

# **CORRIDOR CITY COALITION POSITION STATEMENT**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The cities of Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Newport Beach are the communities most directly impacted by noise generated by air carriers operating in the John Wayne Airport (JWA) arrival and departure corridors. In 2000, these cities became known as the Corridor City Coalition (Coalition) because of their collective support for amendments of the JWA Settlement Agreement. The Coalition believes that continued involvement in decisions related to JWA and regional air transportation service is essential to maintain the high quality of life currently enjoyed by their residents.

## **BACKGROUND**

JWA is, and will always be, incapable of serving all Orange County (County) air transportation demand and there is no viable site in the County for a second commercial airport. Air transportation demand in the County and the Southern California region now exceeds supply and that shortfall is likely to grow over time. The Coalition commends the Board of Supervisors and Airport Director for operating JWA in a manner that balances the County's air transportation needs with residents' quality of life. However, the Coalition must always be prepared to respond to any proposal to expand JWA and must be proactive in the search for ways to satisfy more of Orange County's air transportation demand without any expansion of JWA.

## **UNDERSTANDING**

The Coalition agrees these actions are necessary to protect their residents:

- Oppose any expansion of JWA beyond its current (2007) footprint;
- Oppose a second air carrier runway or extension of the existing runway;
- Oppose any significant reduction in general aviation operations/facilities;
- Oppose any change to air carrier or general aviation noise ordinances;
- Ensure that regional plans are consistent with the legal and practical constraints on air carrier service at JWA;
- Oppose any attempt by out-of county entities to assume any ownership of, or operational control over, JWA;
- In cooperation with the Board and other public agencies, actively support development and implementation of proposals that enable Orange County residents and businesses to conveniently access underused out-of-county airports using roadway improvements and air passenger rail links.

## **OTHER AGENCIES**

While Coalition members may be the communities most impacted by aircraft noise, all Orange County cities have a significant interest in JWA service levels and impacts. The Coalition encourages these communities to become "Coalition Supporters" by adopting this Position Statement. The Coalition will communicate regularly with, and seek input from all Coalition Supporters.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the Position Statement is consistent with, and implements, the recently approved City Council Airport Policy (Policy) that outlines a comprehensive strategy to protect Newport Beach residents from adverse impacts caused by John Wayne Airport (JWA); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the Position Statement is consistent with, and implements, the General Plan Update approved by the voters in November 2006.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.**

The City Council hereby approves the Position Statement attached as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2.**

The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney to take whatever action is necessary or appropriate to implement the Position Statement, including obtaining other public agency approval and implementation of the Position Statement.

**SECTION 3.**

The City Council hereby reaffirms its commitment to implement all components of the JWA strategy outlined in the General Plan and the Policy and staff is directed to take whatever action is necessary or appropriate to ensure full and timely implementation;

**ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007.

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STEVEN ROSANSKY  
Mayor of Newport Beach

ATTEST:

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LAVONNE HARKLESS  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ADOPTING A JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT  
COALITION CITY POSITION STATEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Newport Beach are the communities most directly impacted by noise generated by air carriers operating in the John Wayne Airport (JWA) arrival and departure corridors, and these cities have previously worked together as a coalition (JWA Coalition), and with the cooperation of the Board of Supervisors, to obtain amendments to the JWA Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors and the Airport Director are to be commended for making decisions and operating JWA in a manner that balances the County's air transportation needs with residents' quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, JWA is, and will always be, incapable of serving all Orange County (County) air transportation demand and that there is no viable site in the County for a second commercial airport; and

**WHEREAS**, air transportation demand in the County and the Southern California region now exceeds supply and that shortfall is likely to grow over time, as will the time necessary to travel to certain regional airports; and

**WHEREAS**, this inability of JWA to accommodate all County air transportation demand, the importance of air transportation to the region's economy and the anticipated growth in regional air transportation demand are among the factors that may result in pressure to modify JWA or the rules related to aircraft operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the JWA Coalition must always be prepared to respond to any proposal to expand JWA and must be proactive in the search for ways to satisfy more of Orange County's air transportation demand without any expansion of JWA; and

**WHEREAS**, the JWA Coalition has drafted a "Position Statement" that reflects the basic principles of each city regarding JWA facilities and operations, as well as regional plans and transportation solutions that address air transportation issues throughout Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, the JWA Coalition believes that its cities need to continue to work cooperatively with one another, with the Board of Supervisors and with other communities to ensure that decisions regarding JWA facilities and operations are consistent with the principles outlined in the Position Statement and to thereby protect and maintain their constituent's quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the JWA Coalition acknowledges that many other Orange County cities are also impacted by noise, traffic or aircraft emissions stemming from aircraft operations at JWA, and that all Orange County communities have an interest in the level of service at JWA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizen's Aviation Committee, Airport Working Group (AWG) and AirFair have each reviewed and approved the Position Statement and have recommended City Council approval and implementation of the Position Statement; and