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Mr. Samson Mengistu
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Dear Mr. Mengistu:

The members of the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable (Roundtable) appreciate this opportunity to provide input to LAWA staff and your consultants regarding the modernization of the noise monitoring system (NMS) at LAX.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold. First, we wish to express our appreciation for the development of the new NMS and the expanded capabilities that LAWA is including in the project. Secondly, the Roundtable members appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the LAWA staff and consultant as a part of the modernization of the NMS at LAX.

The Roundtable membership has noted our continuing interest in a state-of-the-art NMS that is capable of providing basic information that assists the community in defining noise impacts from aircraft operations, as well as performance information that assists the Roundtable in determining the effectiveness of noise abatement procedures.

As a part the Roundtable's adopted Work Program, we continually receive information about new alternative noise metrics and criteria that may be of use in the LAX noise management system, particularly in support of the Roundtable's projects. The Roundtable's Noise Subcommittee has recently reviewed some interesting new ideas presented by Wyle Laboratories and Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. as a part of their technical work, and has recommended this work to the Roundtable for possible applications at LAX.

At its March 14, 2007 meeting, the Roundtable reviewed the Noise Subcommittee's suggestions and acted to recommend these items to LAWA Executive Management for its consideration in the applications of the new NMS.

The following items were suggested for consideration relative to the new NMS:

- Use the new NMS portable monitoring capability to respond to community concerns;
- Avoid using % (percentage) statistics – use actual numbers instead;
- Assess active noise cancellation technology for possible use at LAX;
- Provide single event noise data in the form of daily and monthly averages; and

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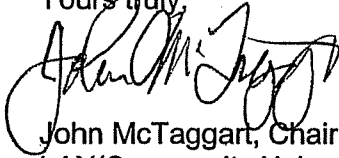
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- Provide single event information in the form of:
 - SEL (sound exposure level)
 - L_{max} (maximum sound level)
 - Time Above
 - Number of Events Above, by time of day
 - C-scale noise events for low frequency noise

Thank you for your aggressive modernization of the NMS, and LAWA's continuing support of the Roundtable's efforts to provide relief from aircraft noise in the communities impacted by LAX aircraft operations. Please address your reply, if any, to me c/o LAX/Community Noise Roundtable, P.O. Box 92216, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216, Attn. Robert Holden.

Yours truly,



John McTaggart, Chairman
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cc: Members of the Roundtable