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February 24, 2009

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

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FUTURE PLANS FOR LAND ADJACENT TO PALMDALE AIRPORT

On December 16, 2008, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich and Supervisor Knabe, your Board directed this Office to send correspondence to the Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), members of the City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners, and the Mayor's Office requesting in detail the future plans for the undeveloped property located in the unincorporated area of the County adjacent to Palmdale Airport.

On December 31, 2008, this Office sent correspondence consistent with your Board's directive. On January 14, 2009, Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director of LAWA, responded to our request (Attachment). A detailed plan was not included; however, the following information was provided:

- LAWA has not developed any formal aviation plans for City-owned acreage near Palmdale Airport due to the on-going lack of air service viability at Palmdale Airport;
- LAWA began preliminary renderings for an airport facility and a draft master plan; however, there are no plans for continuing this process;
- LAWA intends to retain City-owned parcels near Palmdale Airport for long-term aviation needs; however, use for such needs is not envisioned for years to come; and
- LAWA is exploring transitional uses for portions of parcels, which could include agricultural, environmental, and alternative energy uses.

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Ms. Lindsey indicates that when a proposal/timeline is produced, LAWA would make sure to inform the County of their plans.

In a related issue, based on a Board directive of August 2007, we reminded LAWA of our numerous requests for information on the status of a provision in the LAX Master Plan Settlement Agreement requiring the development of Regional Strategic Plan (RSP) initiatives to encourage expanded passenger and cargo use of Ontario and Palmdale Airports. LAWA responded by including a Regionalization Update presented as their RSP. We have reviewed their submission, and along with the other Petitioners in the Settlement Agreement, have determined that it is lacking in detail and direction. The County is a joint signatory on a letter sent on February 10, 2009 from the Petitioners to the Board of Airport Commissioners, copied to your Board, requesting a meeting with LAWA on the RSP and regionalization issues.

Please let me know if have any questions, or your staff may contact Martin Zimmerman at (213) 974-1326 or mzimmerman@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel



Los Angeles World Airports

January 14, 2009

Mr. William T Fujioka,
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Fujioka:

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I received of your December 31, 2008 letter formally requesting detailed plans relative to undeveloped property belonging to Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) located in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles in proximity to the City of Palmdale.

City of Los Angeles
Antonio Villaraigosa
Mayor

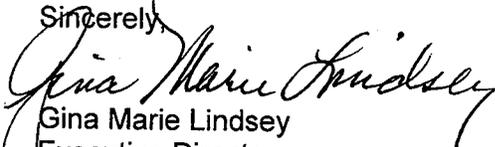
In the last forty years, the City of Los Angeles, through LAWA, has purchased approximately 17,750 acres from more than 2,700 property owners in this area of the County. The purpose of the acquisition is for eventual development of an airport facility which would serve regional needs and address capacity issues at Los Angeles International Airport.

Due to the ongoing lack of air service viability which has repeatedly been demonstrated at Palmdale, LAWA has not developed any formal aviation plans for this acreage. While preliminary renderings for an airport facility were developed and a draft master plan was begun, there are no plans for continuing this process at this time. It remains LAWA's intention to retain the parcel for long-term aviation needs, however such a project is not envisioned for years to come.

In the meantime, we are exploring transitional uses for portions of the parcel. This could include agricultural as well as environmental and alternative energy options. While several ideas are being explored, no proposal has been developed nor has a timetable been established. Please know that when a proposal / timeline is produced we will be happy to inform the County of Los Angeles of such a plan.

Relative to a Regional Strategic Plan consistent with the provisions of the LAX Master Plan Settlement Agreement, please know that LAWA staff presented to the Board of Airport Commissioners a regional plan in compliance with the Settlement provisions at its November 17, 2008 meeting. A copy of that report is enclosed.

Please give me a call if you need additional information at (424) 646-6250.

Sincerely,

Gina Marie Lindsey
Executive Director

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Enclosures

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