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April 1, 2025

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RE: Funding for Palm Springs Airport Improvements in Palm Springs

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

I am writing to request your support in securing community project funding for improvements to the Palm Springs International Airport to facilitate an expansion to the south main terminal building.

Due to multiple new airlines entering the Palm Springs International Airport, the recently installed baggage handling system, as well as the current TSA checkpoint area, is incapable of accommodating the current demand. Both baggage claim and TSA checkpoint areas are backed up, with up to 40-minute waits during peak hour demands, on a daily basis. It is critical that this facility is expanded in order to facilitate the needs and demands of this Airport. This project will not only fund a critical need for the City of Palm Springs, but for the entire Coachella Valley, and provide much needed funding for our infrastructure.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron deHarte
Mayor, City of Palm Springs

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March 31, 2025

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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

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PSP's project will implement a new 10,000-square-foot facility to streamline and improve baggage handling at PSP. The modernized system will use advanced technology to screen bags more efficiently, enabling the airport to process up to 652 bags per hour. The upgrades will connect existing ticket counters to the new screening system and include specialized operational areas for oversized baggage and for TSA agents to conduct level two inspections on unscreened baggage. The proposed modifications will also include a new network IT, power supply, and control rooms for the facilitation of the new system. The system will adopt industry standard belted type conveyors for transporting, processing, and sorting all outbound baggage. The expanded facility will enhance operational efficiency and provide an improved passenger experience.

This project is essential to improving airport operations by increasing capacity and efficiency in handling baggage. With environmental complete, project can begin construction immediately once funding is in place.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ted Weill, Mayor
City of Rancho Mirage



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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Charles P. McClendon
City Manager, City of Cathedral City



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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor
City of Coachella



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RE: Request for Support for City of Palm Springs Airport Inline Baggage Handling and Terminal Expansion System

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of the members of the La Quinta City Council, I would like to express our support for the City of Palm Springs' request for community project funding for the Palm Springs Airport (PSP) Inline Baggage Handling System and Terminal Expansion Project.

This project will implement a new 10,000-square-foot facility to streamline and improve baggage handling at PSP. The modernized system will use advanced technology to screen bags more efficiently, enabling the airport to process up to 652 bags per hour. The upgrades will connect existing ticket counters to the new screening system and include specialized operational areas for oversized baggage and for TSA agents to conduct level two inspections on unscreened baggage. The proposed modifications will also include a new network IT, power supply, and control rooms for the facilitation of the new system. The system will adopt industry-standard belted conveyors to transport, process, and sort outbound baggage. These enhancements will streamline operations, reduce delays, and provide an improved passenger experience.

This project is essential to improving airport operations by increasing capacity and efficiency in handling baggage. With environmental review complete, the project can begin construction immediately once funding is in place.

This project will also greatly benefit the City of La Quinta, as Palm Springs International Airport serves as a critical transportation hub for our residents, businesses, and visitors. By improving baggage handling and terminal capacity, the project will enhance travel efficiency, reduce delays, and support economic growth throughout the Coachella Valley. A more efficient airport will help attract tourism, strengthen local businesses, and improve connectivity for La Quinta residents who rely on PSP for both leisure and business travel.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (760) 777-7030 or at levans@LaQuintaCA.Gov.

Thank you,

Linda Evans, Mayor



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RE: Support for the City of Palm Springs Airport Inline Baggage Handling System and Terminal Expansion Project

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I respectfully request your support for community project funding for the Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) Inline Baggage Handling System and Terminal Expansion Project.

This critical project will construct a new 10,000-square-foot facility to modernize and streamline baggage handling at PSP. The project includes the installation of an advanced inline baggage screening system capable of processing up to 652 bags per hour, significantly improving efficiency and throughput. The upgrades will connect existing ticket counters directly to the new system and will incorporate dedicated operational areas for oversized baggage and TSA level two inspections. In addition, the project will establish new IT infrastructure, power supply systems, and control rooms necessary to operate the enhanced facility. The system will utilize industry-standard belted conveyors to transport, process, and sort all outbound baggage, ensuring reliable and efficient service.

These improvements are essential to enhancing the airport's operational capacity, reducing delays, and elevating the overall passenger experience. With environmental clearance already complete, the project is shovel-ready and can begin construction immediately upon securing the necessary funding.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to supporting our region.

Sincerely,

Jan C. Harnik
Mayor, City of Palm Desert



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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Nona Watson, CEO
Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce



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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

Visit Greater Palm Springs is asking for your support in requesting community project funding for the Airport's Inline Baggage Handling System and Terminal Expansion Project in the City of Palm Springs.

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As a key gateway to our region, the airport plays an indispensable role in facilitating tourism and enhancing the visitor experience in Greater Palm Springs.

Tourism is a cornerstone of our local economy, contributing an impressive \$9 billion annually. This industry supports over 50,000 jobs, generates 850 million in state and local tax revenue, and promotes economic vitality throughout the Coachella Valley. As such, it is imperative that we continually enhance the infrastructure that sustains and promotes this thriving sector.

The proposed improvements to the airport will significantly enhance operational efficiency, streamline passenger processing, and elevate our capacity to accommodate increasing visitor numbers. These



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updates are critical not only for maintaining our competitive edge but also for ensuring that every traveler's journey to and from our region is as seamless and enjoyable as possible.

We believe that the investment in the Palm Springs International Airport is an investment in the prosperity of our entire community. We are committed to working alongside you to promote and support developments that benefit our shared goals of economic growth and exceptional service delivery.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project, which stands to bolster our position as a premier travel destination. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need further information or collaboration. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott White", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Scott White
President & CEO
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