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Subject: Conversion of Santa Monica Airport to a Park.

To whom it may concern:

The Sierra Club supports converting Santa Monica Airport (SMO) into a great park. Over the past several years, the Sierra Club has been in support of California State legislation aimed at addressing the critical impacts of air and noise pollution from SMO aircraft operations upon neighboring residents.

Sierra Club believes that the replacement of SMO with a great park including land for hiking and restoration of habitat for native species would not only address public health needs, but would offer very much needed open space to the west-side Los Angeles and Santa Monica area.

The Sierra Club strongly supports the "Airport to Park" effort and urges the City of Santa Monica, the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, California State, and Federal legislatures as well as all appropriate Federal agencies and administrations to work toward that end.

Sincerely,

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