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From: Coronado. Celia
Sent: Wednesday, Jul 13, 2011 3:23 PM
Cc: zalay. Steven; Acree. Hardy
Subject: Congressional Redistricting and Sacramento International Airport
Importance: High

Dear Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter and resolution from Supervisor Phil Serna regarding the Congressional Redistricting and Sacramento International Airport. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Celia Coronado
Special Assistant
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July 13, 2011

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Re: Congressional redistricting and Sacramento International Airport

Dear Commissioners:

As the Sacramento County Supervisor representing District 1 – the area that includes both the Sacramento International Airport and a substantial portion of the City of Sacramento including the central business district – I write to register my continuing strong objection to the latest “visualization” showing the airport outside the proposed congressional district that includes Sacramento’s downtown metropolitan area. This objection is shared by my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors and was memorialized unanimously in a resolution on the subject dated June 22, 2011 (see attached).

My concern stems from the fact that the Redistricting Commission continues to ignore one of its fundamental charges to respect county and city boundaries. The latest visualization, which was released after the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors issued its objection, continues to disregard Sacramento International Airport’s location within Sacramento County and its principal service to those residing in the County and City of Sacramento. Furthermore, the proposed congressional district boundaries unreasonably suggest that Sacramento International Airport possesses a stronger geographic, economic and social connection with places such as Glenn County more so than Downtown Sacramento. By all accounts this is irrational and does not reflect application of any justifiable criteria.
In addition to its consideration of municipal and county boundaries as they relate to the location of Sacramento International Airport, it is also incumbent upon the Commission to consider the local operational connection the airport has relative to our city and county. For example, the governing body providing oversight of the airport is the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. And because it is the main passenger airport for the City and County of Sacramento, Sacramento International annually contributes approximately $4 billion to the local economy, mostly within Sacramento County. This economic bond is further illustrated by the fact that Sacramento International’s major partners include the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce and Sacramento Area Trade and Commerce Organization, both based out of the City of Sacramento.

Most importantly, Sacramento International Airport relies on federal resources to maintain ongoing development and operation, and requires the combined support of our local and congressional representatives. Should the current “visualization” boundaries be adopted as-is and the airport lie outside the city and county congressional district, our community will be placed at a severe disadvantage as we'll lose the collective voice we’ve enjoyed so long to work in the best interest of the airport and travelling public.

For these reasons I respectfully ask that the Citizens Redistricting Commission reconsider the currently proposed congressional district boundaries and make the necessary changes to ensure Sacramento International Airport is located within the same congressional district as the City and County of Sacramento.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Phil Serna
Supervisor, District 1

cc: Steve Szalay, Sacramento Interim County Executive
    Hardy Acree, Sacramento County Airport System Director

Attachment
It has come to my attention that there is a draft being considered which puts Citrus Heights together with El Dorado Hills, Rancho Cordova, and Elk Grove. I do not believe this is in the best interest of the residents of those communities that have historically been together. Please reconsider this plan as I believe it to be flawed.

Staven Noble
Message Body:
Your reason for changing our area is totally without merit. Being on the corridor of the I-80 is not a justifiable reason. Leave us alone! Doris Matsui is NOT a fit for us and she is not in our best interest.

Joan Kramer

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