

March 15, 2017

Mr. Sean O. Burton, President
and Commissioners
Board of Airport Commissioners
Los Angeles World Airports
1 World Way
Los Angeles, California 90045

Re: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program Compliance

Dear President Burton and Commissioners:

We write to express our concern about Los Angeles World Airports' lack of enforcement of the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program.

More than a decade ago, LAWA adopted tough standards for contractors, lessees, permittees and others who do business at Los Angeles International Airport. LAWA committed to requiring those companies to transition to trucks, shuttles, passenger vans and buses that cause less air pollution. This policy gave them many years to comply, but required by 2015 that all of their vehicles be alternative fuel vehicles (or the least-polluting vehicle available should an alternative fuel vehicle not be commercially available).

Many of us represent the environmental and public health organizations involved in negotiating this original policy as part of the Community Benefits Agreement for LAX modernization. These and other CBA commitments were incorporated into both legal settlements and LAWA policy.

We were proud to be a part of the agreement, and proud of LAWA for its willingness to embrace smart, tough policies that protect our air and the health of our communities.

We were very concerned to learn about the lack of implementation of the clean vehicle requirement, as I am sure you were, when you saw reports from one company, Sky Chefs, which was requesting a new permit, and yet had only two alternative vehicles in its fleet of 14. Some of their vehicles are nearly two decades old and need replacement urgently, but the new vehicles Sky Chefs has acquired are not alternative fuel vehicles. This company isn't even trying.

We were even more concerned to hear that Sky Chefs is far from alone, that indeed most companies have not complied with the alternative fuel requirement. This is not only disappointing and harmful to those who live, work, learn and play near LAX but it puts those companies who have invested in a clean vehicle fleet at a competitive disadvantage.

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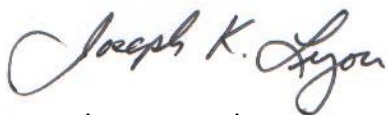
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We know that in the coming weeks you will be taking up this issue, and we hope and expect that you will live up to the promise LAWA made so many years ago – that for a company to work at the airport, they must use clean alternative fuel vehicles.

We would like to continue to be supportive partners in helping LAWA meet its environmental mitigation and public health commitments. We count on you to do your part too. Thank you for considering our comments and working to correct this problem.

Sincerely,



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