



February 11, 2009

Ms. Lynne A. Osmus, Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
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Dear Ms. Osmus:

First, I would like to congratulate you on your new appointment as Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. The members of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) look forward to working with you on noise issues affecting residents living near LAX.

The Roundtable was created by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in September 2000 as a follow-up to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Southern California Task Force. The Roundtable is intended to reduce and mitigate adverse aircraft noise impacts that the users of LAX produce on surrounding communities. Membership of the Roundtable consists of state and local elected officials and staff, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the FAA, the airlines, and LAWA management. This forum provides a mechanism that attempts to ensure cooperation between LAX and local impacted communities in achieving noise impact reduction to those communities wherever possible.

One of the Roundtable's work items is to reduce the noise impact of low overflights over the City of Monterey Park caused by aircraft required to follow the extended downwind approach to LAX during periods of high air traffic demand or inclement weather conditions. It was brought to the Roundtable's attention by representatives of the FAA that this issue can only be resolved through a redesign of the Southern California airspace.

As you may know, the Southern California Airspace Redesign Project (SCARP) was initiated, and was subsequently suspended as a result of the reallocation of FAA funds to other projects in the east coast area. The Roundtable had previously written two letters (dated February 8, 2006 and September 7, 2006) to former FAA Administrator Ms. Marion C. Blakley, requesting restoration of funding for the SCARP. It is our understanding that funding for the SCARP has not yet been restored.

The Roundtable has recently learned that the FAA is planning to initiate airspace redesign projects for seven metropolitan areas during the next five years as part of the

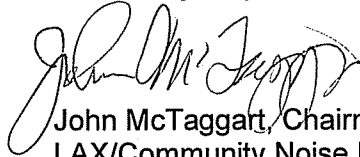
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FAA's 2009-2013 Flight Plan. The seven areas include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Chicago, Charlotte, New York, and Philadelphia. This news gives us hope that the Airspace Redesign Project may recommence in the near future. The Roundtable expresses our full support for this plan and encourages you to place Los Angeles as the first priority for the redesign project. We would also like to reiterate our request to reinstate the funding for the redesign project so that the project can continue as soon as possible.

Since the inception of the Roundtable, support by FAA staff has been an essential part of the work of the Roundtable. The members of the Roundtable appreciate the work by your staff from the Western Pacific Region, Southern California TRACON, and the LAX Air Traffic Control Tower supporting the Roundtable's activities, and look forward to working with FAA staff to resolve Los Angeles airspace noise issues through the SCARP once it recommences.

Again, congratulations on your new appointment and thank you very much for your consideration of this request. Please address your reply to the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, c/o Los Angeles World Airports, Environmental Services Division – Noise Management, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, attn. Robert Holden.

Yours very truly,



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Dear Mr. McTaggart:

Thank you for your February 11 comments about the Federal Aviation Administration's airspace redesign efforts in southern California.

The continued support of community stakeholder organizations such as the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable is appreciated, and will always be considered an important resource to us. We will continue doing our best, through airspace redesign, to balance the valuable resource we call our National Airspace System. We will also balance the economic benefits brought to our Nation by the air travel industry, as well as the needs and desires of the communities around the aviation infrastructure.

The FAA will remain focused on ways to keep the safest and most efficient airspace in the world. With the inclusion and support of organizations such as yours, we will continue developing safe and efficient airspace redesigns.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Kalinowski
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