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Airport Commission

Paso Robles Municipal Airport

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to make a suggestion regarding the planned development at the airport by Loyd's Aviation; specifically the triangular site with the new hangars planned.

I believe for this development to be congruent with the city's Space Innovation and Tech Corridor plan, brick-and-mortar commercial storefronts are needed on some the hangars, if not all. This public access and mail delivery service is required for viable business use, especially the type that the city is trying to attract; aerospace start-ups and launch providers.

Without a brick-and mortar presence, companies of nearly any size may be discouraged from choosing, or challenged to succeed, in Paso. This would mean less high-paying jobs, tech opportunity, and economic diversity. Now is the time to incorporate these types of considerations, if not already part of the development design. Other examples for your consideration would be high-amperage 3-phase electrical service, sewer and natural gas utilities, to allow for growth.

To assist with visualization of my suggestion, please see attached photos of the San Luis Obispo County airport's "Site Q" on the west-side at KSBP. This benchmark is a great example of the architect combining commercial frontage and hangar space in the same building. The Paso Robles design need not be so expansive. Simple external, public easement entry-ways into a hangar may suffice. Any internal office space could be established or improved by future tenants.

I apologize if this suggestion is off-base in any way, as I do not have visibility into the details of the city's closed-door details. I would appreciate any feedback, including filling-in any gaps in my knowledge.

As a pilot and career aerospace engineer, it's important to me that we do not rush into any developments on precious airport property without considering the city's existing economic development strategy, and what it requires.

If I can help in any way, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for the great work navigating the FBO change, and your hard work, as usual. It does not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

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CC: Planning Commission, Paul Sloan, Mark Scandalis

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