



August 8, 2020

The Honorable Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street Room 5144
Sacramento, California 95814
Subject: SB 1120 and SB 902 **Oppose** State Authority over Land Use

Dear Assembly member Aguiar-Curry:

The California Pilots Association [CalPilots] is a 71 year-old organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting California's airports and General Aviation. As a statewide volunteer organization, we work to maintain the State's airports as community partners, while keeping them in the best possible condition.

CalPilots **opposes** SB 1120 and SB 902, legislation that would remove local authority over land use and development decisions which would negatively affect the future viability of airports.

The fundamental flaws in SB1120/ SB902 are the unprecedented taking of ability from our local planners and decision-makers to turn over to others in Sacramento. These Bills are a clear and present danger to California's network of over 240 public-use airports, which are the economic engines in jobs and commerce that help drive the California economy to the tune of almost 10% of our GDP. These are the centers for the future of Aviation with Urban Air Mobility. The Cities' and Counties' airports are about to take off as staging centers for package delivery and support services for those aircraft needed in the the future developments in air travel, etc.

California Pilots, Airport Land Use Committees and other supporters have long fought the challenges of such actions and unfortunately we have seen far too many general aviation airports close based on the unrealistic premise that displacing aviation utility results in affordable housing.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires that cities or counties receiving federal FAA funds sign a document agreeing to certain contractual obligations including Grant Assurance 21- Compatible Land Use. This requires cities and counties to protect the land uses around their Airport. These bills would create a conflict between Federal requirements and State residential development law.

The California Pilots Association strongly opposes SB 1120 and SB 902.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Ford at 650-591-8308 or carol_ford@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

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