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August 14, 2020

Michelle Steel, Chairwoman  
Orange County Board of Supervisors  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: John Wayne Fixed Base Operator Lease Agreements

Chairwoman Steel and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, we ask that you direct County Counsel and the John Wayne Airport Director to take the following points into consideration as you negotiate lease agreements with the selected Fixed Base Operators (FBOs).

The lease terms included in the County's negotiated agreements are critically important in solidifying the Board of Supervisor's previous actions to preserve the presence of small general aviation at the airport and to protect the surrounding communities from further noise and air quality impacts. We believe that it is critical for the following to be included in the negotiated lease language.

1. Lease terms that eliminate the ability of any lessee to construct and operate a General Aviation Facility.
2. Lease terms that prohibit the operation of commercial airlines from an FBO facility.
3. A restriction on the operational hours of the FBOs to match the hours of the commercial curfew at John Wayne Airport.
4. Updated lease language so that any future modifications to the terms referenced above, and the terms specific to the Board's direction on the parcels set aside for small general aviation and mixed use, shall be permitted only with a vote of the Board of Supervisors and with reasonable notice provided to the City of Newport Beach. If changes are made to these terms, we believe they should be done in a public setting, by a vote of the Board, and not solely with the Airport Director's written approval.

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The Board of Supervisors has taken significant strides in the General Aviation Improvement Program to address the needs and concerns of Newport Beach and other communities. John Wayne Airport is a countywide asset and these negotiated lease agreements will impact the community and our residents for decades to come. We urge you to negotiate these lease agreements with firm language that respects and protects the airport's neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

Will O'Neill  
Mayor

cc: Barry Rondinella, John Wayne Airport Director