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TO: Audit Committee

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SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION
COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) to extend the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission's sunset review date to June 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Aviation Commission (Commission) was created by the Board pursuant to Chapter 3.08 of the Los Angeles County Code. The most recent renewal was approved by the Board at its August 10, 1999 meeting.

The Commission advises the Board, Department of Public Works, and Regional Planning Department on matters relating to the promotion and growth of aviation, acquisition of airport sites, management and operation of airports and heliports, and compatible land uses around airports.

The Commission consists of 10 members, two from each Supervisorial district. The Commissioners meet monthly and are entitled to receive \$25 per meeting. From January 1, 1999 to March 31, 2004 the Commission held 53 meetings with an average attendance of 6.6 (66%) members. The Department of Public Work's Aviation Division estimates annual Commission expenditures of \$18,245 for staff support, stipends, and other expenses.

JUSTIFICATION

The Commission advises the Board, Department of Public Works, and Regional Planning Department on issues relating to airports and aviation. During this review period, the Commission's accomplishments included the following:

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

- Recommended to the Department of Public Works:
 - The approval of projects at Whiteman Airport, such as diverting overhead hazardous power lines underground and constructing sewer and water lines.
 - The reconstruction of a major water system at Fox Field.
 - The construction of a new terminal/administration/restaurant building at El Monte Airport.
 - An amendment to the new airport management contract with American Airports to lower aircraft fuel prices.
 - Security enhancements at all five airports prior to and in response to the September 11, 2001 tragedy.
- Promoted aviation by informing all individuals attending Commission meetings of the various projects the five County airports are undergoing and of the tours held for various schools and youth organizations.
- Advised the Regional Planning Department on issues affecting County airports such as the proposed 44-unit condominium development to be constructed inside the base leg for Torrance Airport Runway 11 Right.

The Commission's objectives for the coming period are as follows:

- Develop a strategy to maintain sufficient outside aircraft parking space at Whiteman Airport to meet the increasing demand.
- Initiate infrastructure improvements at Fox Field to allow further aircraft storage hangar construction.
- Continue to initiate security enhancements at all five airports.
- Promote private development of an industrial site at Whiteman Airport.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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Attachments

c: Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Robin A. Guerrero, Chief, Board Operations
Jim Corbett, Manager, Commission Services
Roger L. Persons, Chair, Aviation Commission
Ted A. Gustin, DPW, Aviation Division

COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW
LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
REVIEW COMMENTS

Mission. (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

Stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance creating the Commission.
CONCUR

Section 1. Relevancy. (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The Commission advises the Board, Department of Public Works, and Regional Planning Department on matters relating to the promotion and growth of aviation, acquisition of airport sites, management and operation of airports and heliports, and compatible land uses around airports. **RELEVANT**

Section 2. Meetings and Attendance. (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

The Commission meets monthly. From January 1, 1999 to March 31, 2004 the Commission held 53 meetings with an average attendance of 6.6 (66%) members. **SATISFACTORY**

Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results. (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

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SIGNIFICANT

Section 5. Objectives. (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

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RELEVANT

Section 6. Resources. (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

Commission members receive a \$25 stipend for each meeting they attend. The Department of Public Work's Aviation Division estimates annual Commission expenditures of \$18,245 for staff support, stipends, and other expenses.
WARRANTED

Section 7. Recommendation.

EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION TO JUNE 1, 2009.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Commissioner	Nominated By	3/31/99	6/30/99	9/30/99	12/31/99	3/31/00	6/30/00	9/30/00	12/31/00	3/31/01	6/30/01	9/30/01	12/31/01	3/31/02	6/30/02	9/30/02	12/31/02	3/31/03	6/30/03	9/30/03	12/31/03	3/31/04	Totals	% Attend
Number of Meetings per Quarter →		3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	53	
Bobby E. Chase	1st District	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	48	91%
Constance Lynch Koehler	1st District	1	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							8	21%
Allan Boodnick	2nd District			1	2	2	2																7	88%
Robert W. Dziubla	2nd District	1	0																				1	17%
Edward L. Brantley	2nd District							1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1		23	68%
Clinton Simmons	2nd District	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	50	94%
Aron A. Wolf	3rd District	2	2	1	1	3	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	24	45%
James F. Burton	3rd District	1	3	2	2	3	2	1	2														16	80%
Evelyn A. Jerome	3rd District									2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	25	78%
Kristy Ardizzone	4th District							1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1							14	64%
James M. Woods, Sr.	4th District	3	3	1	0	0																	7	54%
Curt Castagna	4th District																		3	1	1	1	6	60%
Angelo R. Cardono	4th District	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	37	70%
Clyde G. Bailey	5th District	3	3	2	2	0	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	44	83%
Roger L. Persons	5th District	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	42	79%
Totals		23	25	16	15	20	17	10	15	23	19	11	13	22	18	12	12	17	22	13	13	16	352	
Average Attendance per Meeting →																						6.6		