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Aloha and A Hui Hou

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Dear LAX,

I write this letter with a heavy heart. Today, October 1, 2020, is momentous day with different feelings and emotions.

To our retirees - ALOHA:

As we all know, the word ALOHA has different meanings. Today, we use it to say goodbye. As I go down the list of our retirees, my eyes fill up with tears thinking of the many memories we have made. From Vegas layovers, galley talks and holiday parties, these memories will be held forever deeply in my heart. Thinking that I will not see your faces when I walk into the lounge makes my heart sad. I sit here crying as I type this but, I know that you will enjoy your next chapter in life. Thank you for all you have contributed not only to our airline, but also to our base. LAX would not be what it is today had it not been for you. 11 years ago when I transferred to LA, each and everyone of you welcomed me with open arms. It is my honor to have served you as your president. This is not how I envisioned my goodbyes but, once this pandemic is over, we will plan a celebration for you all. Please know that you will be tremendously missed.

To our furloughes - A HUI HOU:

We say this phrase on the plane and today I say this to you - "A HUI HOU" Until We Meet Again. I cannot imagine what feelings you are feeling at this moment. As your union, we tried our hardest to prevent this from happening — from leaves to offset the furlough to PSP. We tried our best but the government was not able to pull through to meet the October 1 deadline. We continue to fight for an extension to the PSP so that we can bring you back soon. I want you to know that you also will not be forgotten. I pray that this furlough will not last long and that we will welcome you back with arms wide open very soon. Please stay strong through these difficult times. We will all be awaiting your return.

To the rest of our base/‘ohana:

Please make sure to love and aloha both our retirees and furloughes. Let them know that they are appreciated. A simple text or email I’m sure will mean the world to them.

With all my heart,
Joshua Aoki