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MAYOR

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SoCal Metroplex EA
Federal Aviation Administration
Western Service Center – Operations Support Group
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Re: Comments on Draft SoCal Metroplex Environmental Assessment

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the citizens of San Diego, I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SoCal Metroplex Environmental Assessment. After reviewing the report, I believe that removing waypoint LOWMA from the departure path of San Diego International Airport (SAN) is not in the best interest of our communities. I am concerned that without the LOWMA waypoint off the western coast of the peninsula, aircraft could fly from waypoint JETTI to waypoint ZZ000, and overflight residential areas within the Point Loma area of the City of San Diego. I request the retention of waypoint LOWMA.

I understand that the intent of the Metroplex project is to improve the national airspace system by using advances in air navigation technology to optimize air traffic procedures to reduce air traffic control and pilot workloads in the Southern California region including the City of San Diego. However, I believe that retaining waypoint LOWMA will assist in ensuring overflight is kept to a minimum over the community of Point Loma.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, the operator of SAN, has worked in partnership with the air traffic control tower for SAN to attempt to keep aircraft from overflying the Point Loma area when aircraft depart SAN and turn to fly east. While the City understands the FAA has the ability to direct aircraft to maintain separation, the use of this "good neighbor practice" has helped to reduce single event noise complaints. The retention of waypoint LOWMA would include this good neighbor practice into the departure procedures.

I am grateful for the opportunity to provide input and I appreciate your strong consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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