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A core aspect of the airport is that the City Council and the Airport operator has **no control over the operation or aircraft**. That is the function of other government. That is why the in and out flight paths recommended by the airport in order to control noise over surrounding residences cannot be enforced. The airport does outreach to users of the airport and indicated that it encourages voluntary compliance. There is and cannot be enforcement of the restriction. This is very apparent as flights over Bressi Ranch, from flight training and helicopters, regularly fly over the development and sometimes too low by regulation, instead of staying to the South and North as recommended. This situation becomes worse over the weekends.

You will hear from private aircraft owners that they see absolute need for the airport. However, it quickly becomes clear the reason is simply for convenience and easy access to their hobby.

The argument for expansion goes as follows. Pilots perceive some element of risk as they maneuver larger and larger aircraft at the airport. The proposed expansion supposedly takes that element of risk out of the pilots final determination of whether using the airport is too risky. Pilots flying larger aircraft will not use the airport when it becomes too risky to do so. That is the single most significant factor restricting the number of and size of aircraft using the airport. **Expansion invites more and larger aircraft.**

What this does to the surrounding residential community is increase airport noise and air pollution from the airport operation. These two factors alone degrade the quality of life for people living near and down wind from the airport. On several occasions, driving close to the airport I have smelled the toxic fumes from uncombusted kerosene. I assume this has occurred through an error in fueling or the like. Be that as it may, the airport is a dirty operation.

While there is some tax revenue to the city, I believe it to be small based on comments at informational meetings. So, while the planning committee, which now favors commercial interests over public, it would be disingenuous to use tax revenue as a motivator for approval. Carlsbad tries to present itself as environmentally aware but too many decisions reveal lack of follow through. In the end, quality of life and the desirability of Carlsbad so carefully planned several decades ago is for naught.

Do not support expansion of the the airport.