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Dear Sirs:

This letter is to present the views of the Eastbluff Community Homeowners Association. Our association consists of 460 single family homes located on the east side of Upper Newport Bay, which is impacted with noise and pollutants from aircraft taking off from Orange County John Wayne Airport (SNA). We recently heard a presentation at the City of Newport Beach Counsel/Citizens' Aviation Committee meeting by County Airport officials of FAA plans under consideration improve the efficiency at 21 airports in the United States for takeoff and landing patterns, one of which is SNA. The program was named "NexGen" and we were told this may impact flight paths and attitudes. The concept of RNAV to implement narrower and repeatable flight paths was discussed. This could also impact current requirements for airlines to meet RNP (Required Navigation Performance) such as the current take off angle and engine power levels required to minimize ground noise for residents of Newport Beach directly impacted by takeoff.

We support the concept that "no new areas will be affected" by these changes. The current flight limitation and noise abatement standards took years of negotiations and were recently extended. The settlement agreement completed a 2014 amendment and extension to the settlement agreement and was approved by US District Court. The current take off and landing patterns have been a compromise by the surrounding community to accept growth in the number of flights and passengers. A change in the patterns could impact the agreement and restart the legal battles of the past.

We recommend the NexGen standards established by the FAA respect the current flight paths and not create a noise problem for new areas. The central path over the Newport Back Bay divides the noise between the West and East sides of the bay and allows the planes to gain attitude at less than full power. The steep path extends over Balboa Island homes and full power is restored when the planes are over the Pacific Ocean. This path and attitude and power pattern needs to be respected in any future NexGen standards approved for the Orange County John Wayne Airport (SNA). We strongly oppose any changes that will modify the takeoff pattern to route planes to the east side of the Back Bay over our homes.

We respectfully request your consideration of this issue in your planning efforts.

Sincerely,

J. Hobbs

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