

MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 6/8/99

MY NAME IS JANE TOLMACH AND I LIVE AT

IN OXNARD

*We built our
town 50 yrs ago*

IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT WHAT THE EIR WILL MEAN IF CERTIFIED AND MORE IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT WHAT THE AIRPORT PLAN WILL MEAN IF IT IS APPROVED. CRITICAL TO THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE NOISE STUDY IS THE PROJECTED GROWTH OF COMMUTER AVIATION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDAIR REGIONAL JET. I MUST SAY THAT THIS WAS NOT POINTED OUT TO YOU WHEN THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN WAS PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD SOME TIME AGO.

CERTIFYING THE EIR AND APPROVING THE PLAN WILL:

- * SET THE STAGE FOR INTER-REGIONAL BIG JET TRAFFIC.
- * CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY FOREVER .AND IMPACT THREE OF YOUR FIVE DISTRICTS!

AFTER READING MR. MURPHY'S REPORT AND REFLECTING UPON HIS COMMENTS MADE IN MANY PUBLIC MEETINGS, THERE IS ONE BIG MESSAGE THAT COMES THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR. HE, AS AIRPORT DIRECTOR, HAS SAID OVER AND OVER THAT THE LOCAL AGENCY, SUCH AS THE COUNTY HAS VERY LITTLE FLEXIBILITY IN CONTROLLING THE USE OF AN AIRPORT ONCE THE F.A.A. HAS MONEY IN IT.

THIS MORNING I WANT TO SAY TO YOU, THAT THE REAL REASON WHY THIS MASTER PLAN IS BEING UPDATED IS TO SET THE STAGE FOR AN INTER-REGIONAL AIRPORT THAT CAN USE THE HEAVIEST JETS THAT CAN OPERATE OFF OF THE FIELD. THIS IS WHY IT IS PROPOSED TO ACQUIRE IN FEE THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL SITE OFF THE EAST END OF THE RUNWAY AND AN EASEMENT ALL ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE AIRPORT.

THE TIME FOR US TO BITE THE BULLET IS NOW AND THE MOST BASIC ISSUE IS WHETHER TO LET THE LAST BIT OF LOCAL CONTROL SLIPS AWAY AND WATCH THE BIG JETS COME IN OR START TAKING STEPS TO BUY OUT THE F.A.A. AND BRING THE AIRPORT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTY AND CITIES.. IF WE STOP TAKING FAA MONEY NOW, WE CAN STILL AFFORD TO GET OUT AND RETURN THE AIRPORT TO 100% LOCAL CONTROL. YES, THERE WILL BE A COST, BUT IF THIS EIR IS CERTIFIED AND THE PLAN IS APPROVED, THE COST OF LITIGATION, SETTLEMENTS FOR INVERSE CONDEMNATION, ALONG WITH DECREASED PROPERTY VALUES AND TAXES WILL BE GREATER.

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD SUPPORT RETURNING ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW THE AIRCRAFT ASSUMPTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COST OF FAA'S INVESTMENT IN THE AIRPORT ON A YEAR-BY-YEAR BASIS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT MY VIEWS TO YOU..