

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Supervisor Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 5, 2006

SUBJECT: Board Appointment to Southern California Regional Airport
Authority (SCRAA)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board appoint one of its members and an alternate to serve on SCRAA with appropriate staff assistance


BACKGROUND:

Background: Los Angeles City and County have been attempting to reduce projected future passenger loads at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) by spreading the growth in commercial air traffic to other regional airports. (See attached letter from Mayor Villaraigosa and Supervisor Knabe.) The issue has intensified as LAX's neighboring communities like El Segundo have pressed the issue by legal action and Orange County has rejected establishing a new airport at the former El Toro Naval Air Station.

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has also coordinated dispersal planning for the significant new MAP (million air passengers) that would have to be absorbed at other airports if LAX's future MAP is reduced.

March Field has been arbitrarily assigned 8 MAP in this process even though all reuse planning by the March Joint Powers Authority has assumed a maximum of 2 MAP. This reflects the severe physical constraints that exist at this military/civilian joint use airport for handling substantial commercial passenger flights, the adverse takeoff pattern over populated residential areas and the convenient closeness of Ontario International Airport.

Representation by the Board of Supervisors is therefore important on SCRAA so that March Field does not become a convenient "dumping ground" for future MAP generated in other areas of Southern California.


Bob Buster
Supervisor, 1st District

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MAYOR

June 6, 2006

Hon. Bob Buster
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Dear Supervisor Buster:

As you probably know, the recent settlement of four lawsuits filed against the 2004 Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Master Plan mandated that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) engage in an effort to "regionalize" air traffic in Southern California. As long time advocates of the dispersion of airline and freight activity, we welcome this opportunity to bring people from all over the region together to tackle this crucial issue.

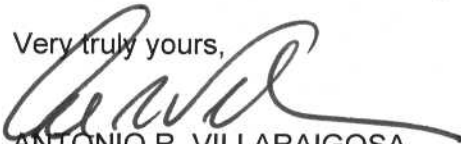
Accordingly, we are proposing to reactivate the Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA), the joint powers authority founded in 1985 to begin the process of regionalizing aviation. We ask you to join us in this important effort.


We anticipate that the revitalized SCRAA initially will address governance and staffing issues before going on to substantive matters. We encourage you to name a representative to the SCRAA board as soon as possible and to notify in writing all other members (plus SCAG) of your choice. They include the City of Los Angeles and the counties of San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Orange.

Reducing the reliance on LAX while increasing passenger and cargo activity at the various other airports in a manner consistent with the desires of the communities where those airports are located has the potential to significantly improve quality of life for everyone. More balanced aviation can lead to better jobs/housing balance, distribution of economic benefits, reduced traffic congestion and reduced air pollution, among other things. This effort can be a crucial tool in ensuring Southern California's bright future.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Herb Glasgow, at LAWA (310) 646-7690. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,


ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor
City of Los Angeles


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Supervisor, 4th District
County of Los Angeles

cc: Lydia Kennard