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Date: September 1, 2020
To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager *T.M.*
From: Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport *C.G.*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Long Beach Airport Award of 17 Permanent Flight Slots

On July 23, 2020, JetBlue Airways informed Long Beach Airport (Airport) that JetBlue would be discontinuing service at the Airport and relinquishing 17 Permanent Air Carrier flight slots effective October 6, 2020. The Airport has an established Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List and a specified process for the allocation of flight slots. On July 28, 2020, the Airport initiated outreach to the six incumbent Air Carriers and nearly ten New Entrant Air Carriers to update the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List.

Pursuant to the protocol outlined in Section 4 of City Council Resolution No. RES-18-0176 (Allocation Resolution), the Airport is required to reallocate available flight slots within 30 days to interested Air Carriers. Therefore, those Air Carriers requesting to be added to the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List were given until August 28, 2020, to submit written requests to the Airport Director. No New Entrants requested to be added to the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List, which resulted in the List remaining unchanged. Prior to awarding the 17 Permanent Air Carrier flight slots, the Waiting List was the following:

1. Southwest Airlines
2. Hawaiian Airlines
3. Delta Air Lines

The only Air Carrier that responded to the request for available flight slots was Southwest Airlines. Delta Air Lines and Hawaiian Airlines were contacted and are not currently interested in additional flight slots at the Airport. Southwest Airlines requested all 17 available flights slots and, based on the procedures and protocol that are outlined in the Flight Allocation Resolution, they were awarded all 17 requested flight slots.

After the flight slots were awarded, the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List has changed to the following:

1. Hawaiian Airlines
2. Delta Air Lines
3. Southwest Airlines

The table below lists the Air Carriers currently operating at the Airport, in addition to the number and type of flight slots that each Air Carrier has been allocated following the reallocation of the 17 Permanent Air Carrier flight slots.

Air Carrier	Permanent Flight Slots	Supplemental Flight Slots	Total Flight Slots
American Airlines	3	0	3
Delta Air Lines	9	3	12
FedEx	1	0	1
Hawaiian Airlines	2	0	2
Southwest Airlines	25	9	34
UPS	1	0	1
TOTAL	41	12	53

Due to the Coronavirus 19 pandemic impact to the aviation industry, the Airport granted a moratorium on minimum flight slot utilization requirements through October 24, 2020. The Airport is evaluating an extension to minimum flight slot utilization requirements beyond October 24, 2020, to all operating Air Carriers at the Airport. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-2605.

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