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Cradle of Aviation Museum Letter



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Dear Mr. Maccarone,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of the Cradle of Aviation and Education Center, Long Island's premier Air and Space Museum. Our museum, situated at its current location, has been an integral part of the community, contributing to education, culture, and the promotion of Long Island's rich aviation history.

I am pleased to express the museum's wholehearted support for the Sands New York Integrated Resort project. We believe this development holds immense promise for not only the Cradle of Aviation but also for Nassau County, Long Island, and the surrounding communities. I would like to formally document our endorsement of the project and provide insights into how it stands to benefit the museum and the wider community.

1. Economic Growth and Job Creation:

The Sands Integrated Resort is anticipated to be a catalyst for economic growth in the region. Beyond the immediate benefits to the resort, the increased tourism and commercial activities are expected to generate jobs and stimulate economic development. This economic vitality is not only vital for the success of the resort but will also positively impact the entire community.

2. Cultural Enrichment:

The integrated resort brings with it the promise of enhanced cultural offerings. This includes not only entertainment options within the resort but also the potential for collaborative events and partnerships between the resort and cultural institutions like the Cradle of Aviation. Such collaborations can foster a vibrant cultural scene, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike.

3. Educational Opportunities:

As an educational institution, we see great potential in forging partnerships with the Sands Integrated Resort to create educational programs and initiatives. This could include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) outreach, workshops, and collaborative events that align with our mission of inspiring and educating the next generation.

4. Community Development:

The integrated resort is poised to become a hub for community engagement. By offering spaces for events, conferences, and gatherings, it has the potential to bring communities together. This sense of community and shared spaces can enhance the overall quality of life for residents in Nassau County and the surrounding areas.



While we acknowledge that any large-scale development comes with challenges, we firmly believe that the benefits of the Sands Integrated Resort far outweigh any potential drawbacks. We are confident that the project will be managed with diligence and consideration for the environment and community welfare.

In conclusion, the Cradle of Aviation and Education Center is excited about the positive impact the Sands Integrated Resort could have on our community. We believe it aligns with our mission of promoting education, culture, and the overall well-being of Long Island. We are available for any further discussions or collaborations that may arise from this transformative project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to witnessing the positive developments that the Sands Integrated Resort will bring to our beloved community.

Sincerely,


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President

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