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Dear Thurston County Legislators,

On August 2, 2022 the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) sent the attached letter to the State Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC). This is the third formal correspondence the BoCC has sent on this topic to the CACC which demonstrates consistent opposition to any proposed Airport Expansion Sites being located in Thurston County since 2020. As demonstrated in this letter, all local jurisdictions stand together in opposition to this proposal.

On September 23, we learned that Central Thurston County moved forward for consideration as one of three potential new sites for a two-runway airport. The BoCC, in addition to all local jurisdictions in Thurston County, are now asking for your help in opposing any potential airport projects in Thurston County.

Please help us maintain the quality of life and character of Thurston County. Our county has a delicate balance between development and fragile prairie habitats that are home to endangered species. Thurston County has also experienced rapidly-dwindling agricultural lands. The prospects of an airport expansion will exponentially increase the loss of agricultural lands and put at risk the balance our residents have worked hard to maintain with our natural environment.

We appreciate your support in this very important issue. If you have further questions, please reach out to County Manager, Ramiro Chavez at (360) 754-2960 or Ramiro.Chavez@co.thurston.wa.us.

Thank you,

Carolina Mejia, Chair

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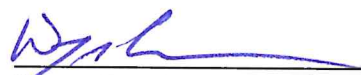
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