

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



FROM: Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for Local Control of Ontario International Airport (ONT).

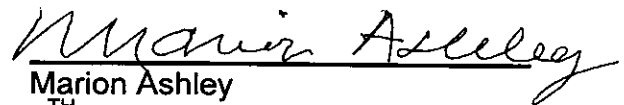
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve Resolution No 2012 – in support of the City of Ontario's commitment to gain local control of Ontario International Airport (ONT).

BACKGROUND:

On February 6, 2011, the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Executive Committee adopted Resolution Number 08-12 Supporting the Transfer of Ontario International Airport (ONT) to Local Control and has asked its member jurisdictions to consider adopting similar resolutions.

ONT is currently operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a City of Los Angeles agency, under terms of a Joint Powers Agreement. Over the past four years, ONT has lost over one-third of its passenger traffic, costing the Riverside and San Bernardino Counties' economy \$500 million annually and 9,250 jobs. The County of Riverside recognizes the importance of a fully-operational and competitive Ontario Airport as a necessary component to the sub-region's future economic vitality. Under local control, ONT can more quickly rebound and position itself for long-term market share growth, just as other regional airports under local control in Southern California have achieved over the past decade.

I urge the Board to adopt Resolution No. 2012—64, supporting local control of Ontario Airport allowing it to more quickly rebound and position itself for long-term market share growth, thereby restoring losses in employment and economic impact.


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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-064

RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO ENDORSE AND
SUPPORT THE TRANSFER OF ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(ONT) TO LOCAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, local control of airports in Southern California has been shown to be conducive to development of successful regional airports because the airport sponsor has a vested interest in ensuring that the airport and the local community can best benefit from the economic opportunities provided by the airport and local business, ensuring sufficient airport capacity to meet the long-term demand for air travel in the region; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2010, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council enacted a resolution recommending the transfer of ONT to local control stating that under local control, ONT can recover from the economic downturn of the past several years while positioning itself for long-term growth, consistent with the reorganization of air traffic contemplated in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2010, the Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion (ARSAC) urged the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners to transfer ONT airport management decisions to the local Ontario area that can better address ONT patronage decline and regional service demands; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2011, the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation called on Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to shift control of ONT – as well as the responsibility and risk that comes with that control – so LAWA can focus more of its energy on modernizing Los Angeles International Airport; and

WHEREAS, after transfer to local control, ONT can operate on the same basis as airports in Burbank, Orange County, Long Beach and Palm Springs – as low-cost secondary airports under local control; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside recognizes the importance of a fully-operational and competitive Ontario Airport as a necessary component to the sub region's future economic vitality.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Riverside
2 hereby supports the transfer of ONT to local control in furtherance of airport
3 regionalization and the region's economy, and requests the Cities of Los Angeles
4 and Ontario commit the necessary resources and effort to affect the transfer of ONT
5 to local control at the earliest possible date, and that the Clerk of the Board of
6 Supervisors shall communicate this action to the Mayors of Los Angeles and
7 Ontario, and to the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.
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