
January 17, 2017

Dr. Robert Garcia
Mayor
City of Long Beach
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mayor Garcia:

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) submits this correspondence in support of Long Beach Airport's (LGB) application to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for a User Fee Airport (UFA) designation. A Federal Inspection Services (FIS) facility at LGB will allow customs activities to take place directly at the airport, including the screening of international passengers. These customs services were available at LGB until 2006, and the reinstatement will allow aviation businesses to maximize their operations, resulting in direct and indirect returns to LGB and the surrounding community.

NATA represents a broad array of aeronautical service providers' requisite for a vibrant general aviation sector including a number of our members that operate at LGB. Our member companies provide fuel, on-demand air charter, aircraft rental, storage, flight training, aircraft maintenance, parts sales, line support and business aircraft and fractional ownership fleet management. NATA members range in size from large companies with international presence to include smaller, single-location operators that depend exclusively on general aviation for their livelihood.

From a national perspective, the creation of FIS facilities at airports results in a more efficient utilization of general aviation aircraft, thereby enhancing the value proposition of aviation businesses like those we represent at LGB. In this instance, we also note the reinstatement of FIS services at LGB will further enhance operation safety in the Los Angeles region and mitigate the environmental impact of regional general aviation operations. All of these benefits can be realized within the constraints of the general aviation Noise Ordinance in place at LGB.

We commend the accomplishments the City has, in partnership with airport tenants, been able to achieve at LGB. We strongly believe the reinstatement of FIS services will benefit both businesses at LGB and the greater Long Beach community.

Thank you for considering our views. We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this issue with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Martin H. Hiller
President

CC: City Council of Long Beach