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LAFCo Chair Desmond and Commissioners,  
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission  
1112 I Street, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: LAFCo Meeting June 12, 2024 Agenda Item #5: Airport South Industrial Project (proposed project)**  
Receive Public Comment on the City of Sacramento Sphere of Influence Amendment and Reorganization of the Airport South Industrial Project (LAFCo Project #07-21) Environmental Impact Report

Dear Chair Desmond and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns with you about the proposal for the Airport South Industrial Project (ASIP). We will submit our comments on the Draft EIR for ASIP soon, but at this time we would like to state our opposition to the ASIP, the proposed related expansion of the City's Sphere of Influence and annexation. Here's why:

1. Approval of the developer requested actions is inconsistent with LAFCo's own goals of discouraging urban sprawl and preserving agricultural and open space lands.
2. Decades of public planning and policy documents call for the preservation of this land as farmland and habitat for the 22 species protected by the Natomas Habitat Conservation Plan (NBHCP). The County's Urban Services Boundary was established in 1993; the NBHCP in 1997. Both the City's and Sacramento County's general plans and the North Natomas Community Plan show the ASIP acreage as remaining in agriculture.
3. There is ample vacant land, already planned and zoned for warehouse uses in other parts of the City and County, in areas already served by roads, water and sewer, and where investment and jobs are needed.
4. We do not think warehouse uses should be approved next to housing and schools and we believe the impacts from semi-truck traffic will be detrimental to the residents and students already existing next to the site for the proposed ASIP. Homebuyers in Natomas based their decision to buy, on the plans at the time, and expected to be next to open space not a warehouse with 24/7 trucks generating road dust, heat, and particulates.
5. Lastly, this is a developer requested action that has not been presented to or voted on by the Sacramento City Council.

Please join us in opposing the Sphere of Influence and annexation for the proposed Airport South Industrial Project.

Thank you,

Heather Fargo, Chair  
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