



May 18, 2022

Mr. Corey Woods
Mayor, City of Tempe, AZ
P.O. Box 5002
Tempe, Arizona 85280

Subject: Tempe Entertainment District Proposal near KPHX

Dear Mr. Woods:

The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) represents and advocates for more than 62,000 pilots at 38 U.S. and Canadian airlines, making it the world's largest airline pilot union. ALPA's Air Safety Organization has always been a strong supporter of providing the best margin of safety possible to our flight crews. I am writing to you today with regards to a proposed entertainment district in the city of Tempe and in the interest of aviation safety. Our goal is to work with the city of Tempe and airport stakeholders on identifying potential safety hazards and mitigating risks proactively.

On October 20, 2021, ALPA, along with the Airlines for America (A4A), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), and the Regional Airline Association (RAA) submitted a joint letter (attached) offering to work with the city of Tempe as the development of the entertainment district began. At the time, the proposed construction included a professional sports arena approximately 10,000ft east of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) runways.

Since submission of that letter, ALPA has yet to be contacted by the city of Tempe for any meaningful dialog, let alone an update on the current project status. ALPA is concerned that in the interim, decisions have been made on this project and opportunities to discuss potential safety risk mitigation strategies have not been included. We want to engage with all parties while there is still an opportunity to influence change.

ALPA has a long history of partnership with government, municipalities, industry, and airports in efforts to improve aviation safety. With the proposed project being directly underneath the approach and departure corridor, there is a major potential for safety and operational concerns. We at ALPA wish to formally request that someone from your office engages with us to provide an overview of the current project, the status, and to discuss the need for any potential mitigations that could be implemented to alleviate our concerns.

"Schedule with Safety" has been the ALPA motto since its inception back in 1931 and we still hold that value of safety above all else today. We believe in working with local representatives and stakeholders at all levels to improve safety for pilots, passengers, and cargo.

ALPA hopes to get universal agreement from all stakeholders that any impact to the airspace around PHX could have negative consequence to flight operations and to the residents of the surrounding area. Our hope is to maintain or improve the level of safety that you and the users of PHX have come to expect for years. Our goal here is to ensure that safety is at the forefront of any current or future construction in and around airports.

With this letter, we hope to start a meaningful conversation with the City of Tempe regarding the Entertainment District proposal. We are eagerly looking forward to hearing from you. Please contact Andrew Sousa at Andrew.sousa@alpa.org or call 703-689-4351. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Captain Bob Fox
First Vice President/National Safety Coordinator
Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l