



AVIATION ACTIVITIES UPDATE

September 8, 2020

Orange County Board of Supervisors to Approve General Aviation Facility Operator Leases on September 15

On September 15, the Orange County Board of Supervisors will review and likely approve 35-year leases with the private companies, known as fixed base operators (FBOs), that will build and operate John Wayne Airport's new general aviation facilities. The staff report and the negotiated leases have been posted on the [County's website](#) and the City of Newport Beach (City) is very concerned that the leases do not include several of the provisions that we have repeatedly asked County of Orange officials to include.

The following is a summary of the City's requests that are in the negotiated leases and those that are not in the leases.

What IS in the Leases Published 9/4/20 that the City Requested:

- ✓ Language that designates and preserves space for small general aviation aircraft and for mixed use (as has been depicted on the green and yellow map).
- ✓ Language that prohibits the operation of regularly scheduled commercial users (commercial carriers such as JetSuiteX) from a fixed base operator.

What is NOT in the Leases Published 9/4/20 that the City Requested:

- X Language that eliminates the ability of any lessee to construct and operate a General Aviation Facility (GAF). This is the space used for processing international passengers.
- X A term that restricts the operational hours of the FBOs to match the hours of the commercial curfew at John Wayne Airport.
- X The requirement that any future modifications to the terms pertaining to commercial use of an FBO, prohibiting a GAF, preserving the majority of the space for small general aviation, and restricting the FBOs' operating hours must go before the Board of Supervisors for review and approval, after reasonable public notice.

You can view the Board's agenda and the staff report and leases by selecting the links below.

[Link to Board's Agenda Page](#)

[Link to Staff Report and Leases Published on County Website](#)

What You Can Do

Contact the Board and ask the Supervisors to put the terms in the lease provisions that we believe are important to protecting the quality of life in Newport Beach and other communities impacted by the airport.

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Non-Lease-Related Items that the City Continues to Request

Though not directly lease-related, the City has also asked the County to take the following actions as we believe they will increase transparency and help to mitigate the impacts of airport operations on the community.

- Expand the Access and Noise Office's quarterly analysis, or its monthly curfew report, to include a list of general aviation jets that depart before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m. This list should include the time of arrival or departure.
- Implement a Fly Quiet / Fly Friendly program with, among other things, voluntary restraints on GA jet operations during the "curfew hours" of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Prepare a report to the Board re: the FAA's work with the general aviation industry on the Piston Aviation Fuels Initiative (PAFI).