



April 14, 2004

Ms Elizabeth Eskridge, Airport Environmental Specialist
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Dear Ms Eskridge:

At the March 17, 2004 meeting of the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable), we discussed your letter of March 5, 2004 addressed to the Prior Intervenors in the LAX Noise Variance process. There was interest expressed on the approach being considered by the Division and a desire to discuss the details with you.

On behalf of the Roundtable members, I would like to formally invite you to attend the meeting of the Roundtable on July 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Board Room, LAWA Administration Building at LAX. This may be a joint meeting of the Roundtable and the LAX Area Advisory Committee. This would give us an opportunity consider how best to provide public input to the variance process.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please address any replies to me at: LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, c/o LAWA Noise Management Division, 1 World Way, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, Attn. Robert Holden.

Sincerely,

John McTaggart, Chairman
Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe

cc: Roundtable Members
LAX Area Advisory Committee Members

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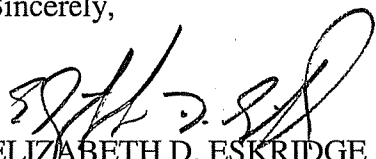
Mr. John McTaggart, Chair
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Dear Mr. McTaggart:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable's July 14 meeting to discuss "how best to provide public input to the variance process" for Los Angeles International Airport's application for a variance to Section 5012 of the Noise Standards [California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 21, Section 5000 et seq.]. On April 5, 2004, the Lennox School District requested a public hearing concerning that application pursuant to CCR Section 5055. Based upon that request, the course is now determined that public input to the variance process will be via a hearing held pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Considering there will be a formal hearing, we will not be able to pursue our proposed concept of using the Roundtable for receiving public input to the variance process and we will not be able to attend the Roundtable's July 14 meeting.

If you want to receive future notices about the upcoming hearing, which is not yet scheduled, please let us know so we can add you to our mailing list of interested persons.

Sincerely,



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March 5, 2004

See attached mailing list

Dear Prior Intervenor:

The California Department of Transportation (Department), Division of Aeronautics, received a "Request for Variance" to Section 5012 of the Noise Standards (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 21, Section 5000 et seq.) for the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The request is timely with respect to provisions of Section 5057 of the Noise Standards. By filing a timely application, the airport's existing variance continues in effect until the Department acts on the new application.

Since issuance of the last variance, the LAX/Community Roundtable was formed to work toward resolution of airport noise concerns in communities that surround LAX. With such a community based working group in place, we see an opportunity to use that group's forum to permit broader public review and comment on LAX's request for a variance rather than the quasi-judicial forum of an administrative hearing as was used in the past. We recognize, though, that persons or agencies eligible to request a formal public hearing pursuant to CCR Section 5055 may elect to make such a request, which would supersede any other approach to considering the variance application.

Before we ask the LAX/Community Roundtable to work with us on this issue, we want to know if prior intervenors are agreeable to having the Department pursue this course in the expectation of avoiding the need for a formal administrative hearing. We would appreciate receiving your comments regarding our proposal by April 6, 2004, so we can determine how to proceed with considering this variance application. If you have any questions regarding the process, please do not hesitate to contact us at (916) 654-5203.

Sincerely,


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