



August 12, 2015

To: Eastbluff Homeowners,

Our Airport Issues Coordinator Tom Meng recently attended a City of Newport Beach meeting with Orange County Airport staff to hear an update on a proposal by the FAA to modify the JWA takeoff pattern over the Back Bay. As you know, there is a Settlement Agreement that restricts the number of flights and passengers at JWA. The agreement also includes takeoff and landing restrictions including departure direction over the Back Bay and a curfew for hours of service.

Tom Meng is an appointed member of the City's Aviation Committee that also includes Tom Edwards (the City's hired attorney regarding airport activities) and Dave Kiff, City Manager. A large number of members of the Aviation Committee are from the west side of the bay. This is because traditionally most airline planes flew out over the Back Bay and west of the Back Bay. The City tends to pay attention to the people from the west side because they are well organized and some are members of AWG and Air-Fair.

A group of committee members from the east side of the bay, Corona Del Mar, and along the coast contend that takeoff patterns have moved east. The City and airport do not admit this was taking place and our concerns were raised directly with FAA in the past.

Some years ago the FAA proposed that all airlines taking off from John Wayne make an immediate hard left turn and this **proposal has been raised again and is alive.** The airlines are pushing for this because of fuel economy and reduced time to fly. The big issue is consideration of FAA's "NextGen" proposal that will determine where the planes will fly. The current procedure is to fly out over the Back Bay but we all know that this is not consistently happening. The NextGen Plan proposed by the FAA is supposed to bring the planes back to flying out over the Back Bay. There was much discussion by members suggesting that the planes be fanned out over the entire city instead thus affecting the residents in the flight path including Eastbluff. Moving all or a portion of the takeoff pattern to the East will greatly impact Eastbluff residents with additional noise and pollution with planes flying overhead.

It is very important that the Eastbluff homeowners understand that the outcome could affect all Eastbluff residents. The take-off route is and has always been over the Back Bay even though the airlines are now not following that path. There are loud voices coming from the West side of the bay and Balboa Island wanting the planes' takeoff pattern to be moved east to reduce their noise.





The Eastbluff Homeowners Community Association has sent a formal statement to the City requesting their support of a policy statement to the FAA demanding that the airlines fly the traditional take off route over the Back Bay, which is a key element of the Settlement Agreement.

We are also asking Eastbluff homeowner to show their concern and send an e-mail or letter to the City and FAA. Each homeowner has a lot to lose if the planes start turning left at takeoff. The entire community needs to stand up and let the City and FAA know that this proposal is unacceptable due to noise and additional air pollution leading to devaluation of Eastbluff property.

Please send an email or letter prior to September 8, 2015.

eMail:

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Letters to:

SoCal Metroplex EA
Federal Aviation Administration
Western Services Center – Operations Support Group
1601 Lind Avenue SW
Renton, WA 98057

A copy of the FAA report is available at City's web site found at:

Thank you,

Jason

Jason Hobbs, President

