

November 21, 2021

To: Honorable Orange County Supervisors

Please select and approve Proposal 5A-1 Technical Corrections redistricting map on Monday, November 22 at the special session.

Although no proposed map option perfectly meets the needs of the communities in the county, 5A-1 offers the best plan available and has a spread of less than 10%, meeting that critical criterion. A few of the key reasons is that a multitude of “community of interests” needs are best satisfied by 5A-1, which include:

- Keeping Costa Mesa and Newport Beach in the same district where they share a common school district, homeless plan, and interest in airport issues.
- Keeps the largest airport impacted communities of interest- being Newport Beach and south Orange County coastal cities and towns, in the same district as John Wayne Airport.
- Provides continuity of many existing political relationships and values between coastal communities and county government.

These vital interests and many others are best supported by this plan.

Please approve Proposal 5A-1.

Respectfully,

Mel Beale

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President, Airport Working Group of Orange County

November 15, 2021

To: Honorable Orange County Supervisors

Regardless of politics or issues of the needs of various local contiguous populations, a most critical requirement for Orange County redistricting is to ensure that John Wayne Airport remains in the same district as the citizens of those communities of interest most impacted by daily operations, including residents of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa. For almost 40 years, the Airport Working Group of Orange County (AWG), the city administration of Newport Beach, and other community groups, have worked closely with the County and John Wayne Airport management to build a collaborative framework to address all issues which arise, and which must be dealt in a fair and equitable manner. The only way this model can continue to be successful is for the political boundaries of any new district include the physical airport and these local communities -Newport Beach, et al- which AWG supports as one of the most important real “community of interest” entities serving the broader population.

Please ensure this remains the case for the final approved district plan.

Respectfully,

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