## **Serra Mesa Planning Group**

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Subject: Formal Request for 14-Day Extension for Public Comment for the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan Program EIR

Mr. Johansen:

The Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) passed a motion on October 16 to request a 14-day extension for submission of comments on the Montgomery Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan Program EIR.

## **Reasons for Request**

**Community Presentation Requested**: In June 2025 Serra Mesa Community Council wrote Jorge Rubio asking for PEIR presentation at a community meeting. At Airport Advisory Committee's July 9 meeting Mr. Rubio confirmed he would make presentation. Extra time would allow Mr. Rubio to honor Serra Mesa's request for presentation.

Serra Mesa Community Plan (SMCP) Review Needs Time: Need to determine impacts on SMCP. Examples:

- "To mitigate adverse environmental impacts of noise, crash hazards and visual appearance affecting adjacent areas." (SMCP, Montgomery Airfield objective, p. 31)
- Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (SMCP, Appendix)

**Public Review Distribution**: Since PEIR released during federal government shutdown, federal agencies may not be able to respond, including our neighbor, MCAS Miramar (not on PEIR distribution list).

Serra Mesa is an affected area, and this is a long-term plan (probably >20-year) that deserves full consideration and sufficient time for the residents and community groups to respond. An extension of the comment period enables the public to provide more thorough and helpful feedback, which ultimately aids the agency in making a more informed decision and ensures better compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Please forward this request to the appropriate person for approval. We **look forward to an immediate response**, since this is a time-sensitive item.

Chris Rosemond, Serra Mesa Planning Group Chair

cc: City Councilmember Raul Campillo
City Councilmember Kent Lee
Jorge Rubio, Deputy Director Airports
David Reed, Airport Program Manager
Heidi Vonblum, City Planning Department