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June 28, 2021

Kevin Flynn
Councilman, District 2

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR PHIL WASHINGTON AS DIRECTOR OF DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Dear Councilman Flynn:

I am writing this letter to support the approval of Phil Washington as Director of Denver International Airport, which will be before your committee this week. I am now retired, but have worked with Phil for over 20 years including the last 12 years where I reported to him when he served as CEO for the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and LA Metro. Thus, I feel that am in as good a position as anyone to assess his qualifications, experience and integrity.

Phil Washington is an exceedingly qualified candidate for this position. He has led some of the largest public programs in the country, very successfully. He is an inspiring leader with high ethical standards. Employees overwhelmingly respected his leadership and enjoyed working for him. At LA Metro we had a \$20 billion active capital program with thousands of contracts, and not a single impropriety.

It is unfortunate that an unhappy employee who previously made the ludicrous allegation that Mr. Washington discriminates against Caucasian employees has raised unfounded and inaccurate allegations. I worked closely with Phil in his six years at LA Metro and can strongly attest that these allegations lack credibility. However, I understand that your committee needs to look into this.

Denver International Airport is a jewel to our region. We would all be fortunate if Phil Washington were approved to lead this great facility.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Richard Clarke

cc. Mayor Michael Hancock
Council President Stacie Gilmore

From: Ismael Guerrero <Ismael.Guerrero@mercyhousing.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 8:58 AM
To: Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1405 President Denver City Council <Stacie.Gilmore@denvergov.org>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Phil Washington's Nomination to CEO of DIA

Dear Councilwoman Gilmore;

I am writing to share my enthusiastic support for Phil Washington, Mayor Hancock's nominee to serve as next CEO for Denver International Airport. I was genuinely excited to learn of his nomination to this position which is so critical to the people and economy of Denver.

I had the pleasure and good fortune to work with Phil during his time as General Manager of the Regional Transportation District. As you know, I was the Executive Director of the Denver Housing Authority at that time. Phil was a tremendous leader who worked outside the box to ensure that RTD was a good partner with an impact bigger than its transportation mandate. Under his leadership, RTD promoted and partnered with DHA and other developers to advance affordable, transit-oriented development along the many new FastTrack light rail corridors. He also led initiatives to ensure that the buildout of the new light rail lines created employment and business opportunities for Denver's lower-income communities of color, including many public housing residents. I am confident he will bring the same leadership and commitment to DIA, leveraging their resources, investments, and people to making Denver a great city for all.

I look forward to working with Phil in his new role as CEO of DIA.

Sincerely,



Ismael Guerrero
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