

October 20, 2011

To: Mr. Alan Murphy, Director, John Wayne Airport, 3160 Airway Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

From: Newport Beach Coalition of Residents and Community Associations
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Re: Broad Community Support for our City's leadership

Dear Mr. Murphy,

We are a coalition of Newport Beach residents and Community Associations who are experiencing increased and unacceptable noise from flight departure changes. We are writing to endorse our City's leadership in their call for flight paths developed through NextGen to mirror the long accepted traditional path, MUSEL6.

After months of meetings, conversations and correspondence with our City's leadership, with you and your staff at John Wayne Airport, as well as FAA officials and Congressman Campbell's office, we feel the City has now heard our concerns and called for the appropriate solution to our problem. This letter is a testament to the broad community support backing the City's position.

The fact is, the three departure changes made over the last two years have disturbed and angered thousand of residents. Like our City's leadership, we feel that the FAA should stick with the path of least resistance. Residents from both sides of the Back Bay have accepted the noise of the MUSEL6 flights for years, and, that course does not disturb south coast communities.

The simplest and most logical way forward for the peace and harmony of our city, is to overlay MUSEL6 with the new GPS technology.

To you and the FAA the flight path changes away from MUSEL6 may appear to be minor. However, we assure you, for those of us who are living with degrees of airplane noise, the changes are profoundly significant. The eastward shift from the traditional 175° heading to a 173° course waypoint and the tightening of the eastward turn off the coast has dramatically increased airplane noise for us.

We are particularly grateful for the Airport's willingness to be a partner with the City, providing us with top quality airport services, balanced with sensitivity to the fact that Newport Beach residents bear an enormous and unequal burden of airplane noise and pollution for the whole county. We trust that you will work with the FAA to heed this appeal from our City's leadership and from its residents.

The following Community Associations, which collectively represent over 8000 households, from both sides of the Back Bay and most of the south coast communities, have voted to endorse the City's position.

Dover Shores Community Association
Eastbluff Homeowners' Association
Harbor Cove Homeowners' Association
Sea Island (Island Lagoon) Homeowners' Association
Jasmine Creek Homeowners' Association
Irvine Terrace Community Association
Cameo Community Association
Crystal Cove Community Association
Corona del Mar Residents' Association

Cc. Members of the Newport Beach City Council, Mayor, and City Manager
Honorable John Moorlach, 2nd Supervisorial District
Honorable John Campbell, Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Mr. William Withycombe, Regional Administrator, FAA