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Mr. Gerald Bresnahan
Chairman, Airport Land Use Commission
3160 Airway Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RE: El Toro Airport Environs Land Use Plan

Dear Chair Bresnahan:

I am writing you regarding the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission's (ALUC) current effort to update the Airport Environs Land Use Plans for all the airports in the County. It has come to my attention that the ALUC intends to continue to plan for a military airport at former United States Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro.

MCAS El Toro was closed in July 1999 pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (DBCRA). On April 23, 2002, the Department of the Navy (DON) issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the disposal of the former MCAS El Toro. The ROD announced the Navy's decision to dispose of the former base in a manner consistent with the Orange County General Plan, as amended by the passage of the Orange County Central Park and Nature Preserve Initiative (Measure W).

Please be aware that the Department of the Navy has formally determined to close MCAS El Toro and has no plan to recommission that site as a military installation. In addition, the 1981 AICUZ is not applicable to the closed military facility and should not be used as a basis for any land use planning effort undertaken by the ALUC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Army", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Mr. Wayne Army
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Installations & Environment)

cc: Joan Golding, Executive Officer for the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission
Michael Schumacher, Ph.D., County Executive Officer