

Dear ANAC Committee Members,

We, the members of the East County Working Group (ECWG), representing multiple community groups located in East San Diego County (East County), are writing to request your support in working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to address what has become an increasingly concerning level of aircraft noise in the East County. Below is background on our efforts to date and the request we would ask that you forward to the FAA on behalf of the Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC).

For over a year starting in December of 2018, the ECWG met five times to explore ways to address increasing aircraft noise concerns affecting the East County (see geographic area attached). ECWG was formed to be a collaborative effort between the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (the Airport Authority), technical experts and community members to review whether there were any feasible solutions to address the aircraft concerns in our communities. After much analysis of historic radar flight tracks, it was determined that in 2016, there was a shift in the arrival flight path from the northwest called the BAYVU Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Terminal Arrival Route (STAR) to provide pilots a route that will keep the aircraft in the Class B airspace. Since that change, the community members in East County have expressed an increased amount of concerns regarding aircraft noise indicating that that aircraft are flying in new areas at lower altitudes. In 2017, FAA implemented a slightly modified version of the BAYVU RNAV STAR called the COMIX RNAV STAR, but kept the same BAYVU RNAV STAR routing over East County.

Unfortunately, after a year of meetings and analysis, there was no clear feasible options for flight procedure changes that would reduce noise impacts without shifting noise onto another community. However, the flight tracks show that there is a large number of aircraft that are being vectored off the published COMIX RNAV STAR to join the final approach to Runway 27 , causing aircraft to turn at altitudes lower than what is described in the COMIX RNAV STAR.

The ECWG understands the need at times for FAA to vector off the published procedure to efficiently manage arrivals into San Diego International Airport, but request FAA to keep aircraft at the COMIX RNAV STAR altitudes as frequently as possible and maintain the procedure altitudes if Class B airspace is modified in the future. We are asking for your support to have the Airport Authority ask the FAA to keep aircraft on the published COMIX RNAV STAR route and associated altitudes at the KLOMN and NADDO waypoints as frequently as possible.

We also believe that lowering the floor of the Class B airspace over our communities could lead to more frequent lower altitudes as aircraft transition to the Runway 27 final approach, which would be inconsistent with the East County's aircraft noise reduction goals. We request that no change be made to the altitude of Class B airspace, but if necessary, any discussion and considerations to lower the Class B should include community input along with noise modeling analysis to assess potential changes in noise exposure over East County.

Cc: Congresswoman Susan Davis

Signed,

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