ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE

As required by Burbank voters 16 years ago, the decision on a new airport terminal is in voters' hands. We believe the terms negotiated for this proposal, a result of 70 meetings taking public input over three years, offer powerful, new protections for residents. We urge you to vote "YES!"

Voting Yes will allow construction of a terminal with the same 14 gates as today's, but in a new building, safer from earthquakes, and offering amenities travelers expect. Gate areas will be comfortable, luggage carousels move indoors, and the facility would be fully accessible to the disabled.

Safety improvements include moving the terminal more than two football fields further from the runway. Today's terminal, just 250 feet from the runway center line, would be demolished.

Because the feature is beloved, the new terminal would still employ boarding and exiting aircraft using rear stairs. The airport is also helping to lobby Congress for a mandatory night-time curfew.

The terms give Burbank the power to stop future changes, like any move to add gates, alter the voluntary curfew, and more. Means to discourage adding flights include limiting airport parking to 6,637 spaces, just as there are today.

No City funds would be used. Federal grants and fees added to tickets at every airport would be among construction funding sources.

The length and placement of current runways will not change.

Expansion and much more can be blocked by just two of Burbank's three representatives on the Authority that runs the airport, even if outnumbered by other commissioners.

If this measure does not pass, the Airport Authority announced it will build a new terminal on a less desirable site the Authority maintains Burbank cannot control. We would lose the limits, the "blocking" power, and all other protections described.

Please, vote "Yes" to protect Burbank.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE

VOTE NO ON THIS MEASURE | VOTE NO ON AIRPORT EXPANSION

In 2000 Burbank voters overwhelmingly voted to protect their quality of life from more traffic, pollution and noise an expanded airport terminal would certainly bring. That vote followed decades of bitter disputes over airport terminal expansion efforts without a protective nighttime curfew or cap on flights. Burbank spent millions of tax dollars in court winning protections from unbridled airport expansion.

The City Council majority recently voted for an expanded terminal in two different places without knowing which one will be built. That vote gives away the hard fought land use protections Burbank won in court in exchange for so-called "governance" protections, which offer NO REAL PROTECTION at all. In this deal the Airport can sue Burbank, but Burbank cannot sue the Airport. A NO VOTE is the ONLY real protection left for the PEOPLE of Burbank to retain Airport accountability, transparency and oversight.

The new, expanded terminal project was rushed through environmental review with inadequate project descriptions, minimal public participation and hollow claims of no future increase in airport capacity, traffic or noise. Under the false and deceptive guise that a "supermajority Airport vote" protects us, in reality, a yes vote on this Measure provides the Airport with carte blanche to expand the terminal beyond 355,000 sq. ft., abandon support for voluntary or mandatory nighttime curfews, acquire more land and add more gates without further environmental review. Even worse, appointed Airport Commissioners will potentially make all of these irreversible future Airport expansion decisions, behind closed doors, without public input or notice.

Vote No on this Measure for continued protection from overreaching Airport expansion, traffic, noise and air pollution. Say NO to wasteful spending of tax dollars, surrendering our court won environmental protections and forfeiting transparent and accountable Airport governance.

David Gordon
City Councilmember