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October 9, 2008

Alan Rothenberg
President
Board of Airport Commissioners
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Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Alan:

I am writing to ask that the Board of Airport Commissioners reconsider its deferral of the contract to provide a Facilitator for the LAX Community Noise Roundtable.

As a fellow public official who is also faced with tight budgets and difficult economic times, I absolutely understand the board's desire to share costs with other jurisdictions whenever possible. It is clear to me that the board today faces tough budget choices. Given the state of the aviation industry, I think BOAC has done an outstanding job of watching over our airport's purse strings.

There are few initiatives, however, that I think have done more to repair LAWA's relationship with the communities surrounding the airport than the LAX Noise Roundtable. This group has worked closely with LAWA staff to develop key programs that address airport noise impacts including the Part 161 studies for LAX and Van Nuys, the Preferential Runway Use Policy, Early Turn Monitoring program, Noise Complaint Hotline, the new ANOMS noise monitoring system, and Sound-proofing of homes. This is an important and strategic partnership for LAWA that we must continue to develop.

My fear is that putting the breaks on this process at this critical juncture will derail some efforts that have the potential to make a real difference in the lives of local residents, and it could undermine the enormous amount of good will that LAWA has earned through its past support. I am not at all confident that the member jurisdictions could find the money or political will to fund this program any time soon, and I think LAWA has more to lose than anyone else if we slow down its progress.

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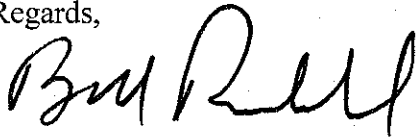
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As we move forward at LAX with what will be the city's largest public works project in history, it is crucial that we bring the community and surrounding jurisdictions along by demonstrating that we care about noise impacts. To that end, I hope you can reconsider the item at your next board meeting.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Rosendaahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" being more prominent than the last name "Rosendaahl".

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Cc: Board of Airport Commissioners