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SUBJECT: Request for City Attorney Briefing to LAX/Community Noise Roundtable on the Subject of Avigation Easements

Dear Mr. Delgadillo:

The purpose of this letter is to request a briefing by an attorney representing your office on the current City policy concerning the issue of avigation easements. Avigation easements are required by Board of Airport Commissioners policy as a condition for receiving funding for sound insulation and land acquisition in the areas impacted by aircraft noise from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

As you may know, the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) was formed in September 2000 as one of Mayor Riordan's Community Improvement Initiatives for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). The Roundtable is a continuation of the Federal Aviation Administration's Southern California Airspace Task Force, which was disbanded in 2000. It is based on letters of intent from cities adjacent to LAX, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the County of Los Angeles, the FAA Western-Pacific Region and the airline industry. The membership of the Roundtable has developed a work program with the intent of identifying noise impacts in its their communities, and devising effective actions to mitigate those noise impacts by working cooperatively with the participating agencies and organizations.

The Roundtable strongly supports the sound insulation programs initiated by LAWA, and several of our member cities are actively engaged in this program. One of the issues being addressed in the Roundtable's Work Program is LAWA's policy requiring a property owner to grant an avigation easement to LAWA as a condition for receiving sound insulation. The membership of the Roundtable is opposed to this condition, and would like to understand the specifics of this requirement and the procedures used in the application of condition.

Therefore, we are requesting that the attorney in the City Attorney's Office most knowledgeable in the area of Avigation easements, attend a Roundtable meeting in the near future to discuss this issue and answer questions from the membership.

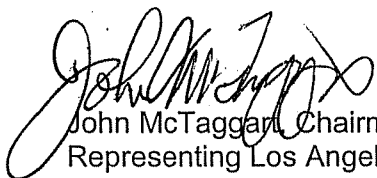
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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you wish to contact us for further information, or to make arrangements to attend a meeting, please address correspondence to me c/o LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, Attn. Robert Holden, or you may contact Mr. Holden at (310) 646-9410 ext. 1046. We look forward to a favorable response to our request.

Yours very truly,



John McTaggart, Chairman

Representing Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe

cc: K. Day, LAWA
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Roundtable Members