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**Via Email To: Commissioner David Goddard, Vice Chair
Santa Monica Airport Commission**

Commissioner Goddard:

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 an airport committee to address the concerns of its residents and to monitor activities at and about the airport.

At the regular November monthly meeting of the MVCC Board of Directors, the following Policy Motion was presented and passed unanimously, with approval to forward same to the Santa Monica Airport Commission's attention.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles borders Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to the south and to the east and SMO operations significantly impact Los Angeles neighborhoods as well as Santa Monica neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, as immediate neighbors of the SMO, Mar Vista residents are impacted daily by the nuisances and serious health hazards created by airport operations: air pollution; noise pollution; safety risks, among others. The Mar Vista Community Council ("MVCC") formed an airport committee to address the concerns of its stakeholders.

WHEREAS, in an effort to have a voice regarding the important issues surrounding the airport, MVCC Santa Monica Airport Committee members and Mar Vista residents alike attend Santa Monica Airport Commission and City Council meetings, work cooperatively with other airport conscious Neighborhood Councils and community groups in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, and follow and participate in the SMO Visioning Process.

WHEREAS, given the significant and immediate impact of airport operations on Mar Vista residents, Mar Vistans are uniquely qualified to bring to the Commission an important and meaningful perspective not currently present on the Commission, which is comprised solely of Santa Monica residents.

NOW THEREFORE, the MVCC hereby requests that the Airport Commission support and recommend to the Santa Monica City Council that the City Council create a non-voting, advisory liaison position on the Commission to be filled by a Mar Vista Community Council stakeholder.

Sincerely,

**Sharon Commins
Chair, Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors**

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