



# PORT KENNEWICK

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July 16, 2009

Dear Mayor Moak:

Thank you for working with the Port to facilitate the joint Port-City Council meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It was a great opportunity for the Port Commission to discuss important community issues with the City Council. I am confident the Commissioners came away with a new understanding regarding the issues.

An issue of particular interest to both our groups is Vista Field. The City expressed concern about our inability/delay in reaching a decision on the future of Vista Field. As you recall the cautions raised by our consultant; attorney Steve DiJulio. Apart from his observations, we are stymied in our analysis by the City's failure to provide guidance on contract issues we inquired about more than a year ago. The Port discussion cannot go forward until the City explains its position regarding paragraphs 4 and 7 in the existing Airport Contract. Failure to remove these provisions leaves us with a concern that the City would expect to share in any revenues related to closure. That would be a non starter. We need these paragraphs to be removed by amendment, or a prompt explanation if the City is unwilling to do so. Immediate action is required as our final decision making process cannot begin until this issue is resolved.

Please ask Mr. Hammond to respond to Mr. Arntzen within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

Thank you for your comments and interest in this matter. I appreciate your courtesies and look forward to your early response.

Sincerely,

David Hanson  
Port Commission President

cc: Steve DiJulio, Craig Walker,