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Electronically Sent <[fbarba@calexico.ca.gov](mailto:fbarba@calexico.ca.gov)>

### **Re: 2024050109, Jimenez Multi-Family Apartment Complex Zone Change and General Plan Amendment**

Dear Mr. Barba:

The California Department of Transportation, Caltrans Aeronautics has reviewed the Negative Declaration for the Jimenez Multi-Family Apartment Complex Zone Change and General Plan Amendment. One of the goals of the California Department of Transportation, 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 the Aeronautics Program in the review of the Negative Declaration.

The Project site of 947 Heber Ave, Calexico, CA 92231 is within two miles of the Calexico International Airport. The proposed Project site is in Safety Zone C, Common Traffic Pattern, of the Calexico International Airport and therefore must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) adopted by the Imperial County ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674. The City of Calexico should consider Safety Zone C Compatibility polices stipulated in the ALUCP.

Per the California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq. relating to the State Aeronautics Act, Section 21676(b) prior to the amendment of a general plan...within the planning boundary established by the airport land use commission pursuant to Section 21675, the local agency shall first refer the proposed action to the commission. If the commission determines that the proposed action is inconsistent with the commission's plan, the referring agency shall be notified. Any proposed development in the defined safety zones, therefore, must adhere to the safety criteria and

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restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan(s) adopted by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674.

The Project may also be subject to requirements from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), specified in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 77 (14 CFR Part 77). Proponents of a project that may exceed a Part 77 surface must notify the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as required by FAR Part 77, Subpart B, and the California State Public Utilities Code Sections 21658 and 21659. Notification to the FAA under FAR Part 77, Subpart B, is required even for certain proposed constructions that do not exceed the height limits allowed by Subpart C of the regulations.

Should any of the proposed structures exceed 200 feet AGL (above ground level) in height, a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) will be required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77.9 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace." To ensure compliance notices should be submitted to the FAA's Obstacle Evaluation Group (OEG) online at the following site: <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp>. Further airspace protection policies are also stipulated in the ALUCP.

Compatibility concerns regarding noise, airport obstructions and hazards to flight (such as wildlife attractants, lighting, or glare i.e., solar, etc.) should also be considered for review.

An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly development in the vicinity of airports, as declared by the California Legislature. A responsibility of the ALUC is to assess potential risk to aircraft and persons in airspace and people occupying areas within the vicinity of the airport.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: [tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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