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On October 7, 2004 Los Angeles County Congressmembers Jane Harman and Maxine Waters sent correspondence to Secretary of Transportation, Norman Y. Mineta, requesting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to postpone taking any steps to approve any portion of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Master Plan before numerous local government steps are concluded.

Los Angeles County supports the broad objectives of a safe, secure and modernized LAX that could accommodate up to 78 million annual passengers (MAP). However, the Master Plan does not enjoy consensus in our region and is inconsistent with the County's Land Use Planning documents. Accordingly, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously express opposition to the Master Plan based on support for a **regional solution** to the passenger and cargo needs for the future. We have sufficient runways in the County and other airports that want to expand. It makes no sense to focus all regional needs at LAX and expand it upwards of 100 MAP, impacting traffic, noise, air quality and the quality of life for thousands of neighboring residents. These impacts can be avoided, especially when Los Angeles World Airport owns two other airports in the region that want to expand.

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The local office of the FAA intends to improve the Airport Lay Out Plan and issue a record of decision at the earliest opportunity upon the first vote of the Los Angeles City Council without regard to the subsequent local, political and legal developments that appear almost certain. We believe such a decision may be legally premature and would complicate the issue with a needless intrusion into local affairs.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send correspondence to Secretary of Transportation, Norman Y. Mineta and Marion Blakely, the Director of the Federal Aviation Administration to delay approval of the Los Angeles International Airport Lay Out Plan or otherwise intervene until the course of local government review and legal remedies are completed; and to support the request by Congressmembers Jane Harman and Maxine Waters.

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