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The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa supports a modern and revitalized LAX. After considering the Specific Plan Amendment Study Draft Environmental Impact Report (SPAS DEIR) that details the possible options for improvements at LAX we are excited to support a combination of Alternative 2 and Alternative 9 for the following reasons:

- Combining Alternative 2 and 9 fulfills SPAS goal to have airfield, terminal and transportation improvements.
- Alts 2 and 9 is the most affordable design option that ensures the LAX capacity needs are met to protect the Economy and tourism.
- Independent evaluators have shown these alternatives to allow for safe operation of all aircraft at LAX.
- The analysis shows that Alt 2 is superior to all others in airport operational efficiency.
- The analysis also shows that Alt 2 is clearly the environmentally superior alternative to the others when air quality and environmental impacts are considered.
- These alternatives will bring \$10.5 billion dollars in investment to the airport and city of Los Angeles.
- The combination of Alternative 2 and 9 provides permanent long-term job opportunities by creating a state-of-the-art passenger facility and transportation system that requires ongoing maintenance and support thus strengthening the Southern California economy.
- Funding for these upgrades will make this the largest project in Los Angeles history. Knowing that funding sources are limited, we encourage LAWA to invest in the infrastructure that will improve the passenger experience and address the transportation issues that surround the airport.

As the first line of welcome to travelers to Los Angeles the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa is excited to see improvements made to LAX that will modernize and revitalize the nation's #1 origination-destination and third busiest airport in the country. We believe that these alternatives will invest in Los Angeles' economy and build an airport that we can be proud of that maintains and increases safety, efficiency, and community.

Sincerely,

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