

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 28, 2025

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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF LETTER SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF U.S.
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICES AT PALM SPRINGS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the issuance of the letter supporting expansion of U.S. Customs and Border Protection services at Palm Springs International Airport (PSP).

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City of Palm Springs requested regional support for the expansion of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) services at Palm Springs International Airport (PSP). In response to this request, the City of Palm Desert submitted a letter to the CBP Los Angeles Field Office on July 23, 2025, expressing support for the proposed expansion.

The letter expresses support for expanded CBP services as a means to increase international connectivity, improve travel efficiency for residents and visitors, and support local businesses that rely on tourism and international trade. It highlights PSP's role as a central gateway to the Coachella Valley and emphasizes the importance of aligning infrastructure with regional growth.

The ad hoc City Council Subcommittee on Legislative Affairs, composed of Mayor Harnik and Mayor Pro Tem Trubee, reviewed and approved the issuance of the letter in advance of formal ratification by the City Council.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with the issuance of this letter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support