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Mr. Robert Hammond  
City of Kennewick  
210 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kennewick, WA 99336

Re: Vista Field Airport

Dear Mr. Hammond:

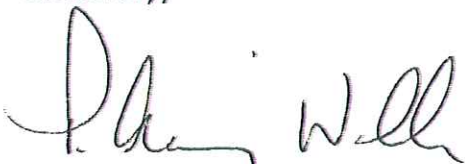
On behalf of the Port of Kennewick I have been asked to communicate with you regarding additional items related to the Vista Field Airport.

First, by now you have received the executed copy of the First Amendment to the Airport Contract approved by the Commissioners at the last regular commission meeting. However, and as I observed from an e-mail exchange between you and Mr. Arntzen, the paragraph 10 deletion (reversionary clause) raises questions regarding applicability of paragraph 7 which calls upon the Port to use any sales proceeds for airport improvements. It seems to me that a further amendment removing paragraph 7 would be appropriate and consistent with the action already taken by the City. Certainly, the Port is not in a position to take any further action regarding airport closure unless and until there is a further agreement and amendment confirming that paragraph 7 of the Airport Contract also be deleted. Of course, public dialogue on what is in the best interest of the community will continue.

Second, while the Port has come to understand a desire by the City to close Vista Field, in reviewing our records and files, we are not aware there is any actual request that the Port do so. While the economic study is incomplete, and you may not be in a position to do currently, the Commission will not be inclined to address the issue of closure until they have received a clear request from the City asking for closure.

We recognize that closure of Vista Field is a delicate issue and the Port simply wants to be sure that we are on the same page as the City before we take any further action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Craig Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "W".

P. CRAIG WALKER

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cc: Port of Kennewick