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Chairperson April Boling
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
Third Floor, SDCRAA Administration Building
3225 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Chairperson April Boling and Airport Authority Board members:

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to support staff's recommendation to extend the operations permit for Transportation Networking Companies (TNCs) at the San Diego International Airport.

As you know, TNCs have been working diligently with staff on a number of operational issues. We are very pleased to see Airport staff and TNCs reach a tentative agreement for a six month operating permit for rideshare operations at the airport. As an environmental organization, we support the Airport's mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions but believe that there needs to be a fair methodology that considers the technologies that TNCs can utilize to realize greenhouse gas emission reductions. Further, we think it is important to recognize that different forms of ground transportation have different approaches to reducing emissions, and that there is no one-size-fits-all solution available.

Fortunately, after a year of working with staff, TNCs have reached a compromise that provides staff with the data they need to measure and value the numerous emissions reductions created by ridesharing technology. We also encourage Airport staff to partner with TNCs to explore other technologies and techniques to reduce emissions. In the future, we would support metrics that can further quantify real impacts and emissions, and support a reasonable comparison between TNCs and other methods of ground transportation.

Finally, there is one small outstanding issue on which we'd like to ask for your support. Rideshare providers are required by California law and CPUC regulations to conduct background checks. The Airport also asks for separate background checks. However, the processes outlined by the State and the Airport are incompatible because the State recently updated its process, through and public rulemaking process. Neither method is superior to the other, they are simply different in slight but tangible ways. Airport staff have let us know they need direction from the Board before they can align their background check requirement with the background checks required by the state. We are requesting the Airport Board to streamline the background check process by aligning the Airport's process with the State.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colin Parent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colin Parent
Interim Executive Director and Policy Counsel
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