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December 9th, 2020

King County International Airport  
7277 Perimeter Rd S  
Seattle, WA 98108

Dear King County International Airport Management and Staff,

On behalf of the Equity in Education Coalition, I am writing to you today to provide comment on the King County International Master plan that is currently being discussed. The KCIA Master Plan will have implications on our region for decades to come. Equity in Education Coalition and our working partners have a stake in the community inclusion process and we value the decisions being developed with communities who are historically left out of decision making processes.

We know that the people living in the surrounding area from Georgetown South Park, Allentown, New Holly, and Beacon Hill—have a high demographic which comprises low income, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Each of these neighborhoods has been experiencing contamination for years by increased pollution both from KCIA and Seattle Airport. The neighborhood has been politically neglected and socially underserved. The perfect recourse is to remedy this by making sure that the voices of neighborhood champions are heard through and through.

We understand that the KCIA Community Coalition has presented their concerns through their Community Benefits Agreement which includes:

- 1) *A thorough assessment of the environmental impact of the proposed Master Plan.*
- 2) *Include KCIA into the King County Climate Strategic Plan with target greenhouse gas emission targets.*
- 3) *Have KCIA develop an environmental, social, and economic policy that will guide the level of accommodation of flight increases*
- 4) *Include Beacon Hill and Georgetown with near KCIA communities in targeted local hire recruitment and targeted selection of BIPOC communities for KCIA training apprenticeships, jobs, and contracts.*
- 5) *Have KCIA engage with Beacon Hill Council, Georgetown, and other affected residents to:*

- a) *plot the KCIA air flights and type of aircraft over Beacon Hill and Georgetown*
  - b) *measure current and future air and noise emission, and*
  - c) *identify and implement the mitigation.*
- 6) *Inform us when the projected flight increases approach exceeding or exceed the schedule or the total flights to reopen the Community Benefits Agreement.*
- 7) *Include the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition in the development of a health and mitigation plan near communities of the fuel storage farm.*
- 8) *KCIA creates a green canopy around the airport to buffer noise.*
- 9) *Include bike pathways to help slow down the traffic.*
- 10) *No military planes.*

Per your response, while most of the concerns are within the control of the King County Government, we ask that you work with KCIA Community Coalition, the County Executive, Councilmembers, and other entities to address the concerns raised by the KCIA Community Coalition.

Sincerely,



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Equity in Education Coalition