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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Mr. Lang:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Aeronautics Program has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6360 project. One of the goals of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Aeronautics Program, is to assist cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) or their equivalent, to understand and comply with the State Aeronautics Act pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Section 21001 et seq. Caltrans encourages collaboration with our partners in the planning process and thanks you for including Caltrans Aeronautics in the review of the DEIR.

The proposed project is located at North Armstrong Avenue and East Clinton Avenue in Fresno which is within two miles of Fresno-Yosemite International Airport. The proposed project would construct 326 single-family residences, park and recreation areas, and dedication of public streets.

Density and Intensity compatibility around airports should be considered as a potential impact given the long-range nature of this project. Given the anticipated amount of development and increased pressures of housing in the state approaching to 2050, increased density surrounding airports can lead to adverse impacts on communities and should be reviewed for potential consequences to health and safety.

Please be aware that the project site identified in the DEIR is located within an Airport Influence Area (AIA). Therefore, the proposed project must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions for the AIA defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) formed by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674 and Section 21676 and is subject to the review authority by the ALUC. An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly development of airports, as declared by the California Legislature.

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Compatibility concerns regarding airport obstructions and hazards to flight (such as wildlife attractants, lighting, or glare i.e., solar, etc.) should also be considered for further review upon site specific updates or projects. Proposed structures that exceed FAA Regulations Part 77 height criteria are subject to an Obstruction Evaluation/Airspace Analysis for determination. Moreover, due to its proximity to the airport, the project site may be subject to aircraft overflights and subsequent aircraft-related noise impacts. *Since communities vary greatly in size and character from urban to rural, the level of noise deemed acceptable in one community is not necessarily the same for another community.*

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by email at ingrid.mcroberts@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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