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The most important issue that we have to address tonight is that we need an Airport Director who will listen to the community and not just try to intensify the use of the Airport by making it more attractive for Airlines.

Let us urge the Board of Supervisors to drop the Draft Revised Oxnard Airport Master Plan, EIR and Noise Study because they really serve to put the future of the Airport ahead of the needs of the community for compatibility. Along with this we need an Airport Director and staff that can listen to the honest concerns of citizens and look for solutions to their grievances with current Airport operations. Over the last several years the present Director has earned quite a reputation for advocating solely for what is best for the Airport, interrupting whoever is talking and not offering any meaningful solutions that will help improve compatibility now. Some of the solutions are so simple that they don't take a special study to develop and implement. During the last 4 years this Director has shown over and over he is incapable of finding and implementing solutions to improve compatibility between aircraft flying practices and residences that were here before the Airport.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Authority I would like to suggest that it is time to begin a search for an Airport Director that can be sensitive to the community as well as manage the Airport.