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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BLANCA PACHECO REGARDING RECENT FUEL RELEASE FROM LAX-BOUND AIRCRAFT**

**Downey, CA, January 18, 2020**

Dear Downey Residents:

On the afternoon of Tuesday, January 14, 2020, a Delta Aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at LAX, and in doing so, released fuel during its flight route, which included the north/west area of Downey. Although the majority of the jet fuel release occurred in surrounding communities, our Downey Fire Department immediately took action and assessed the areas affected in our City to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. Fortunately, there were no major issues or injuries reported in Downey.

Our City worked very closely with surrounding agencies to monitor the situation and provide support to those communities who were directly affected by this incident. The health and safety of our community is always our number one priority and I would like to extend my gratitude to our Downey Fire Department for their immediate response.

Sincerely,

Mayor Blanca Pacheco

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