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To: The Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board of Directors

From: Pam Hobday, Citizen of Truckee/Owner/Pamela Hurt Associates

Focus: Public comment on item 4 of the Airport District regular meeting on May 24, 2023.

Housing needs have been on the top of my mind, just like each of yours, for years. We know our region needs housing for our local workforce and this is now a critically important objective. To create housing solutions, we need to continue to be creative about our land use balance.

Our region also needs economic opportunities that are not solely reliant on tourism, so we can offer year-round employment that enables locals to afford to live here.

I believe the airport and TTSA are key in the success of these goals as stated in the 2040 Truckee General Plan. Your two agencies are in possession of land that our region needs for the relocation of industrial businesses that are currently located in places where housing and other uses are better fit for our community.

West River Street can become the jewel of our community. The relocation of Industrial business would enable us to build a river side community of housing and commercial opportunities that will create jobs, and further support the beautification and preservation investments in the area that the Airport has already supported by your collaboration with the Land Trust. Thank you for your work as a Board and Staff in that arena.

I would like to urge the Airport Board to seize the opportunity you have to make a huge difference for our community. Please do not swap the 40-acre parcel unless we know with certainty that TTSA will surplus a substantial amount of the land it no longer needs as a buffer zone. I greatly appreciate that agency's diligence and work to find a safer means for processing.

The availability of this land will provide immediate opportunities for our community's housing benefit while creating renewed economic vibrancy for Truckee and North Shore residents.

Thank you for the work your board and staff continue to do representing our community and its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Ed has the hangar beside our hangar. Ed's Cirrus is based elsewhere. Ed and we pay the same tax on the land upon which the hangars sit. We pay tax on our airplane to Nevada County. Ed pays tax on his Cirrus to some other county. This situation creates an inequity in paying Ed's and our overall hangar monthly cost, and that was recognized by a previous board years ago. Nothing has changed since the Home Based Program was started, because it works and it makes things almost equitable.

Fly Quiet 1 & 2 works and has worked since its inception. The board should leave it alone. If the city of Truckee wants to have a noise ordinance of 7 a.m., that's their business. The airport is almost totally in unincorporated Nevada and Placer Counties areas, and thus is not required to comply with the city's noise ordinance.

This situation reminds me of the joke about engineers, when engineers see something that works well, they work on it until it doesn't work any more.

I urge the board to keep the Fly Quiet 1 & 2 program in place, because it works.

By the way, nowhere in the discussion does the word "voluntary" appear. Remember that you may not dictate noise abatement hours – you may only have voluntary recommendations. Voluntary actions that have monetary repercussions when those recommendations are violated, is the same as having hard & fast rules about noise abatement.

I don't think a program of incentives for doing the Wings Program will work, as it has nothing to do with hangar rent. If the board wants to do some fancy Wings Program thing, go ahead and spend time and money on it. You already have a Fly Quiet program that works, so if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Thank you.

Tom Meadows

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