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Dear Mayor Heitmann and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the HOA Coalition, representing communities encompassing nearly 75% of the residents of the City of Naples, we respectfully urge the City Council to reconsider its continued expenditure of taxpayer dollars on litigation involving the Naples Airport Authority and instead focus its time, energy, and resources on the issues that have the greatest impact on our community.

The Coalition has long supported the Naples Airport and the Naples Airport Authority because we recognize the Airport as one of Naples's most valuable public assets. It generates approximately $800 million in annual economic activity, provides critical emergency and public safety services, supports local businesses, and serves residents and visitors alike. For more than a decade, we have watched the Airport Authority work in good faith to balance aviation operations with the concerns of neighboring residents while operating within the framework of state and federal law.

Today, however, the City is committing significant public resources to legal action against another entity that exists to serve the very same community. As litigation has become intertwined with ongoing lease negotiations, an opportunity for collaboration has instead become a source of unnecessary conflict. The Coalition questions whether this represents sound fiscal stewardship.

Through our ongoing engagement with the neighborhoods we represent, we consistently hear that residents want their local government focused on flooding and resiliency, infrastructure, traffic, public safety, neighborhood preservation, and thoughtful planning for Naples' future. We do not hear a broad call for the City to continue funding legal disputes with the Airport Authority.

Every dollar spent on litigation is a dollar that cannot be invested in addressing these priorities. While the City and the Airport Authority may not agree on every issue, disagreement alone does not justify an increasingly expensive adversarial relationship between two public institutions serving the same taxpayers.

As representatives of communities comprising nearly three-quarters of the City's residents, we ask the Council to exercise the fiscal stewardship that taxpayers expect by redirecting public resources toward the priorities that unite our community, pursuing a constructive working relationship with the Naples Airport Authority, and bringing this costly conflict to an end.

Naples is best served when its public institutions work together to solve community challenges—not against one another.

Sincerely,

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