

# **Palomar Airport: C4fa Clears Two More Hurdles, #285**

## Shushing Palomar Noise

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### **Memory Lane**

Today, McClellan-Palomar Airport (Palomar) is fairly quiet when compared to the past and looming future. So long as you ignore aircraft thundering overhead while you shop at Costco, Tip Top, Lowe's, Panera's, and Bressi Ranch shops.

Covid has collapsed tourism, squeezed Palomar business flights, and briefly cut thousands of Palomar foreign pilot training flights over Carlsbad and Vista homes.

### **The Future**

Enjoy the lull. In 2000, about 280,000 flights flew over your homes. Now, maybe 100,000. County's 2018 Palomar Master Plan projects up to 500,000 annual future flights. And NOT mainly the smaller aircraft using Palomar before but larger FAA-rated C and D aircraft.

### **The Citizens for a Friendly Airport Lawsuits**

Citizens for a Friendly Airport (C4fa) was formed three years ago to provide accurate information that Carlsbad and county hide. Since then, C4fa has had 3 major victories.

First, it was successful in convincing 4 Carlsbad Council members to adopt a resolution against the county converting Palomar Airport from a smaller FAA-rated B-II airport to the county-desired D-III airport for larger, faster, noisier aircraft. However, county routinely ignores the Carlsbad council.

Second, in January 2021 Superior Court Judge Pollock agreed with C4fa's CEQA lawsuit against the county that (i) the county had failed in its 2018 Palomar EIR to properly analyze future Palomar Airport Noise and (ii) that the county had no right to ignore the Carlsbad Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 172 provisions when converting Palomar Airport from a basic transport general aviation airport to a full-fledged commercial airport.

Third, in January 2021 Superior Court Judge Bacal agreed that C4fa could proceed with a separate suit against Carlsbad, which Carlsbad fought tooth and nail to dismiss. In late 2018, Carlsbad also filed a CEQA suit against county to protect you and announced its intent to adopt new Carlsbad zoning to better protect residents.

But three months later, the Council dismissed the lawsuit and aborted its new zoning ordinance. C4fa then sued to challenge Carlsbad surrendering its zoning powers.

### **The Bad News**

C4fa is a volunteer organization. It relies on unpaid volunteers and your donations to fight the tax supported Carlsbad and county. Lawsuits are expensive. Any help you can

provide by volunteering to help or contributing a small amount will help carry on the battle. Go to [C4fa.org](http://C4fa.org) for the real facts about Palomar development and how to donate.

If you have expertise in planning, zoning, noise assessment, engineering, greenhouse gases, traffic analysis, or other expertise, you can help C4fa and your neighbors. Increased Palomar noise and traffic congestion will lower your property values. Count on it.

A final note: Think the Carlsbad Council and county really want to compromise? Just look at the ugly, weed-strewn Palomar Airport slopes along Palomar Airport Road and El Camino Real as you drive by every day. County says it can simply ignore the Carlsbad zoning beautification requirements. Picture the royal finger to the Carlsbad residents.