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## **Citizens for a Friendly Airport Receives Significant Endorsements**

Sierra Club, North County Advocates, and Preserve Calavera speak out against the McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan.

**Carlsbad, CA / June 25, 2019** — [Citizens for a Friendly Airport](#) (C4FA) a non-profit 501(c)4 organization, is pleased to announce significant [endorsements](#) from Sierra Club North County Coastal Group and San Diego Chapter, North County Advocates, and Preserve Calavera in support of C4FA's actions to stop the expansion of Palomar Airport. Each of these organizations have stellar records defending negative environmental impacts on our communities, including green house gas emissions, air and noise pollution, and traffic congestion.

The [Sierra Club](#) stated in their position letter to the County of San Diego Planning Commission, "There are five environmental issues of concern that were common to both legal challenges: air quality, traffic and transportation, greenhouse gasses (CHG), land use, and hydrology/water quality." Sally Prendergast, Chairperson, Sierra Club North County Coastal Group and Peter Anderson, Chairperson, Sierra Club San Diego Chapter, explained, "We oppose this project (McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan) because of significant adverse environmental impacts that have been documented throughout numerous comments and legal challenges to this project. Of particular concern is the increased impacts from GHG emissions. The airport site falls under the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and all environmental impacts must be mitigated through the County's CAP which remains the subject of on-going legal challenges by the Sierra Club."

Howard Krausz, [North County Advocates](#) President stated, "The airport was originally planned to be used as a general aviation airport. 40 years of the City of Carlsbad's Growth Management Plan was predicated on such. Neighborhoods, schools, offices, healthcare centers, were all built around what was supposed to be a small, general aviation airport. Palomar Airport should not be designated as a receiver airport to be used to offload air traffic from San Diego International Airport." His letter goes on to say, "Palomar Airport's FAA designation would change from a B-II airport (small planes) to a D-III airport (larger corporate jets with larger fuel capacity and commercial jets), against the recommendation of County Staff and the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee. The airport is in the middle of upscale Carlsbad communities and there would be no noise curfews and no flight path restrictions!"

"This project has failed to address numerous adverse environmental impacts associated with this planned airport expansion," noted Diane Nygaard of [Preserve Calavera](#).

"We are grateful for the endorsements and for [the contributions to C4FA's legal fund](#). C4FA currently has two active lawsuits — one against the County on their Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, and the other against the County and the City of Carlsbad on their Settlement Agreement," commented Hope Nelson, C4FA representative.

### **About Citizens for a Friendly Airport**

Citizens for a Friendly Airport is a non-partisan, all-volunteer, non-profit enterprise organized to educate Carlsbad and surrounding communities about important McClellan-Palomar Airport issues impacting the character and quality of life in North County. C4FA is dedicated to bringing transparency to the airport planning processes; advocate on behalf of environmental issues; respect the rights and history of the Carlsbad community; and to ensure a safe, functional, and fiscally sound McClellan-Palomar Airport. ###