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To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager 
From: Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport 
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Long Beach Airport Flight Slot Allocation Update

Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 16.43 (Noise Ordinance) permits Air Carriers (both passenger and cargo) to operate not less than 41 Permanent Air Carrier flight slots per day. Per Subsection 16.43.060(E) of the Noise Ordinance, this minimum permitted number of Air Carrier flight slots utilized per day may be increased so long as noise levels generated by the operations are below the allowable annual noise budget for the Air Carrier operator category and the annual total noise budget for all categories.

Following the conclusion of the 2018–2019 Noise Year (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019), an internal analysis of the Air Carrier acoustical noise budget was conducted by Airport staff. In addition, two independent analyses were conducted by outside consultants to review the acoustical noise budget data. Both outside consultants' analyses concluded that three Supplemental Air Carrier flight slots should be added to the already existing nine Supplemental Air Carrier flight slots for a total of twelve Supplemental Air Carrier flight slots.

Per Section 4 of City Council Resolution No. RES-18-0176 (Allocation Resolution), the three Supplemental Air Carrier flight slots were awarded to Air Carriers via the established Supplemental Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List on February 5, 2020, with an effective date of March 1, 2020. Two of the three Supplemental Air Carrier flight slots were awarded to Southwest Airlines and the remaining Supplemental Air Carrier flight slot was awarded to Delta Air Lines. Southwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines must commence service of the flight slots within 90 days of March 1, 2020 and commence operations of the flight slots within 180 days of March 1, 2020.

On January 24, 2020, JetBlue Airways informed the Airport that they would be relinquishing seven Permanent Air Carrier flight slots. The last date of operation of those seven flight slots will be April 28, 2020. On February 27, 2020, the Airport provided correspondence to incumbent Air Carriers and potential New Entrants to update the existing Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List. Air Carriers

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requesting to be added to the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List have until March 27, 2020 to submit their written requests to the Airport Director. Per the protocol outlined in Section 4 of the Allocation Resolution, the Airport is required to reallocate available flight slots within 30 days to interested Air Carriers. Following the submittal of the requests, the Airport will reallocate the available seven Permanent Air Carrier flight slots in accordance with the Allocation Resolution.

On a related note, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the associated reduction in air travel, and under provisions of the flight slot utilization requirements detailed in City Council Resolution No. RES-18-0176, staff is reviewing the ability for Air Carriers to reduce flight slot utilization without penalty. This will enable the airlines to adjust their operations to best meet air travel demand and respond to any travel requirements or directives. All other provisions of the Noise Ordinance and Allocation Resolution will remain in effect, including the maximum noise levels and the requirement to schedule service between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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