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Ms. Thella Bowens
President/CEO
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3225 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Bowens:

San Diego International Airport
FAA Acceptance of Noise Exposure Maps

This letter is to notify you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has evaluated and accepted the Noise Exposure Maps and supporting documentation dated August 26, 2009, for the San Diego International Airport. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. Section 47503 (formerly the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979), as amended, we have determined that:

1. The 2009 noise contours and supporting documentation meet the requirements for the current Noise Exposure Map as of the date of submission as set forth in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 150, *Airport Noise Compatibility Planning*, Section 150.21, and are accordingly accepted under this Part.

2. The projected aircraft operations, the 2014 noise contours and supporting documentation are accepted as the description of the future conditions as set forth in Part 150, and are accordingly accepted under this Part.

3. The documentation provides sufficient evidence consultation was accomplished in accordance with section 150.21(b).

FAA's acceptance of the Noise Exposure Maps is limited to the determination that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of Part 150. Such acceptance does not constitute approval of your data, information, or plans.

The FAA will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the acceptance of the Noise Exposure Maps for San Diego International Airport. The FAA's acceptance of these Noise Exposure Maps under Part 150 in no way approves or endorses a Noise Compatibility Program, potential related federal funding of projects identified in such a program, or any related operating restrictions at the subject airport.

Should any questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on the Noise Exposure Maps, you should note that the FAA will not be involved in any way in the determination of relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provision of 49 U.S.C. 47506. These functions are

inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's acceptance of your Noise Exposure Maps Update. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise contours onto the maps depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with you the airport operator, or those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under 49 U.S.C 47503. The FAA relies on the certification by you under 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished. (14 C.F.R. 150.5)

Your notice of this determination, and the availability of the Noise Exposure Maps, which when published at least three (3) times in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the affected properties are located, will satisfy the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47506 of the Act. A sample publication announcement has been enclosed for your use.

Your attention is called to the requirements of Section 150.21(d) of Part 150, involving the prompt preparation and submission of revisions to these maps, if any actual or proposed change in the operation of the subject airport might create any substantial, new noncompatible land use in any areas depicted on the maps, or if there would be a significant reduction in noise over existing incompatible land uses that is not reflected in either map now on file with the FAA.

Thank you for your continued interest in noise compatibility planning.

Sincerely,



Brian Q. Armstrong
Los Angeles Airports District Office

Enclosure

cc: APP-400, AWP-610

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NOISE EXPOSURE MAP ACCEPTANCE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER – TO BE PUBLISHED THREE TIMES

Pursuant to Section 107(a) & (b) [Title 49, United States Code, Section 47506] of the Airport Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979, as amended, notice is hereby given that on November 3, 2009, the Federal Aviation Administration has completed its evaluation of, and has formally accepted the Noise Exposure Maps for San Diego International Airport, located in San Diego, California that were prepared pursuant to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 150 (14 CFR Part 150). These maps and supporting documentation are available for public review at the offices of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, 3225 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92101.