



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

April 15, 2015

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez
Assembly Member
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1455 – As introduced February 27, 2015 – **SUPPORT IN CONCEPT**

Dear Assemblyman Rodriguez:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support in concept AB 1455, legislation that would facilitate the transfer of Ontario International Airport by authorizing the City of Ontario to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the purchase of the Airport from the City of Los Angeles.

As you are aware, Ontario Airport was a once a thriving economic engine in the Inland Empire and served 7.2 million passengers at its height in 2007. Since then, airport traffic has substantially declined to a low of 4 million passengers per year. This decline has negatively impacted our region and can be attributed to the lack of local control and a singular focus by Los Angeles World Airports on the development of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Ontario Airport is the only unconstrained commercial service airport in Southern California. Unlike other regional airports, it has the potential to handle far more passengers than any other airport in Southern California because it isn't constrained by noise, passenger caps, or by facility and/or access constraints. Its potential for growth is virtually limitless. Local control will ensure that all of Southern California has sufficient, sensibly priced airport services and that Ontario Airport will once again be the gateway to the Inland Empire and the economic engine that drives our local economy.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support in concept AB 1455 and commends you for championing this effort in Sacramento. If you have any questions please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

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JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

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CURT HAGMAN
Board of Supervisors
Fourth District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

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