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Cc: dodonnell@vista.gov
Subject: [External] Opposition to Proposed Expanded Use of Palomar Airport
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2025 7:37:04 PM

To the Honorable San Diego County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my concern with the proposed expansion of flight operations at the McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad.

Permitting the authorization of larger jet aircraft to utilize the airport (and most certainly the subsequent physical extension of the runway and expansion of airport facilities) would have a severely deleterious impact on North County residents.

The negative consequences of such an authorization include, but are not limited to increased noise, increased air pollution and increased traffic congestion.

From time to time, smaller jet aircraft utilize the airport. When this occurs, the noise is exponentially louder than propeller aircraft for both landings and take-offs. The noise is deafening. Permitting larger jet aircraft to utilize the McClellan-Palomar Airport would permanently harm and irrevocably alter the quiet enjoyment of our properties, that we have worked so hard to acquire and acquired at a premium.

The negative effects of air pollution from existing air traffic are constantly visible- from trailing exhaust plumes to carbon buildup on our homes, vehicles, and outdoor living spaces. To expand the McClellan-Palomar AirPort would essentially create an air quality non-attainment zone in North County, and thus run counter to State of California air quality standards and public health policies.

Finally, increased jet aircraft operations at McClellan-Palomar Airport would result in a corresponding increase in traffic congestion on an already taxed road system in North County.

These are but a few representative examples of the type of issues why CEQA was enacted to mitigate, if not prevent. Furthermore, basic urban planning and zoning principles underscore the need that the intensification of an existing land use requires formal public input (public hearings) and thoughtful consideration of impacts, including unintended consequences. Thus far, however, all we have heard is that one to two commercial airlines are driving the discussion as if this was an ordinary ministerial process. It is not.

The County Board needs to take a closer and more comprehensive look at both local needs and limitations, as well as perhaps a coordinated regional approach with the FAA. The proposed expansion of the McClellan-Palomar AirPort feels tactical, not strategic. Allow me to expand on this thought.

I think the San Diego International Airport works very well, especially for being a single runway airport in a major US city. I also applaud the operational time restrictions that are in place to protect city of San Diego residents. In addition, the airport is landlocked and so no appreciable expansion is possible. Terminal 2 is a good user experience and Terminal 1, once fully operational, should better that user experience. The only issue that I see is the "inconvenience" of traffic congestion at peak travel times. This problem exists at virtually

every major airport in the US. Ride-sharing and private transportation services in San Diego work well. And the Coaster and attendant bus service to/from the airport is also an effective alternative. Maybe we just accept and, perhaps better said, appreciate the limitations that we have with the San Diego airport. I do not believe that there is any shame in that.

I know that there are competing interests and opinions on this subject matter. I know anecdotally that the John Wayne Airport in Orange County is a regular and frequent option for North County residents who are critical of the San Diego Airport. Thus far, and to the best of my knowledge, no compelling evidence has been presented to justify the need to off-load passenger demand from the San Diego Airport, nor sustainable market demand to support the requested change in classification. With two very viable metropolitan airports within equal distance from Carlsbad, I do not believe it is necessary to create a commercial airline "sub-station" in North County.

I request that my correspondence be made part of the public record at your regular meeting scheduled for January 8, 2025.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Pilipiszyn

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From: [Compsocal](#)
To: [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#); [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Cc: [MontgomerySteppe, Monica](#); [Desmond, Jim](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: Palomar Airport
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2025 6:51:28 AM

Dear Sir or Madam

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> I oppose operation of jet services with larger aircraft (76-passenger capacity) on flights out of Palomar Airport.

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> I am a Vista resident and am in / close to the proposed flight path and my health and quality of life would be negatively affected should larger jet services be allowed.

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>> Kind Regards,

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>> Margaret Payne

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>> Please excuse typos as this is sent from my iPhone

From: [Diana Towne](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Anderson, Joel](#); [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#); [MontgomerySteppe, Monica](#); [Desmond, Jim](#)
Subject: [External] McClellan-Palomar Airport
Date: Saturday, January 4, 2025 2:32:09 PM

Dear Supervisors,

This email is my formal objection to allowing larger planes to access McClellan-Palomar Airport.

Our home is located in the flight path of the McClellan-Palomar Airport. I just returned from an afternoon walk in a neighborhood where we have lived for fourteen years. It is a Saturday and I walked for one hour. While out, I counted nine planes, making their approach to CLD/CLQ. Of those nine, five were jets, currently allowed, and the others were smaller planes.

We have endured air traffic during our tenure here in Northwest Escondido. When we purchased our home we were (obviously) unaware we would be so adversely affected by a small airport 25 miles away. Over the years, the air traffic has increased and now sometimes the noise level is such that conversation comes to a halt. During the week, the planes are constant - even into the late evening. While understanding the value this airport brings to San Diego's north county region, the impact of allowing larger jets will absolutely and negatively affect our family's lives, and our health, not to mention our home's value.

We implore you to [keep the larger planes out](#) of McClellan-Palomar Airport. Your vote counts, as does ours.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Diana Towne



From: [Lori Hall](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Palomar Airport
Date: Saturday, January 4, 2025 10:55:15 AM

I am against the expansion of the Carlsbad airport. The noise impact from flying ERJ 175's are 2.5x greater than the 135's that JSX flies.. I am not at all interested in having jets that are 2.5x louder flying in/out of KCRQ. And the flights will happen during the VNAP hours, waking everybody up in the vicinity of the airport - this impacts 1,000's of people. I live in Ocean Hills and have many planes flying over my house on their way to Palomar. Larger commercial planes are not wanted.

Lori Hall

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From: [Amy Canfield](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] In Support of American Airlines flights at Palomar AirPort in Carlsbad
Date: Saturday, January 4, 2025 9:17:53 AM

San Diego County Supervisors,

I am a resident in San Marcos in favor of American Airlines service at Palomar Airport in Carlsbad. The residents of North County need more air travel options than what is currently available. I urge the board to ignore the small and noisy group of NIMBYs trying to block progress and American Airlines flights at Palomar . If the residents in North County who could benefit from expanded airport service could vote , this measure would overwhelmingly be approved.

Sincerely Yours,
Amy Canfield

From: [Allison Herron](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] No big airplanes at Palomar!
Date: Saturday, January 4, 2025 8:53:57 AM

Please we moved to north county to get away from the city noises! Isn't the runway too short and too narrow for the big planes!!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Veronica P](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Opposition to Palomar Airport AA Lease
Date: Friday, January 3, 2025 8:29:43 PM

Good evening,

I am writing to voice my opposition to a lease for American Airlines to fly out of Carlsbad's Palomar Airport. As a North County resident, I oppose the increased air, environmental, and noise pollution that this lease will bring upon North County residents, negatively affecting the health of thousands of residents, the most susceptible of which are our children and elderly citizens (air pollution studies show children and the elderly are at greatest risk). I urge you to vote no on the lease. We don't need jets at the expense of our health and well being.

Thank you,
Veronica Rodriguez

From: [Mary-Lou Kiley](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Airport in Carlsbad
Date: Friday, January 3, 2025 5:29:44 PM

I am a Carlsbad resident and am in favor of adding commercial airline option at Palomar airport. A huge boost for North County!

Mary-Lou Kiley



Carlsbad

Sent from my iPhone

From: [michael w](#)
To: [Anderson, Joel](#); [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#); [MontgomerySteppe, Monica](#)
Cc: [Desmond, Jim](#); [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] palomar airport "exoansion" - I am in favor of any expansion
Date: Friday, January 3, 2025 5:13:20 PM

I live in carlsbad and am in favor of any palomar airport expansion. I am in favor of more flights and the increased business for the airport. The homeowners knew there was an airport there when they bought their homes and if they don't like any possible increase in noise then they can move.

Thanks.

michael walborn

From: [kristen leggate](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Palomar expansion yes please
Date: Friday, January 3, 2025 5:11:17 PM

We need transportation. Pls ok the expansion. Palomar is critical as san diego is so far away.
Kristen leggate

