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In light of Mr. Peter Drinkwater's recent retirement, the Gillespie Pilots Association respectfully requests that we have a representative on the committee to interview candidates for the next Director of County Airports. We come to you with this request citing our long history of cooperation and synergetic relations with Gillespie Field Administration and San Diego County Airports.

As the largest and most active pilot group in San Diego County, we have a vested interest in planning and implementation of aviation policy. Historically GPA has had a seat at the table, setting precedent with past participation in the process of selecting the Director of Airports. The pilots and business owners believe strongly that the Director of Airports should be a person with intimate knowledge and experience in aviation, both as a pilot and business person.

Mr. Drinkwater was highly respected by his peers in county administration and by his fellow aviators in the commercial and general aviation arena. We believe it is critical to choose a successor with commensurate aviation experience and who exudes the same professional capabilities and competencies recognized and appreciated in Mr. Drinkwater.

We request that you consider taking the lead in getting a pilot from the Gillespie Pilots Association appointed to the committee who will interview candidates and forward their recommendation to the Board. The key to successful fusion of Aviation and Public Works is a community that is engaged in its future and active in its administration. Please contact me so I can provide the name and contact information for a GPA pilot to serve on the interview team.

Respectfully submitted,



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