevitably, require a dedicated and persistent effort over the next few years.

My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with you during that time to reduce the Airport's detrimental impacts, and ultimately regain local control of the City land so that it can be used to benefit our communities. Your assistance is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin McKeown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin McKeown
Mayor of Santa Monica

cc: City Council
Rick Cole, City Manager
Marsha Jones Moutrie, City Attorney