



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING

### LAX MODERNIZATION NOT EXPANSION

**Whereas**, the FAA has stated that the North Airfield at LAX is safe; the North Airfield has a better safety record than many other comparable airfields, issues or incursions that have occurred have been due to human error; and there are several safety measures that have been requested by community groups that should be established at LAX, such as installing Runway Status Lights, improving tower/pilot communication, updating tower equipment, urging full tower staffing, and adhering to the preferential runway usage of takeoffs on the inboard runway (24L), and landings on the outboard (24R) which would all be far more effective and less costly than moving Runway 24R 340 feet north (closer to the residential and business areas of Westchester and Playa del Rey); and

**Whereas**, the communities of Westchester and Playa del Rey lost over 10,000 people through eminent domain in the 1960s so Runway 24R (the northernmost runway) could be constructed (with the promise that LAX would not again encroach upon their neighborhoods) and it has taken over 25 years for the area and businesses to recover economically from that loss; and Inglewood, Vermont Knolls, and South Los Angeles (which lie beneath the aircraft arrival path), and the communities of Marina del Rey, Culver City, Ladera Heights, Lennox, Hawthorne, and El Segundo all are heavily impacted by noise, ground traffic, and air pollution from LAX operations or from operations connected to LAX which cause health and economic problems; and airport expansion money could be spent more wisely at Ontario and Palmdale Airports which would result in increased employment far into the future and would provide security by spreading air traffic throughout the region; and

*Whereas*, LAWA has been putting out incendiary and misleading messages about the safety of LAX in an effort to frighten people into supporting a measure (moving Runway 24R 340 feet North closer to the Westchester/Playa del Rey residential and business communities) which would increase capacity rather than provide safety, destroy 1/3 of the business district, and endanger many residents by increasing noise and air pollution from aircraft and higher levels of surface traffic for many areas around LAX;

**Therefore be it Resolved**, that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party recommends that true safety measures be taken at LAX by immediately installing Runway Status Lights, improving tower/pilot communication, updating tower equipment, and adhering to the preferential runway usage; and

**Be it further Resolved**, that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party inform the Mayor, City Council, and Board of Airport Commissioners of its strenuous objections to moving Runway 24R closer to our communities; and that these public individuals and entities move to implement a valid regional transportation plan.

Consolidated from submissions by  
Westchester Democratic Club and West Los Angeles Democratic Club

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