

# POLICY MOTION

DIRECTOR MOTION: RUESCH

TITLE: Motion to support the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition (GPC)'s MISSION STATEMENT

PURPOSE: To advise CD11 and CD5 Councilmembers of the MVCC's support of the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition (GPC)'s MISSION STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an official neighborhood organization of the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, as immediate neighbors of the Santa Monica Airport, Mar Vista residents are impacted daily by the nuisances and serious health hazards created by the airport: air pollution; noise pollution; safety risks, among others. For this reason, years ago the Mar Vista Community Council ("MVCC") formed a committee to address the concerns of its residents and to monitor activities at and about the airport; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles City Council District 11 borders Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to the south and to the east, including an almost sixteen acre portion of the east end of SMO within the City of Los Angeles CD 11; and

WHEREAS, the CD 11 neighborhoods of Mar Vista, Venice, and other West Los Angeles neighborhoods, as well as Council District 5 (CD 5) neighborhoods of Rancho Park, Cheviot Hills, and other West Los Angeles neighborhoods within CD5 are all uniquely impacted by nuisances, and serious safety/public health concerns created by SMO operations; and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council Approved Attachment A. policy motion by a unanimous vote at the regularly scheduled meeting held October 8, 2013

## THE MOTION:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition (GPC)'s MISSION STATEMENT. The mission of the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition (GPC) is to reclaim the land at the Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to rebuild and restore the Great Park that existed on the site before the federal government condemned the park to turn it into an airport and industrial site as part of the war effort in World War II. The GPC's purpose is consistent with the Measure LC City Charter Amendment that Santa Monica voters overwhelmingly approved in 2014, and which led to the City's landmark agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to allow closure of SMO on December 31, 2028.

The restoration of the Great Park is essential for multiple reasons, including: (i) bringing back much-needed green and open space and recreational and cultural amenities to a quickly-densifying, historically park-poor city and region, (ii) combating climate change, (iii) meeting the City's sustainability goals, and (iv) enhancing regional biodiversity. The GPC seeks to reunite the many organizations and individuals that supported Measure LC in 2014 and to introduce new members of our community, through education and advocacy, to the unique, one-time-only opportunity before us to restore and reclaim our Great Park.

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## ATTACHMENT A



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**Re: SMO AIRPORT TO PARK**

Dear Councilmembers:

At the regularly scheduled meeting held October 8, 2013, The Mar Vista Community Council approved the following policy motion by a unanimous vote:

*Whereas, over the past several years, the MVCC has been in support of California State and local efforts aimed at addressing the critical impacts of air pollution from SMO aircraft operations upon neighboring Mar Vista residents, and Whereas, MVCC believes that the replacement of SMO with a great park including lots of open space would not only solve the public health concerns that exist today, but would offer very much needed open space to the west-side Los Angeles and Santa Monica area, Therefore be it resolved that the MVCC supports the "Airport to Park" effort and urges the City of Santa Monica, the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, California State, and Federal legislatures as well as all appropriate Federal agencies and administrations to work toward this end. Approved unanimously in committee*

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the matter,

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