



March 4, 2024

Dear Oakland City Council President Bas, Councilmember Kalb, and the Rules Committee,

We are writing to you today because it is our understanding that The Rules Committee is responsible for assigning work to the other Oakland City Council committees. **We request that Council’s Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee schedule a “Public Hearing/ study session” on the Port of Oakland Airport’s proposed expansion project.** The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was issued by the Port of Oakland in July 2023 and it outlines a project including 1,000 new parking spaces and a third terminal netting 16 additional passenger gates to the existing 29.

We feel that a public hearing/ study session would be positive in that it would “daylight” the proposed development. Although the Port is the lead agency responsible for CEQA compliance, the City Council has a responsibility to address the massive local and global impact this proposed project would have and take a leading role in protecting community well-being. The informational hearing/ study session would give Council members an opportunity to study and hear testimony about the proposed expansion, the Draft Environmental Impact Report, and the considerable amount of public response received during the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) public comment period that ended October 16th, 2023. Public response included letters from [public agencies](#), [organizations](#), and over 1,100 [individuals](#).

The public response to the DEIR has focused on concern over a development project that would increase air pollution burden on frontline Environmental Justice (EJ) communities of color who are already overburdened by health disparities, increase global warming emissions, and increase noise pollution for those living under flight paths. East Oakland and other neighborhoods near the airport have been historically and continuously exposed to pollution, dramatically impacting the health and well-being of residents. Pouring public money into expanding the airport, fueling air pollution, noise pollution, and climate crisis, not only harms residents, but also increases the risk of airport flooding due to climate caused sea level rise, and



diverts scarce resources away from sustainable transportation projects and is inconsistent with Oakland's long term environmental and community planning/strategies.

Thank you for your immediate attention,

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