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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

December 31, 2008

Gina Marie Lindsey  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles World Airports  
7301 World Way West  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Ms. Lindsey:

## **FUTURE PLANS FOR LAND ADJACENT TO PALMDALE AIRPORT**

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Sincerely,

  
for WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

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c: Each Supervisor  
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The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa  
Mayor of the City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street, Room 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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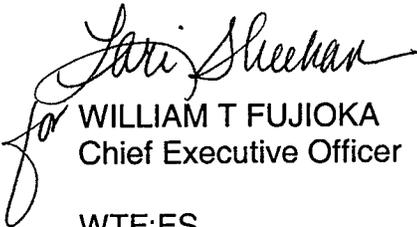
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Fujioka", is written over the typed name and title.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
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Board of Airport Commissioners  
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1 World Way, Room 115-A  
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