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Ms. Kimberly J. Becker  
President/CEO  
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Dear Ms. Becker:

**San Diego International Airport  
Acceptance of Noise Exposure Maps  
and Review of Noise Compatibility Program**

This letter is to notify you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) evaluated and accepted the Noise Exposure Maps and supporting documentation dated May 2022, for the San Diego International Airport. In accordance with Section 103(a)(1) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (the Act), as amended, we have determined that:

1. Figure NEM-1 Existing 2018 Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) noise contours and supporting documentation meet the requirements for the current Noise Exposure Map as of the date of submission as set forth in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 150, *Airport Noise Compatibility Planning*, Section 150.21, and are accordingly accepted under this Part.

2. The projected 2026 aircraft operations, Figure NEM-2 Future Noise Exposure Map 2026 noise contours and supporting documentation are accepted as the description of the future conditions as set forth in Part 150, and are accordingly accepted under this Part.

The FAA's acceptance of the Noise Exposure Maps is limited to the determination that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of Part 150. Such acceptance does not constitute approval of your data, information, or plans.

The FAA will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the acceptance of the Noise Exposure Maps for San Diego International Airport. The FAA's acceptance of these Noise Exposure Maps under Part 150 in no way approves or endorses a Noise Compatibility Program, potential related federal funding of projects identified in such a program, or any related operating restrictions at the subject airport.

In addition, the FAA has formally received the Noise Compatibility Program for San Diego International Airport, effective September 1, 2022. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of Noise Compatibility Programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180-days, will be completed on or before February 28, 2023. The public comment period ends on October 31, 2022.

Should any questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to Noise Exposure Contours depicted on the Noise Exposure Maps Update, you should note that the FAA will not be involved in any way in the determination of relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provision of Section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through the FAA's acceptance of your Noise Exposure Maps Update. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise contours onto the maps depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with you the airport operator, or those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under Section 103 of the Act. The FAA relies on the certification by you under 150.21 of 14 CFR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Your notice of this determination, and the availability of the Noise Exposure Maps, which when published at least three (3) times in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the affected properties are located, will satisfy the requirements of Section 107 of the Act. A sample publication announcement has been enclosed for your use.

Your attention is called to the requirements of Section 150.21 (d) of Part 150, involving the prompt preparation and submission of revisions to these maps if any actual or proposed change in the operation of the subject airport might create any substantial, new noncompatible land use in any areas depicted on the maps.

Thank you for your continued interest in Noise Compatibility Planning.

Sincerely,

Cathryn G. Cason  
Manager, Los Angeles Airports District Office

Enclosure

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