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To: ODAV Board

For: Submission/ Reading at ODAV Board Meeting on October 1, 2026

This letter is written in support of the Pacific City State Airport SOAR funding, previously APPROVED by the Board in the amount of \$1.375 million for improvements to the airport drainage system, emergency access road, and expansion of parking areas. My understanding is the Board is considering rescinding the APPROVAL... this after all the efforts by Pacific City property owners and pilots across the Pacific Northwest in support of the needed improvements for the airport and community. Pacific City airport supporters look to the Board as partners in this very cherished facility... on their part, the airport supporters have paid for cameras and radios, maintain a website, keep the entire airport mowed, and other.

As Trustee of the Richard G. Foreman Family Trust, which owns a hanger/ residence on the airport, this back and forth by the Board feels like an "Oh! We APPROVED something! Just Kidding!!" The merits and community/ statewide support of the improvements were enough for your APPROVAL... such an immediate turnaround for supposed reasons that were known at the time of the APPROVAL is disappointing and totally disruptive to your credibility and the community.

My father, Richard Foreman, served 20 years in the U.S. Army, mainly aviation, flying helicopters in Korea, Vietnam, and serving President Eisenhower at the White House. He and my mother initially purchased property in Pacific City about 1965, building a home on the river in 1970 and the current hanger/ residence (35505 Rueppell Avenue, Pacific City) in 1980. He saw the town grow up around the airport, and taught aircraft mechanics and numerous people to fly from his hanger. I and my siblings have flown in and out of the airport since childhood, and some of my siblings have gone on to become pilots as well.

Reportedly, some Board concerns are the airport is encroached and therefore unsafe. To my knowledge the County has had setback requirements they have enforced for decades, which the Board would have had knowledge of when they APPROVED the \$1.375 million SOAR funding. While there have been some accidents at the airport, there has never been a fatality or serious accident at the airport in 75 years. I know on numerous occasions, some when I have been present, my father allowed emergency responders to access through and utilize his property as necessary for Lifeflight and other.

Please, I urge the Board to stand by its APPROVAL of the SOAR funding and to make the funds available immediately. Due to pending FEMA rule changes in 2027, near term completion of the APPROVED funds for improvements is necessary. Thank you in advance

for your support!

Respectfully,

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