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CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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Regional Governance Burlington International Airport Joint Resolution

Whereas, the Burlington International Airport (BIA) serves as a critical component of Vermont's economic development and transportation infrastructure; and

Whereas, in addition to the City of South Burlington and the City of Winooski, the Town of Williston, the Town of Colchester, and other adjacent communities are directly affected by the general operations of the BIA particularly from a noise, safety and traffic perspective; and

Whereas, the citizens of the City of South Burlington, the City of Winooski, which are the most directly affected cities, the Town of Williston, the Town of Colchester, the Town of Essex, and the Town of Shelburne and other adjacent communities affected by the ongoing BIA operations on the ground and in the airspace over their communities have no ability to redress their concerns through shared governance in Airport decision making; and

Whereas, the BIA has begun the planning process to develop a Noise Compatibility Program Update that will guide the investment of potential future FAA funds in approved noise abatement remedies that should set as a priority the protection and preservation of workforce housing; and

Whereas, while the City of Burlington holds "title" to the BIA it does not "own" BIA in the classic sense of having paid for it through taxpayer investments (as the context of ownership reflects who actually paid for the asset, revenues were provided through the enterprise by passengers from throughout Vermont and the world who have arrived or embarked from BIA, commercial lease holders and other customers and by the largest of its funders being the FAA); and,

Whereas, as for the issue of governance, the June 2013 BIA Strategic Planning Committee recommendations include the following "Action Step"—"Concurrently work with the State and other potential regional partners to create a regional authority model to be implemented ..." yet four years later, there has been no effort to pursue this "Action Step," again calling into question whether or not any other "Action Steps" have been pursued or accomplished;

Therefore, be it resolved that Winooski City Council requests that:

1. The Burlington City Council consider forming a commission that reviews the structure of the BIA that would include representation from Burlington as well as other affected communities in the region; and
2. That the matters considered by the commission would include regional infrastructure, governance and ownership; and
3. That should neither of the actions requested in the first two resolved clauses be initiated in a reasonable period of time as determined by the undersigned, that the Governor of the State of Vermont appoint a committee made up of representatives from affected communities in the region and from the State to develop a plan for this course of action.

Approved By:

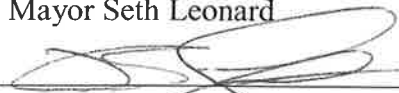
This 8 day of August, 2017.



Mayor Seth Leonard



Attest by City Clerk


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Councilor Eric Covey



Councilor Brian Sweeney