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**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION** 

# F13a

#### 6-20-0611

# (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Terminal 1 Expansion)

#### September 10, 2021

### CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of Support

Letters of Opposition



# Friday Sep 10 Item 13a

August 31, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

# RE: Item F13a - Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego

Dear Chair Padilla:

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) wishes to advise the California Coastal Commission (CCC) that the SDCRAA supports the recommendation in the staff report dated August 26, 2021, and accepts the Special Conditions of the Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 for San Diego International Airport.

The project includes the replacement of Terminal 1, which will greatly enhance the ability of the public to access the San Diego region and coastal resources. The environmental programs proposed for the airport with respect to transit and stormwater capture/reuse are state of the art and will contribute to the achievement of California Coastal Act objectives.

SDCRAA is not aware of any opposition to the Coastal Development Permit. Therefore, the SDCRAA suggests that the item be moved to the Consent Calendar at your meeting of September 10, 2021 in order to be efficient with the Commission's time.

The SDCRAA appreciates the tremendous effort, professionalism, and level of cooperation exhibited by your staff in their review of our application. We appreciate the staff's thorough work on this project, and their collaboration with respect to our internal project review procedures. In particular, the SDCRAA appreciates the time and effort afforded by Ms. Melody Lasiter and Ms. Kanani Leslie in the review of this application.



Sincerely,

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Ted Anasis, AICP Manager, Planning & Environmental Affairs

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cc: Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission Karl Schwing, California Coastal Commission Kanani Leslie, California Coastal Commission Melody Lasiter, California Coastal Commission





September 7, 2021

California Coastal Commission San Diego Coast District Attention: Mr. Karl Schwing, District Director 7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite #103 San Diego, CA 92108

Subject: Response to comments of Christopher Pederson in an email related to agenda Item 13a - Friday, September 10, 2021 - CDP Application # 6-20-0611 – San Diego International Airport

Dear Mr. Schwing:

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority ("Authority") appreciates the opportunity to respond to the comments of Christopher Pederson in an e-mail dated September 3, 2021. The Authority has no record of this commenter offering comments on the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Final EIR for the San Diego International Airport Development Plan.

The commenter refers incorrectly to a table in the Recirculated Draft EIR. Table 3.14-49 depicts parking for the <u>original</u> project, not parking for the proposed project as adopted by the Authority. The Authority rejected the original project and instead adopted Alternative 4 which reduced the Terminal 1 parking plaza from 7,500 spaces to 5,500 spaces. This reduction in the footprint and size of the parking plaza was to preserve a location between the existing Terminal 2 and the proposed Terminal 1 replacement for a transit station in the airport terminal area. The number of parking spaces for Alternative 4 is shown in Table 5-5. This table shows the existing Terminal 2 parking plaza at 2,900 spaces, the Terminal 2 surface lot at 900 spaces and the proposed Terminal 1 parking plaza with 5,500 spaces for a total of 9,300 spaces. Therefore, the adopted Alternative 4 has 2,000 fewer parking spaces from Terminal 1 parking plaza results in a surplus of only 300 spaces in the year 2050. Therefore, the commenter overstates the surplus data.

The commenter also asserts - without substantiation - that 1,200 spaces are all that is necessary to serve Terminal 1. Before the COVID pandemic, and even as recent as Summer 2021, the existing 1,200 space surface lot at Terminal 1 is filled to capacity, with cars circling for emptying spaces or parking in the Terminal 2 parking plaza and passengers shuttling to Terminal 1. Therefore, the assertion is incorrect and in conflict with the Authority's reported parking needs for Terminal 1 through the year 2050.



The commenter also argues that merely reducing the parking at the airport will result in increased use of public transit. This is not entirely correct. As the Recirculated Draft EIR states, reducing parking spaces available in the terminal area results in airport passengers using pick-up/drop-offs at the terminal curbfront or using taxis/Transportation Network Companies. This doubles the vehicle trips on North Harbor Drive and increases congestion at the airport, as each such trip requires two ingress and egress movements, doubling traffic compared to a single vehicle trip of an airport patron parking their own car at the airport terminal.

At buildout the airport will feature 9,300 parking spaces, or 300 more than current demand projections, and a net increase of 650 spaces overall when employee parking is included (Table 5-5). By contrast, an international airport with approximately the same passenger load as San Diego International Airport and also served by public transit – Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) – has approximately 26,000 parking spaces. Therefore, San Diego International Airport is well within the range for appropriate-sized parking for existing and future passenger demand.

Finally, the commenter also asserts that off-airport parking facilities have a vacancy rate of 62%. The Authority understands that the vacancy rate is cited from an April 2019 inventory and no evidence is provided to support the statement that this is the current vacancy rate. The airport cannot serve the demand for terminal-area parking by relying on private off-airport parking facilities it does not control. The Authority is also obligated under California Coastal Act Sec. 30252(4) to provide adequate parking at the airport, as well as provide for public transportation such that airport operations will not impact coastal access. This the Authority has done with its proposed parking plaza at Terminal 1.

The Authority provided a detailed analysis of parking demand in the Recirculated Draft EIR which justifies 7,500 spaces in the proposed Terminal 1 parking plaza. However, the adopted alternative reduced the parking spaces to 5,500 to recognize the role of a new Old Town Transit Center shuttle which will begin operation on November 21, 2021 with an all-electric bus fleet. This reduction also provided designated space for a future on-airport transit station directly west of the Terminal 1 parking plaza. This designated transit station area is included in the adopted Airport Development Plan, and when constructed, will improve the regional transit service to San Diego International Airport.

Respectfully,

Ted Anasis

Ted Anasis, AICP Manager – Airport Planning San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

cc: Melody Lasiter, Coastal Program Analyst



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September 9, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA 94105 Mr. Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Item 13a Friday, September 10, 2021 – Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chairman Padilla and Executive Director Ainsworth:

I write in strong support of Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 that will enable the replacement of Terminal 1 at San Diego International Airport, which will significantly improve public access to national and international air travel. I have followed closely the work done in designing a state of the art transit system and stormwater capture and re-use program that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the California Coastal Act.

The design incorporates measures that will enable the site to deal with the challenges that climate change and sea level rise will offer. Preserving environmental resources has been a priority for the Airport Authority as evidenced by San Diego International Airport becoming North America's second-ever carbon neutral airport – attaining Level 3+ - the highest level of certification in the Airports Council International's Airport Carbon Accreditation program.

When completed, the new Terminal 1 will include a bicycle path on North Harbor Drive, new incentives to promote alternative commuting opportunities for the airport's employees, and an expanded electric vehicle charging infrastructure. And the expanded stormwater system will enable the capture and reuse of more than 39 million gallons of rain annually.

The project incorporates the environmental priorities of City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan and the goals of the Coastal Act. As a frequent user of San Diego International Airport, I am looking forward to this significant improvement in our region's transportation system.

Warmly,

TONI G. ATKINS Senate President pro Tempore 39th Senate District

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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

TODD GLORIA Mayor

September 3, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Letter of Support for Item 13a – Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla:

As Mayor of the City of San Diego, I am writing in support of the recommendation of approval for Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 for the San Diego International Airport.

This project includes the replacement of Terminal 1, which will greatly enhance the ability of the public to access the San Diego region and coastal resources. The environmental programs proposed for the airport with respect to transit and stormwater capture/reuse will also contribute to the achievement of California Coastal Act objectives.

The Airport Authority has collaborated to address and modernize the regional transportation infrastructure in advancing this project and the City of San Diego will continue to work with the Authority and other agency partners to ensure completion of transportation projects that promote better circulation and sustainability. The New Terminal 1 includes a designated transit station area within walking distance of the planned Terminal 1 and existing Terminal 2 that could accommodate any type of transit technology approved by SANDAG, MTS and other regional partner agencies.

Further, the project demonstrates the Airport Authority's commitment to sustainability and preserving precious environmental resources including:

- Plans to expand stormwater systems that provide the ability to capture and reuse more than 39 million gallons of rain annually;
- San Diego International Airport was North America's second-ever carbon neutral airport, reaching "Level 3+," the highest level of certification through Airports Council International's Airport Carbon Accreditation program, the third-party verified program is a framework that helps airports identify, manage, and reduce their carbon emissions; and,

• The new proposed Terminal 1 is aligned with the City's Climate Action Plan. Initiatives include expanded electric vehicle charging infrastructure, a bicycle path on North Harbor Drive and new incentives to promote alternative commuting habits among employees.

The City of San Diego supports approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region and thanks the Commission for its consideration.

Sincerely,

Anie LODD GLORIA

Mayor City of San Diego





### San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

September 2, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

#### Subject: Support for the San Diego County Airport Authority Terminal 1 Replacement Project

Dear Chair Padilla,

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Water Board) supports the recommendation of approval for Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 by the San Diego Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority) to replace Terminal 1 and associated structures at the San Diego International Airport (hereinafter, the Project).

The Project includes replacing the existing Terminal 1 building and associated solid waste facilities and roadways with a new terminal building as well as other new structures, improvement projects, and features that will greatly enhance the public's convenient access to the inland and coastal resources in the San Diego region. The Project will also contribute to the stormwater capture and reuse program currently operated at the San Diego International Airport. This stormwater capture and reuse program includes state of the art construction technologies and is consistent with the San Diego Water Board's Practical Vision for water conservation and achieving sustainable local water supply.

The Project demonstrates the Airport Authority's regional leadership position on sustainability and preserving precious environmental resources, including water conservation and the development of on-site sources of water that can be used for non-potable purposes. We understand that the Airport Authority plans to continue expansion of stormwater management systems at the San Diego International Airport, which once completed, will provide the ability to capture and reuse more than 39 million gallons of rainwater annually.

Celeste Cantú, chair | David Gibson, executive officer

The San Diego Water Board supports the California Coastal Commission review and approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

Laurie Walsh, PE Senior Water Resources Control Engineer Stormwater Management Unit

CC:

Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission Kimberly Becker, Executive Director/CEO, SDCRAA Brendan Reed, Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs, SDCRAA

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September 2, 2021

Hon. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Chair Padilla:

Subject: Letter of Support for Item 13a - Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

On behalf of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), I write to express support for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority's (Airport Authority) application (#6-20-0611) for a Coastal Development Permit.

The replacement of Terminal 1 at the San Diego International Airport (SDIA) will greatly enhance the ability of the public to access the San Diego region and coastal resources. The proposed environmental programs proposed for the project, including transit and stormwater capture/reuse, are state of the art and will contribute to the achievement of California Coastal Act objectives.

Since late 2018, the Airport Authority has been a reliable and pivotal partner with SANDAG in planning for the future of regional transit and connectivity to SDIA. The project demonstrates that the Airport Authority has proven itself to be a collaborative, willing partner in addressing and modernizing the regional transportation infrastructure. The new Terminal 1 includes a designated transit station area within walking distance of the planned Terminal 1 and existing Terminal 2 that could accommodate any type of transit technology approved by SANDAG, Metropolitan Transit System, and other regional partner agencies. Connecting SDIA to a network of existing and planned transit infrastructure has significant regional benefits including, but not limited to, improved air quality, decreased vehicle miles traveled, reduced vehicular travel, increased access to economic centers, and more.

SANDAG appreciates the California Coastal Commission's review and approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

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August 31, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

# RE: Letter of Support for Item 13a - Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla:

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to request the Coastal Commission's support of the Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 for San Diego International Airport.

As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing some 2,500 member businesses and an approximate 300,000 jobs, we are committed to furthering and improving our economic outlook. Fundamental to the economic success of our region is the airport and its long-running priority of replacing Terminal 1.

The project includes the replacement of Terminal 1 which will greatly enhance the ability of the public to access the San Diego region and coastal resources. The environmental programs proposed for the airport with respect to transit and stormwater capture/reuse are state of the art and will be important assets to the state as it continues to meet California Coastal Act objectives.

Throughout the process of re-imagining Terminal 1, the Airport Authority has been a proactive communicator with the business community. This means routine visits for updates on the effort and key timelines, but more importantly making frequent, robust, and thorough presentations to our interested businesses. As a result of so much of that necessary feedback, the New Terminal 1 includes a designated transit station area within walking distance of the planned Terminal 1 and existing Terminal 2 that could accommodate any type of transit technology approved by SANDAG, MTS and other regional partner agencies.

Further, the project demonstrates the Airport Authority's regional leadership position on sustainability and preserving precious environmental resources including:

- The Airport Authority plans to expand stormwater systems that provide the ability to capture and reuse more than 39 million gallons of rain annually.
- San Diego International Airport was North America's second-ever carbon neutral airport, reaching "Level 3+," the highest level of certification through Airports Council International's Airport Carbon

Accreditation program, the third-party verified program is a framework that helps airports identify, manage, and reduce their carbon emissions.

• The New Terminal 1 is aligned with the City's Climate Action Plan. Initiatives include expanded electric vehicle charging infrastructure, a bicycle path on North Harbor Drive and new incentives to promote alternative commuting habits among employees.

For the reasons outlined above, and many others, the Chamber appreciates the CCC review and approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region. If you would like to speak further about this matter, please contact Stefanie Benvenuto, Vice President of Public Affairs at (714) 336-6536 or via email at <u>sbenvenuto@sdchamber.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Jerry Sandérs President & CEO San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce



Local Union 569 San Diego and Imperial Counties



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September 3, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste., 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Support for Item 13a - CDP Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla,

IBEW Local 569 represents over 3,600 construction electricians and power professionals in San Diego and Imperial Counties and we urge your approval for CDP Application #6-20-0611 for the San Diego International Airport (SDIA).

The replacement and modernization of Terminal 1 is long overdue. The Airport Authority is a proven partner to IBEW 569, and we are regional stakeholders in addressing local transportation infrastructure. Maximizing access to the airport while protecting coastal resources and the environment are priorities for IBEW 569, and we commend SDIA for proposing robust environmental programs with respect to combatting climate change, advancing transit, and supporting storm water capture/reuse.

A designated transit station area between both terminals designed to accommodate any type of transit technology approved by SANDAG, MTS and other regional partner agencies is a win-win for the San Diego community, and our members are very much looking forward to constructing connections between mass transit and the Airport.

Most importantly, the new terminal construction project will create thousands of good union jobs and hundreds of new apprenticeship opportunities for local community members.

We urge approval of this extremely important transportation infrastructure project in the San Diego region and thank you for your time with this matter.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Abrams Business Manager IBEW 569

cc: Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission



September 2, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

*RE:* Support for Item 13a – Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego Airport

Dear Chair Padilla,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President and CEO of the Downtown San Diego Partnership to inform you of the organization's support for the approval of Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego Airport.

The Downtown San Diego Partnership is a nonprofit organization that serves as the principal voice and driving force behind the economic prosperity and cultural vitality of Downtown San Diego through membership, advocacy and public services. The organization's nearly 300 members, representing a variety of business sectors who are committed to nurturing a Downtown that benefits the entire San Diego region.

The Airport Authority has been a collaborative partner in addressing and modernizing San Diego's regional transportation infrastructure. The New Terminal 1 includes a designated transit station area within walking distance of the planned Terminal 1 and existing Terminal 2. Furthermore, the project demonstrates the Airport Authority's regional leadership position on sustainability and preserving precious environmental resources, including plans to expand stormwater systems that can capture and reuse more than 39 million gallons of rain annually. The new Terminal 1 is also aligned with the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan goals with initiatives to include expanded electric vehicle charging infrastructure, a bicycle path on North Harbor Drive and new incentives to promote alternative commuting habits among employees.

We hope you share our confidence in the ability of the Airport Authority to upgrade Terminal 1 in a way that provides greater access, upholds climate values, and builds upon the Airport's commitment to serving Downtown and neighboring communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Betsy Brennan President & CEO Downtown San Diego Partnership



# San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council

September 1, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Support for Item 13a - CDP Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla:

We are writing to you today on behalf of the 200,000 rank and file Union workers of the San Diego & Imperial County Labor Councill to express our support for the recommendation of approval for CDP Application #6-20-0611 for the San Diego International Airport.

The replacement of Terminal 1 will greatly enhance the ability of the public to access the San Diego region and coastal resources in partnership with working families. The environmental programs proposed by the airport with respect to transit and stormwater capture/reuse are state-of-the-art and will contribute to the achievement of California Coastal Act objectives.

The Airport Authority has proven itself to be a collaborative, willing partner with many of us stakeholders in addressing and modernizing the regional transportation infrastructure. The New Terminal 1 includes a designated transit station area within walking distance of the planned Terminal 1 and existing Terminal 2 that could accommodate any type of transit technology approved by SANDAG, MTS and other regional partner agencies.

The project also demonstrates the Airport Authority's regional leadership position on sustainability and preserving precious environmental resources by expanding stormwater systems which provide the ability to capture and reuse more than 39 million gallons of rain annually. Most importantly, the New Terminal 1 is aligned with the City's Climate Action Plan.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to communicate our support and urge approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

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Brigette Browning Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission



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September 1, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste., 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Support for Item 13a - CDP Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla:

The San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council representing 22 union with over 30,000 workers urge approval for CDP Application #6-20-0611 for the San Diego International Airport.

Terminal 1 needs to be replaced as it no longer meets the needs of the public nor provides the appropriate access to the community-at-large. The environmental programs proposed by the airport with respect to transit and stormwater capture/reuse are the most innovative and met the California Coastal Act objectives.

Furthermore, the Airport Authority is a proven partner to the Building Trades in addressing and modernizing regional transportation infrastructure and we are pleased that our local and skilled workforce will have the opportunity to build this new facility. This partnership will create a positive community impact as well as promote on-time, on-budget project completion by being crafted to address the specific needs of the project and the community, including provisions for local hiring, minority and at-risk targeted training programs, and minority-owned small businesses.

The new terminal includes a much-needed designated transit station area -- in close proximity -- to the planned Terminal 1 and existing Terminal 2 which will accommodate any type of transit technology approved by SANDAG, MTS and other regional partner agencies.

Lastly, the project is also sustainable and protects environmental resources by expanding stormwater systems which provide the ability to capture and reuse more than 39 million gallons of rain annually and is aligned with the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan.

We appreciate your consideration and urge approval of this critical transportation infrastructure project in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

Tom Lemmon Business Manager

cc: Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission

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Clifford "Rip" Rippetoe, CVE President & CEO

## Friday Sep 10 Item 13a

September 2, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

#### RE: Letter of Support for Item 13a - Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla:

The San Diego Convention Center wishes to advise the California Coastal Commission that it supports the recommendation of approval for Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 for San Diego International Airport.

The project includes the replacement of Terminal 1 which will greatly enhance the ability of the public to access the San Diego region and coastal resources. The environmental programs proposed for the airport with respect to transit and stormwater capture/reuse are state of the art and will contribute to the achievement of California Coastal Act objectives.

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We believe this project supports a better experience for visitors, as well our local community, by improving public access and transportation.

Further, the project demonstrates the Airport Authority's regional leadership position on sustainability and preserving precious environmental resources including:

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Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair September 2, 2021 Page 2

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- The New Terminal 1 is aligned with the City's Climate Action Plan. Initiatives include expanded electric vehicle charging infrastructure, a bicycle path on North Harbor Drive and new incentives to promote alternative commuting habits among employees.

The San Diego Convention Center appreciates the CCC review and approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

Clifford "Rip" Rippetoe President & CEO San Diego Convention Center

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cc: Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission Kimberly Becker, Executive Director/CEO, SDCRAA



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September 2, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Letter of Support for Item 13a - Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla:

San Diego Regional EDC wishes to advise the California Coastal Commission that it supports the recommendation of approval for Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 for San Diego International Airport.

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EDC appreciates the Commission's review and approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

Mark Cafferty President & CEO



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September 1, 2021

Mr. Steve Padilla, Chair California Coastal Commission 455 Market Street, Ste. 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Letter of Support for Item 13a - Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611, San Diego International Airport

Dear Chair Padilla:

The San Diego Tourism Authority wishes to advise the California Coastal Commission that it supports the recommendation of approval for Coastal Development Permit Application #6-20-0611 for San Diego International Airport.

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The San Diego Tourism Authority appreciates the CCC review and approval of this important transportation infrastructure in the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

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Julie Coker President and CEO San Diego Tourism Authority

cc: Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission Kimberly Becker, Executive Director/CEO, SDCRAA



From: Christopher Pederson
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 11:05 AM
To: SanDiegoCoast@Coastal
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**Subject:** Public Comment on September 2021 Agenda Item Friday 13a - Application No. 6-20-0611 (SD County Regional Airport Authority Terminal 1, San Diego)

Dear Chair Padilla and Commissioners:

The Commission should limit the size of the proposed airport parking garage so that it only replaces parking places actually displaced by the proposed development. To authorize expansion of parking supply at the airport will encourage additional driving in conflict with the Coastal Act's mandate to minimize vehicle miles and will undermine planned improved public transit service to the airport, also in violation of the Coastal Act. (*See* Pub. Resources Code, §§ 30253(d), 30252.)

According to the EIR for the project, the airport currently has a surplus of 2,680 parking spaces. In addition, nearby off-site parking facilities have a vacancy rate of 62 percent. Even with projections of substantially increased passenger traffic at the airport, the proposed 5500 space parking garage would exceed estimated demand in the year 2050. (*See* San Diego Airport Development Plan, Recirculated DEIR, Table 3.14-49.)

The proposed oversized parking garage raises significant Coastal Act concerns. Increased parking supply will undermine efforts to promote transit ridership and reduce driving to the airport. Having built an expensive garage, the airport will have a strong financial incentive to discourage public transit ridership and to try to maximize use of the garage to recoup its expenses. With a smaller parking garage, the airport would instead have a stronger incentive to maximize the number of passengers who use public transit to get to and from the airport.

To comply with Coastal Act requirements to facilitate public transit, especially for high-intensity uses such as the airport, and to minimize vehicle miles traveled, the Commission should therefore limit the size of the proposed parking garage to no more than the number of spaces displaced by the proposed development.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Christopher Pederson