

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ADOPTING A POSITION OF OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED ON H.R. 4441, THE "AVIATION INNOVATION, REFORM, AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2016"

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2016, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster introduced H.R. 4441, the "Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act of 2016", legislation that would authorize funding for the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and related federal aviation programs for the next six years; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2016, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee marked-up H.R. 4441 and approved the amended bill by a vote of 32 to 26; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4441 would transfer operation of air traffic control services currently provided by the FAA to a newly created not-for-profit corporate entity, governed by an eleven-member board of directors, with the largest bloc of seats (four) being airline representatives, but completely excluding airport representation on the board; and

WHEREAS, airports would have no opportunity to participate in the functioning and decisions of the newly created entity despite the fact that airports would be significantly affected by the decisions of the new entity; and

WHEREAS, despite the airport industry's repeated requests for Congress to bring the Passenger Facility Charge ("PFC") level current with inflationary increases during the last sixteen years, H.R. 4441 fails to increase at all the \$4.50 PFC limit last adjusted in 2000; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4441 excludes any provision to eliminate or alter the "perimeter rule" that restricts nonstop flights from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport ("DCA") to a distance of 1,250 miles, ensuring that San Diego – the sixth largest "beyond perimeter" market in the nation and the largest market without nonstop DCA service – will not have nonstop air service to DCA; and

WHEREAS, because H.R. 4441 is a six-year measure, the Airport Authority and the airport industry will have virtually no opportunity to achieve several of their most critical federal legislative priorities until at least 2023 if this bill is enacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts a position of OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED on H.R. 4441, the "Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act of 2016," and directs Authority staff to oppose H.R. 4441 in its current form and work with San Diego's Congressional delegation members, airport advocates, and others to include the Authority's legislative priorities in the final version of the FAA Reauthorization bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds that this action is not a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (California Public Resources Code § 21065); and is not a "development" as defined by the California Coastal Act (California Public Resources Code §30106).


PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority at a regular meeting this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members: Alvarez, Boling, Desmond, Hubbs,  
Janney, Robinson, Sessom

NOES: Board Members: None

ABSENT: Board Members: Cox, Gleason

ATTEST:

  
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TONY RUSSELL  
DIRECTOR, CORPORATE  
& INFORMATION GOVERNANCE/  
AUTHORITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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BRETON K. LOBNER  
GENERAL COUNSEL