



Sunwood Lakes Homeowners Association

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Opposition to Proposed Airport Thurston Central Sunwood Lakes Homeowners Association Board of Directors

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David Fleckenstein, Chair

State Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission

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Dear Mr. Fleckenstein;

The Sunwood Lakes Homeowners Association (Board of Directors) has not been notified of this proposal and was made aware of it just this month. We want to go on record that we are opposed to this CACC proposal of the Thurston County area and especially of Thurston County Central as a greenfield location for the commercial airport. It appears that our development of over 375 homes is in the center of your 6 mile radius of impact for this proposed airfield.

The CACC has been contacted by The Thurston County Commissions three different times that they would not be a sponsor of this unwanted development in Thurston County and asked to have us removed from the list. The email that they received from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) dated July 25, 2020 stated that Thurston County had been removed. Now we find ourselves in the top three locations. We do not feel that the CACC has been transparent and honest in their communications with the residents in the possible impacted locations.

We have residents who have purchased their forever homes to be able to live and retire in a peaceful, nurturing and quiet rural community. Our community water system which will be threatened by possible harmful pollutants. We have a community clubhouse, BBQ picnic area, island with a gazebo, community pool, 3 lakes, park, playground, ball field and trails that will be in jeopardy. We enjoy the wildlife that comes with the rural area and do not want to see them lose their critical habitat. They have already been pushed out of most of their original areas. We reside in a very environmentally sensitive area and do not want to see an airport come in and destroy when we have worked to have a good balance for all. Our homeowners understand that when their health or lifestyle changes required a move—their investment, their home that they are living in is in a location of increasing value and desire. An airport in our backyard would change that dramatically. Overnight our homes have decreased in desirability and value just by this proposal being on the table. We moved to Thurston County because we like the ambiance here. We enjoy raising our families here. We do not want the busyness, the constant noise, the round the clock traffic, the every increasing crime that is common for the SeaTac or King County area. We already have all the noise that we need coming from JBLM, Olympia Regional Airport and the train tracks.

Our roads would need to be enlarged for a great distance from I-5 which would also impact a larger area of Thurston County and at great cost and inconvenience for our county. To accommodate all of the increased building and horrific traffic would mean more families and family business displaced and homes razed and more importantly livelihoods lost. This again would increase noise not just for the 6 mile radius projected but for all of Thurston County (which would also include Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater and the out lying cities of Tenino, Rainier and Yelm, etc.). We do not want the unlimited congestion and disruption you are proposing to bring into our thriving community and our lives.

You have other options and communities that want a commercial and international airport. Put the airport on the other side of the mountain where there are communities wanting an airport to enhance their residents lives with jobs, etc.

We again ask as a loving and thriving community do not put an airport in our yard. We do not want to lose our homes, our neighbors or our way of life.

Respectfully,

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