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Wayne A. Tonkins, Esquire  
Historic Columbia Air Center  
Airport/Museum, Inc.  
11933 Autumnwood Lane  
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Dear Attorney Tonkins:

We are pleased to inform you that at our Board of Directors meeting of the South County Economic Development Association, Inc. (SCEDA), held in January 2020, we voted to support the redevelopment of the Columbia Air Center into a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly general aviation airport and museum.

Established in March 1996, SCEDA provides community-based leadership and planning for economic growth and development in Prince George's County. We are a major stakeholder and an organization of record on issues having an economic impact on the quality of life in our community. Our objective is to promote economic empowerment for the citizens of Prince George's County.

The Columbia Air Center was the first Black-owned and operated airport in Maryland – possibly the United States. During World War II, the Defense Department used it to augment flight operations for the United States Navy. After the war, members of the famous Tuskegee Airmen managed the Columbia Air Center and reorganized it as an airport and recreational center for the African-American community.

The accomplishments and history of the Columbia Air Center should be preserved for future generations. A revitalization of the Columbia Air Center would further educate the wider community about African-American contributions to the nation's history in aviation. SCEDA supports the efforts of the Historic Columbia Air Center Airport/Museum, Inc. and looks forward to its continuing contribution to the County.

Thank you for preserving our history!

Sincerely,

Jane Taylor Thomas

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President