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DEAR EDITOR:

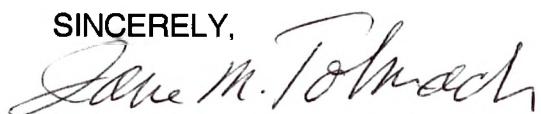
ON JAN.6, 1999 I ATENDED A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH WAS CONSIDERING A DRAFT OF THE OXNARD AIRPORT'S MASTER PLAN WHICH WAS OUTLINING PROJECTS THAT COULD TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS

THE NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS INADEQUATE BECAUSE THE PROPOSED ACTION CONSTITUTED A REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT MASTER PLAN (1987) WITH A NEW DRAFT AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE. SINCE THIS INVOLVED THAT CHANGE WHICH WOULD BE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE NOTICE FOR THE EIR SHOULD HAVE BEEN REVISED TO INCLUDE SUCH REFERENCE.

THE EIR INADEQUATELY ADDRESSED THE IMPACTS OF THE DRAFT AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE BY TANGLING UP THE LANGUAGE ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE DOING. CEQA REQUIRES A PROJECT TO BE EVALUATED AS TO ITS MAXIMUM CAPACITY. THIS WAS NOT DONE.

WE IN OXNARD DO NOT WANT TO ACCOMMODATE EXPECTED GROWTH IN AIRPORT USE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE DECIDED LONG AGO WITH THE CITY OF CAMARILLO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE DO NOT WANT THE USE OF THE AIRPORT INTENSIFIED. WE DO NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO BUY MORE LAND FOR THE AIRPORT. THAT IS EXPANDING. WE DO NOT WANT MORE NOISY BUSINESS JETS COMING TO OXNARD. WE CARE ABOUT SINGLE EVENT NOISE THAT IS EXCESSIVE. WE DO NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO MAKE OXNARD A WASTELAND LIKE VAN NUYS AND MANY OTHER AIRPORT CITIES. WE WANT TO BE LISTENED TO BY THE COUNTY.

SINCERELY,


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