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**Subject:** City of Laguna Beach General Aviation Improvement Program - Support for Alternative 3 or Similar Project  
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Good Evening,

Attached please find a letter, respectfully submitted on behalf of the Laguna Beach Mayor, supporting Alternative 3 or similar project for the General Aviation Improvement Program.

Kind Regards,

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June 24, 2019

Lisa Bartlett  
Chairwoman, Orange County Board of Supervisors  
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**Re: General Aviation Improvement Program - Support for Alternative 3 or Similar Project**

Dear Supervisor Bartlett:

In April 2019 and after careful consideration of the alternatives, the City of Laguna Beach encouraged you and your colleagues to support a General Aviation Improvement Program (GAIP) consistent with Alternative 3 in DEIR 627. At the May 7, 2019 hearing on the GAIP, Supervisor Do proposed a "modified Alternative 1" and the matter was continued to allow further study of that option.

However, County staff is once again recommending the Board adopt a GAIP that will increase general aviation jet overflights of communities under the airport's arrival and departure corridors. Accordingly, the City of Laguna Beach joins with its neighbors in urging you to oppose County staff's recommendations and adopt a GAIP consistent with the following:

- No more than two (2) full-service Fixed Based Operators;
- One (1) new and one (1) existing limited-service Fixed Base Operators;
- No facility with the capacity to process international general aviation passengers;
- Increased hangar space for piston driven general aviation aircraft; and,
- Facilities that are located, designed and sized consistent with FAA standards and that preserve the existing ratio between piston driven and jet powered aircraft.

As mentioned in our previous letter, John Wayne Airport is described as the "most community friendly" commercial airport in the nation. The Board of Supervisors deserves much of the credit for that designation and we support your ongoing efforts to balance the economic needs of the County with the quality of life of residents most impacted by aircraft noise. Given your outstanding track record on airport issues, we are hopeful that your decision on the GAIP will seek to address all competing interests while fully protecting the interests of noise impacted residents.

Sincerely,

Bob Whalen  
Mayor