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Subject: Proposed LGB Airspace Change to Class C Designation

Dear Mr. Desing:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), I am writing to express our concern regarding the FAA's Proposed Long Beach Airport Airspace Change to Class C Designation. While passenger safety is of the utmost importance, we request that the FAA consider all of the potential impacts that may result from the proposed change. If the FAA proceeds to establish the proposed rulemaking change, it could result in unintended consequences that need to be evaluated in advance. These include:

- 1) An increase in air flight safety risks for pilots, passengers and residents on the ground due to compression of instructional flights along the Palos Verdes coastline. *An analysis should be done to evaluate any changes that will occur to flight patterns by others who are currently using the airspace in question.*
- 2) An increased workload for FAA air traffic controllers, possibly impairing passenger flight safety. We understand that the FAA is not planning to increase the staffing of air traffic controllers in conjunction with the proposed airspace change. A greater number of general aviation aircraft will be tracked in the proposed Class C airspace by the same number of air traffic controllers who manage passenger flights throughout the entire southern California region. *This should be evaluated.*
- 3) Possible environmental impacts, including an increase of aircraft noise and air pollution, especially along the South Bay coastline. *We request that the FAA*

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conduct an environmental review prior to further consideration of the proposed airspace change.

Several South Bay cities could be affected by the proposed changes. As you know, while air safety is critical, quality of life considerations must be evaluated, understood and considered before changes are made. We request and encourage the FAA to work with the South Bay cities and their staffs to find the right air safety solution. Further we respectfully request that our comments be considered prior to making any decision of rulemaking regarding the proposed airspace change.

Sincerely,

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