



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
**REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE ISSUED:** September 23, 2010 **REPORT NO:** 10-126  
**ATTENTION:** Land Use and Housing Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Re-Establishment of the Airports Advisory Committee

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Approve the ordinance to re-establish the Airport Advisory Committee in conformance with City Charter Section 43(a).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Requested Action.

**SUMMARY**

**Background**

At the November 4, 1987 Rules Committee meeting, it was suggested that the City Manager form an Airports Advisory Committee (AAC) to serve as a resource to the City Manager in a manner similar to the Real Estate Advisory Committee. As a result, the formation of the AAC was approved at the November 16, 1987 Rules Committee.

On February 8, 1995, the Committee on Natural Resources, Culture, and the Arts approved a City Manager's recommendation to adopt a City Council Resolution, which included the restructuring and role of the Airports Advisory Committee. On June 26, 1995, Council approved Resolution R-286014, which created Council Policy 700-15, the latter of which required the management of the City airports to "*Involve the Airports Advisory Committee, users, citizens, and other various beneficiaries in the operation, utilization and development of the airports.*"

**Discussion**

The AAC has been a valuable asset to the Airports Division by assisting in the resolution of issues involving the communities of Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, Clairemont, Tierrasanta, Otay Mesa-Nestor as well as airport users for nearly 23 years. Despite this, the City Attorney found that this long-standing committee was never properly established, as a permanent advisory board in conformance with the San Diego City Charter (Charter). As a consequence, the AAC was dissolved, until it could be re-established by City ordinance. In the meantime, the Airports

Division has been hosting community outreach meetings, in order to provide a continuing forum for the surrounding communities and the airport users.

Charter Section 43(a) grants the Council the authority to establish *permanent* advisory boards through adoption of an ordinance, wherein board members are appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by the Council. The currently suspended AAC was improperly established under Charter Section 43(b), which provides for the creation of *temporary* citizens' committees by the Council or the Mayor.

### **Conclusion**

The action requested by this report is the Council approval of an ordinance to create a permanent Airport Advisory Committee, in which the former members of that committee would be reappointed by the Mayor and then presented to the Council for confirmation, in conformity with Charter Section 43(a).

### **FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION**

Resolution N<sup>o</sup> 286014, June 26, 1995; Manager's Report N<sup>o</sup> 91-31, accepted by the Committee on Natural Resources, Culture, and the Arts on February 8, 1995; Manager's Report N<sup>o</sup> 87-568, accepted by the Rules Committee on November 18, 1987.

### **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS**

The Airports Division has hosted hundreds of monthly Airport Advisory Committee and community outreach meetings to discuss City airport-related issues since 1988.

### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS**

The projected impact of the re-establishment of the Airports Advisory Committee would be the promotion of communication and the improvement of relations between the stakeholders, which include: the communities of Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, Clairemont, Tierrasanta, Otay Mesa-Nestor and the users and tenants of Montgomery and Brown Field Airports.



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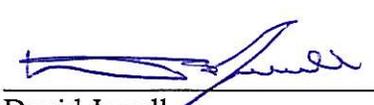
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**COUNCIL ACTION  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

DATE: 09/23/2010

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Airports

SUBJECT: Re-Establishment of the Airports Advisory Committee

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 6, 7, and 8

CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER: Mike Tussey/(858) 573-1441 MS14

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Adopt the ordinance to re-establish the Airport Advisory Committee in conformance with City Charter Section 43(a).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Requested Action

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:**

The City Manager formed the Airports Advisory Committee (AAC) in January of 1988, to advise the Airports Division on select issues, as had been suggested by City Council. In June of 1995, a Council Resolution and associated Council Policy also described the AAC's advisory role to the Airports Division. The AAC has held monthly meetings from its inception until April 2010, when it was suspended, due to a City Attorney Memorandum of Law, which advised that, if the AAC was to maintain its current permanent status and side-ranging advisory functions, the AAC would need to be re-established in conformance with City Charter 43(a). (Since suspending the committee, the Airports Division has been hosting community outreach meetings, to provide a continuing forum for the surrounding communities and the airport users to communicate with the Airports Division.) If the re-establishment of the AAC is approved by Council, it is suggested that membership of the re-established committee be offered to those AAC members who served on the committee at the time of its suspension.

**FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):** None

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION (describe any changes made to the item from what was presented at committee):**

Resolution No 286014, June 26, 1995; Manager's Report No 91-31, accepted by the Committee on Natural Resources, Culture, and the Arts on February 8, 1995; Manager's Report No 87-568, accepted by the Rules Committee on November 18, 1987. Our intention is to take this to LU&H on November 10, 2010.

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