



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

November 20, 2012
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-132 SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO LOCAL CONTROL

Submitted by David C. Biggs
City Manager

Approved by David C. Biggs
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Gipson.

The City of Ontario, California is fighting to bring back local control of the Ontario Airport. Los Angeles World Airports, the agency that runs both the Los Angeles International Airport and Ontario Airport, is seemingly reluctant to release control of the Inland Empire facility. The City Council is asked to consider supporting a transfer by adopting Resolution No. 12-132 (Exhibit No. 1)

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 12-132, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO LOCAL CONTROL"
2. INSTRUCT staff to transmit a copy of the executed resolution to Kirk Cartozian of Cartozian Associates, Inc., Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the Los Angeles World Airports Board of Airport Commissioners.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Councilmember Gipson was contacted by Kirk Cartozian of Cartozian Associates, Inc. (Exhibit No. 2). This firm has been retained to assist the City of Ontario with their efforts to re-establish local control of the Ontario Airport. The airport is currently in the hands of the Los Angeles World Airports, and has been experiencing continual decline in both revenue and ridership during the last 7 years. The City of Los Angeles' chief administration officer, Miguel Santana, has recommended that the City of Los Angeles and the City of Ontario continue to negotiate this transfer.

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The City Council is asked to consider joining the growing number of endorsement cities, including Newport Beach, Monrovia, Whittier, Monterey Park, Inglewood and Palmdale. Other endorsements include various agencies, elected officials, celebrities and newspapers, including the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Retired Dodger's Coach Tommy Lasorda, the Los Angeles Times and the Long Beach Press Telegram.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution 12-132. (pgs. 3-4)
2. Email from Kirk Cartozian of Cartozian Associates, Inc. (pgs. 5-6)

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TO: Rev09-04-2012

Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council	
Date _____	Action _____

RESOLUTION NO. 12-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE TRANSFER OF ONTARIO
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO LOCAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, local control of airports in Southern California has been shown to be conducive to development of successful regional airports because the airport sponsor has a vested interest in the airport making the greatest contribution to its economy, and

WHEREAS, local control of Ontario International Airport (ONT) will help ensure that all of Southern California will have sufficient airport capacity to meet the long-term demand for air travel in the region, and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2011, the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation called on Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to shift control of ONT – as well as the responsibility and risk that comes with that control – to another entity so LAWA can focus more of its energy on modernizing Los Angeles International Airport, and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2010, the Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion urged the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners to transfer ONT airport management decisions to the local Ontario area in pursuit of a regional airport system that can better address ONT patronage decline and regional service demands, and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2010, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council enacted a resolution recommending the transfer of ONT to local control as being in the best interests of Los Angeles and the Southern California region. SCAG further stated that under local control, ONT can recover from the economic downturn of the past several years while positioning itself for long-term growth, consistent with the reorganization of air traffic contemplated in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, after transfer to local control, ONT can operate on the same basis as airports in Burbank, Orange County, Long Beach and Palm Springs - as low-cost secondary airports under local control.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby supports the transfer of ONT to local control in furtherance of airport regionalization and the region's economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests the cities of Los Angeles and Ontario commit the necessary resources and effort to affect the transfer of ONT to local control at the earliest possible date.

EXHIBIT NO. 01

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

Mayor Jim Dear

City Clerk Donesia L. Gause, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney



Lisa Berglund

From: Mike [allnew399@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 6:37 AM
To: Lisa Berglund
Subject: Fwd: Set Ontario Airport Free!

"Together There's Nothing We Can't Do"

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kirk Cartozian <kirk@cartozianassociates.com>
Date: November 9, 2012, 11:46:27 PM PST
To: Mike Gipson <mgipson@carson.ca.us>
Cc: Allnew399 <allnew399@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Set Ontario Airport Free!

Hi Mike -

Again, good speaking with you last week about the City of Ontario's effort to bring back local control of the Ontario Airport. Hopefully we are still set for an Oct. 20th date on the city council calendar. Can you please confirm this for me? I think a member of your staff was going to make contact with me.

Also, can you please provide me with the contact name/s and numbers to your administrative staff handling the resolution as well as your city manager in order for the City of Ontario's city manager, Chris Hughes, to make appropriate contact to his counterpart there with your agency.

Thanks,

Kirk

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On Oct 29, 2012, at 1:18 AM, Allnew399 wrote:

Kirk please give me a call about this when you can 310 704-6589 thanks Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Kirk Cartozian <kirk@cartozianassociates.com>
To: Mike Gipson <mgipson@carson.ca.us>
Sent: Sun, Oct 28, 2012 3:07 pm
Subject: Set Ontario Airport Free!

EXHIBIT NO. 02
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Dear Mike -

Cartozian Associates has been retained to assist the City of Ontario with their efforts to re-establish local control of the Ontario Airport. The airport is currently in the hands of the Los Angeles World Airports, and has been experiencing continual decline in both revenue and ridership during the last 7 years. The City of Los Angeles' chief administration officer, Miguel Santana, has recommended that the City of LA and the City of Ontario continue to negotiate this transfer.

We are hoping that you will have the City of Carson consider the support of such a transfer by joining the 62 various and widespread Formal Endorsement Cities, including Newport Beach, Monrovia, Whittier, Monterey Park, Inglewood and Palmdale. We have also been endorsed by a number of agencies, elected officials celebrities and newspapers, including the LAEDC, Supervisor Mike Antonovich, Mayor Bob Foster, Tommy Lasorda, the LA Times, the Long Beach Press Telegram, and many more!)

See the growing endorsement list here: <http://www.setontariofree.com/endorsements>

In addition to considering the widespread support for the City of Ontario's effort, you can collect more information from the City of Ontario's website, the Set Ontario Free website, and the following LA Times article.

<http://www.ci.ontario.ca.us/setontariofreeusb/index.html>

<http://www.setontariofree.com>

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-adv-ontario-report-20120925,0,273760.story>

Cartozian Associates is able and ready to meet with you to further discuss and/or to answer any questions you have. For your consideration, we have attached a sample resolution in word document format, so that it may easily be tailored to your city's needs.

I hope we can count on your support and that of your colleagues!

Regards,

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