



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
May 6, 2024

COUNCILLOR SOBRINHO-WHEELER
COUNCILLOR NOLAN
COUNCILLOR SIDDIQUI

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Port Authority, the owner of Hanscom Field, the largest private jet airport in New England (as distinct from Hanscom Air Force Base), has proposed an expansion that would [more than double private jet capacity](#); and

WHEREAS: An expansion of private jet capacity at Hanscom would result in hundreds of [thousands of tons](#) of new greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, pushing backwards [the carbon reduction goals](#) that our city and Commonwealth are working hard to accomplish; and

WHEREAS: Private jets are recognized as the [most polluting form of travel](#) per passenger mile, both for the size of their carbon footprint and the hazardous nature of the [ultrafine particulates](#) they emit, including [lead](#); and

WHEREAS: Many flights from Hanscom will be directly over Cambridge and other environmental justice communities; and

WHEREAS: Massport also intends to site a [large new jet fuel farm](#) for this expansion at Hanscom, immediately adjacent to the protected watershed for Cambridge's reservoirs which is extremely concerning given the recent jet fuel leakage in Hawaii that [poisoned thousands of Hawaiians](#); and

WHEREAS: In the midst of the climate crisis, it is not appropriate and equitable to support and provide the means that allow [the ultra-wealthy](#) to contribute dramatically and [disproportionately](#) to climate change; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record opposing the expansion of private jet facilities at Hanscom Field or anywhere in the region because such expansion is contrary to the urgent greenhouse gas emission reduction and equity goals for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge requests that the Governor take all possible action to prevent the private jet hangar expansion from proceeding at Hanscom Field or anywhere in the region; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Governor Healey and Massport CEO Lisa Wieland on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 6, 2024.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane P. LeBlanc". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail.

Diane P. LeBlanc,
City Clerk