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RESOLUTION NO. 1095

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, RESTATING ITS OPPOSITION TO COMMERCIAL AIR PASSENGER SERVICE AT PAINE FIELD.

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Government adopted agreements referred to as the Mediated Role Determination (MRD) which strongly discourages commercial air passenger service at Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, since 1978, in good faith, families, business owners, and public schools have relied on the MRD, and invested billions of dollars into their homes, businesses, and schools in the vicinity of Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly supported “the selection of the new redefined General Aviation role” for Paine Field, and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly cited in a document titled “Role for Development of Paine Field Selected” that “The General Aviation Role will limit the expansion of aviation activities at Paine Field which are least compatible with its dominant aviation role and which would impose the most severe adverse environmental impacts on the surrounding communities,” and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1978, the Snohomish County Commission expressly cited in a document titled “Role for Development of Paine Field Selected” that “The General Aviation Role will provide the County with the best opportunity to successfully implement an aggressive, long term noise abatement program at Paine Field,” and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds agrees with the 1979 Paine Field Mediation Panel Recommendation that Paine Field remain light aircraft oriented with the role as defined “General Aviation,” and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council’s decision to rely on Sea-Tac Airport to provide commercial airfield capacity through at least 2030 is the result of an elaborate regional decision-making process, and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council August 2001 Regional Airport System Plan states that “The primary purpose of general aviation airports is to provide alternate landing areas and aircraft basing facilities for general aviation aircraft, so major air carrier airports, such as Sea-Tac can concentrate on passengers and air cargo,” and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council 2001 Destination 2030 and Regional Airport System Plan update states “Sea-Tac is expected to meet the region’s commercial air passenger capacity needs until the year 2030 and perhaps beyond...,” and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Council Resolution 93-03 specifically states “that there are no feasible sites for a major supplemental airport within the four-county region,” and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Regional Council Resolution 93-03 addressed the use of Paine Field for commercial service and the regional decision, as reflected in the resolution, states to “eliminate small supplemental airports, including Paine Field, as a preferred alternative,” and

WHEREAS, at the present time no documented demand exists to support commercial air travel into the Snohomish County Airport, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Snohomish County Citizens' Cabinet on Economic Development recommended consideration of commercial air service at Paine Field as possibly providing significant benefits to attract and retain certain kinds of businesses, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of expanded commercial and passenger air service to Paine Field will have adverse impacts to the City of Edmonds, its residents and property values, and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County and the Snohomish County Airport have not provided an environmental impact statement identifying potential adverse environmental impacts associated with increased commercial and passenger air service and proposed mitigation measures to address any identified impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds passed Resolution #810 on January 31, 1995 and Resolution 1083 on February 22, 2005 in opposition to commercial and passenger air service to Paine Field, and there has been no additional information to persuade the City Council to change said resolution; and

WHEREAS, regional commercial passenger air service would jeopardize legally and financially, the County's substantial investment in airport facilities at Paine Field, and a truly poor economic decision will foster a long term major confrontation which is not in the best interests of the airport, County and surrounding communities, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council, past Councils, families, business owners, and public schools have, since 1978, in good faith, relied on the MRD, and invested billions of dollars into their homes, businesses, and schools in the vicinity of Paine Field.

Section 2. The Mayor and Edmonds City Council reaffirm their earlier opposition to commercial air passenger service at Paine Field.

Section 3. The Mayor and Edmonds City Council call for the Snohomish County Executive and Council to reaffirm its commitment and support to the Mediated Role of Determination for Paine Field and to take all necessary actions to prevent commercial air passenger service at Paine Field.

RESOLVED this 7th day of June, 2005.

APPROVED:

MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSEN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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