

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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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,

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Mayor City of San Diego