



January 26, 2017

Mr. Ronald Pasternak Broward County Real Property Section Broward County Governmental Center 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 501 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Helistop Avigation Easement

Dear Mr. Pasternak:

The John Fuhrer Downtown Helistop (DT1) has been serving the local business community since it opened in 2002. During the last 12 months, there have been a total of 777 operations to and from the Helistop. The Helistop is located at 201 SE 2nd Street just southeast of the Broward County Public Library with a 114 foot elevated flight deck, a landing/takeoff position, a parking position, and a recently remodeled lobby. It is the only no fee helistop located in a downtown area in the state of Florida.

In December 1996, the City of Fort Lauderdale, in cooperation with Broward County, executed an avigation easement of the airspace located above the Broward County Public Library. The easement promotes safety and protects air navigation for the primary approach path to the Downtown Helistop from the northwest. This ensures a safe flight path for helicopter arrivals and departures.

The easement was approved by Broward County's resolution 96-1091 for a term of twenty years with an option to extend for three additional ten year terms. The original execution date of the avigation easement was on December 10, 1996. Upon completion of the twenty year term, December 10, 2016, the avigation easement will expire.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission adopted Resolution 16-210 (attached), which supports the continuation of the protection of the approach/departure path located northwest of the Downtown Helistop. The City of Fort Lauderdale is requesting to exercise the first ten year extension of this avigation easement with Broward County, retroactively, from the date of December 10, 2016. This will be the first of three ten-year extensions.

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If you are in need of further information please feel free to contact Spencer Thornton, Assistant Airport Manager, at 954-828-4969 to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM

City Manager

Attachment: Resolution 16-210

C: Mayor and Commissioners

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