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December 4, 2008

Mr. Richard Ayala
City of Ontario
303 East B Street
Ontario, CA 91764

Dear Mr. Ayala:

City of Ontario's Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Guasti Plaza Specific Plan Amendment (PSPA 08-006); SCH# 2008111072

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division), reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Division has technical expertise in the areas of airport operations safety, noise and airport land use compatibility. We are a funding agency for airport projects and we have permit authority for public-use and special-use airports and heliports.

The proposed amendment will allow for residential uses, a maximum of 500 multiple-family dwelling units on approximately 13.18 acres on the eastern, southeastern, and western portions of the Specific Plan area. The project site is located approximately 2,200 feet north of the Ontario International Airport. According to the Notice of Preparation, since "permanent residents would be introduced on-site by the proposed Amendment," airport hazards and noise impacts would be addressed further in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

In addition, the proposal must not result in hazards to flight, such as:

- Obstructions to the navigable airspace (i.e. Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77 defined primary, approach and transitional surfaces) required for flight to, from, and around an airport
- Visual hazards associated with distracting lights, glare, and sources of smoke
- Electronic hazards that may interfere with aircraft instruments or radio communication

State Public Utilities Code Section 21659 prohibits structural hazards near airports. Depending on proposed structural heights and in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace" a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) may be required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Form 7460-1 is available on-line at <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp> and should be submitted electronically to the FAA.

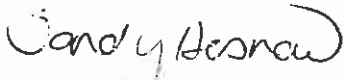
The protection of airports from incompatible land use encroachment is vital to California's economic future. Ontario International Airport is an economic asset that should be protected through effective airport land use compatibility planning and awareness. Although the need for compatible and safe land uses near airports is both a local and State issue, airport staff, airport land use commissions and

airport land use compatibility plans are key to protecting an airport and the people residing and working in the vicinity of an airport. Consideration given to the issue of compatible land uses in the vicinity of an airport should help to relieve future conflicts between airports and their neighbors.

These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Division with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional airport land use planning issues. We advise you to contact our Caltrans District 8 office concerning surface transportation issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-5314.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse, Ontario International Airport