

DENNIS W. CARROLL Councilmember Fourth District

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Dear Los Altos resident,

Subject: Airport E.I.R. and the City Noise Ordinance

Thank you for participating in this important process. Your comments will assist the City Council in evaluating this building enhancement project at our airport.

The airport imposes a great burden on residents living under the flight path. Current law does not consider all of our real needs nor give us a proper legal voice.

It is important to remember that the number of flights at our airport is determined exclusively by our noise ordinance and measured flight noise. This E.I.R. addresses the impact of the proposed replacement of the two temporary passenger holding rooms by two permanent buildings, which includes an addition of 5,800 sq. ft. to the passenger holding area. The parking structure is also proposed to be enlarged. Be assured I am closely watching this project and will oppose anything that may adversely impact Los Altos, her families, and businesses.

Two years of effort and negotiations with the airlines and the F.A.A. produced an agreement to preserve our noise ordinance and avoid a court challenge. The City Council passed a resolution supporting the 41-flight limit. The noise budget analysis for 2004 shows the budget to be full when based upon this year's average of 36 flights. This is great news and provides stronger assurance that the noise budget will either be full or exceeded when all 41 flights are operating. Stricter curfew enforcement is next. I will continue our fight to preserve the ordinance, limit flights, and protect Los Altos residents.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Carroll

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