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Angela Reynolds
Environmental Officer
City of Long Beach
Planning and Building Dept.
333 West Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90803

Reference: The Long Beach Airport

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

It is time to stop this charade against expanding the services at the Long Beach Airport.

We already have the traffic in the airport coming in that is allowed by law, but we are not giving them adequate service. The airport as it is, is a very poor advertisement for the city– the worse possible impression for arriving passengers. It needs to be fixed and it needs to be fixed right away! It has been chewed on and chewed on by special interests to no avail. The people who live around the airport knew they were moving into the airport space when they moved there and probably they got their houses for less money. This airport is not a recent phenomena– it's been there since World War II.

Cities of similar size or even smaller have better airports than Long Beach. Take Fresno or Cabo San Lucas. They both have gotten the message; you can't have a thriving city that is expanding without an efficient and effective airport.

Long Beach should consider itself lucky to have a large airport. Long Beach, the second largest city in Los Angeles County, has an excellent airport with good landing strips and now it just needs a presentable airport facility worthy of the city it is growing to be.

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As Chairman of the Museum of Latin American Art, I would like to see a presentable airport for the people who will be coming in to visit the only museum of contemporary Latin American fine art in the country. How can we build an excellent museum and present ourselves with a shabby and dysfunctional airport?

Sincerely,

Robert Gumbiner
Chairman
Museum of Latin American Art

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