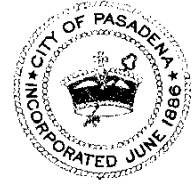


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FROM: Councilmember Paparian  
TO: Mayor and Council  
SUBJECT: Consideration of Opening Up Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport for Flights to and from Mexico

I would like the support of City Council for consideration of opening up the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport for flights to and from Mexico. At our last meeting we heard a presentation on the plans for the new terminal. I believe that the new terminal facility will accommodate I. S. and Customs services necessary to receive incoming flights from Mexico.

In 1997, Mexico became California's second leading export market replacing Canada. Exports to Mexico increased 33% to \$12.1 billion, following a 23% rise the second year. In the first four years of NAFTA, California exports to Mexico have increased 85% to \$5.6 billion.

Through the 1st three quarters of 1997, California exports to South America increased as well, including the key markets of Brazil (6.2%), Argentina (48.2%), and Chile (15.7%).

With the Council's support, I want to place this matter on the agenda of the Airport Authority so that the proposal can be properly evaluated. I would anticipate that the air carriers that serve Mexico (Mexicana and American for example) would be contacted to explore the feasibility of servicing cities in Mexico like Cancun and Mexico City from our Airport.

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