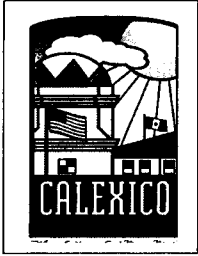


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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 2, 2021

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MF*

PREPARED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager

SUBJECT: Appointment of a City Representative to the Imperial County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

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Recommendation:

Council to make appropriate appointment of a City representative to the Imperial County Airport Land Use Commission.

Background:

The Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) is empowered to review and make determinations for the use of land within an airport's "sphere of influence", assure safety of air navigation, promote air commerce, and conduct public hearings regarding any proposed development within their responsibility. The Public Utilities Code, Section 21674, describes the Airport Land Use Commission's responsibilities as follows:

- The ALUC has the following powers and duties subject to the limitations upon its jurisdiction herein set forth in Section 21676.
- To assist local agencies in ensuring compatible land uses in the vicinity of all new airports and in the vicinity of existing airports to the extent that the land in the vicinity of those airports is not already devoted to incompatible uses.
- To coordinate planning at the state, regional, and local levels to provide for the orderly development of air transportation, while at the same time protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.
- To prepare and adopt an Airport Land Use Plan pursuant to Section 21675.
- To review the plans, regulations, and other actions pursuant to Section 21676.
- The powers of the commission shall in no way be constructed to give the commission jurisdiction over the operation of any airport. In order to carry out its responsibilities, the commission may adopt rules and regulations consistent with this article.

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Discussion and Analysis:

The City of Calexico received a request from the Imperial County for the appointment of a City Representative to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Attachments:

None.

Naval Air Facility El Centro.

Additionally, the Plan provides guidance for Commission review of new airports and heliports proposed for construction in the County.

State Statutes

The statutory authority for establishment of airport land use commissions and the adoption of airport land use compatibility plans is provided in the California Public Utilities Code, Sections 21670 et seq. (Chapter 4, Article 3.5 of the State Aeronautics Act). Every county in which a public-use airport is located is required to establish an airport land use commission. The commissions' charge is expressly stated as being:

... to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the orderly expansion of airports and the adoption of land use measures that minimize the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards within areas around public airports to the extent that these areas are not already devoted to incompatible uses.

As a means of fulfilling this responsibility, each commission is required to formulate a comprehensive land use plan for the areas surrounding the airports within its jurisdiction. The plan must reflect the anticipated growth of the airports during at least the next 20 years. Limitations on building heights, restrictions on the use of land, and standards for building construction can be specified in the plan.

The state legislation establishing airport land use commissions was originally enacted in 1967. Since that time, several major revisions and numerous minor ones have been adopted. Appendix A of this document contains the complete text of the state law as of November 1995.

IMPERIAL COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

The Imperial County Airport Land Use Commission is organized in the basic manner provided by state law, two county representatives, two representatives of the cities in the County, two representatives of the airport managers, and one general public representative. Staff for the Commission is provided by the Imperial County Planning/Building Department.

The Commission adopted an *Airport Land Use Plan* in September 1982. The earlier plan applied to the same airports as the current plan, except that Holtville Airport was not included. The present plan represents a complete revision and replacement of the 1982 document. In preparing the new plan, key objectives have been to reflect subsequent revisions in state law, to incorporate the most recent concepts in airport