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*Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail*

Thomas Nolan  
Executive Director  
Palm Springs International Airport  
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Palm Springs, California 92262

Re: Palm Springs International Airport Master Plan

Dear Mr. Nolan:

On behalf of the Palm Springs Modern Committee, we provide these comments on the historic significance of the Palm Springs International Airport (Airport). As you undoubtedly know, the Airport was designed by renowned architect Donald Wexler in 1966. In the recent book entitled "Palm Springs Weekend" architecture critic Alan Hess remarks upon the architectural significance of "the dramatic open-air Palm Springs airport." (Palm Springs Weekend p. 99.) The Airport's west elevation embraces soaring mountain views through its tall plate glass windows. In addition, the Airport's sculptural form, elegant columns, and natural rock cladding are indicative of the work of a master architect. The west elevation of the Airport has been nominated for designation as a Palm Springs Class 1 historic structure and the Historic Site Preservation Board will consider this nomination at its next meeting. Both Donald Wexler and the Historic Site Preservation Board have noted that the west elevation of the Airport is exceptionally significant as a representation of the Desert Modern architectural style as applied to an airport.

The Airport's historic significance must be taken into consideration as part of the new Airport Master Plan. The environmental review document prepared for the Airport Master Plan must analyze whether the new plan would potentially impact the Airport's historic significance and, if so, how those impacts can be avoided.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thomas Nolan  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Minter".

Amy Minter  
Attorney at Law

Cc: Craig Ewing, Palm Springs Planning Director  
James Thompson, Palm Springs City Clerk