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**From:** BOS-District IV  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 7:53 AM  
**To:** BOS-Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Public comment 11/5/24 Item #32 Fw: Airport lease moratorium  
**Attachments:** Letter regarding hangar lease.docx

Please distribute. Thank you.

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**Subject:** Airport lease moratorium

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Representative Parlin and Staff,

I am requesting your assistance with the current suspension of airport hangar lease issuances. I have attached my letter to the Board of Supervisors for your review describing the matter. Additionally, I could not find where to submit a letter to board as a whole, and was directed to route it through you as my representative. I am hoping that this can be presented to the board for their awareness and consideration for agenda item 32 on the Nov 5th BoS meeting.

Thank you for your assistance on this issue. Please feel free to contact me if any additional information or context is needed. I will copy and paste the letter below in case there is an issue with the attachment.

Much appreciated,  
Shayne Smith

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I am writing to address the recent suspension of lease issuance by the Airports Division, and proposed changes under item 32 on the agenda set for 5 November.

Background:

I recently purchased a hangar from a private owner at Georgetown Airport. Prior to completing the transaction, I reviewed the county's existing lease terms, fees and stipulations. I contacted an airport division representative on multiple occasions to verify these terms, as my decision to purchase the

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Proposed Remedy:

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