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Dear Mr. Crichton,

Re: City of Surrey Review of NAV Canada's Flight Path Changes

I am writing regarding the City of Surrey's report reviewing aircraft routes in the region and their proposed recommendations for flight path changes. I understand that the Surrey report was prepared without NAV Canada's input. Similarly, Delta was not consulted relative to Surrey's review and recommendations.

Given there are community impacts with any flight path changes, it is incumbent upon NAV Canada to give careful consideration to any shifting of routes that will transfer aircraft noise from one populated area to another. The turmoil that has been generated in response to the May 2007 route changes has clearly indicated the need for NAV Canada to consult with all impacted communities and not just base decisions on feedback from airports and airlines. We are still receiving complaints from residents that are dissatisfied with the current situation and the manner in which NAV Canada implemented its route changes.

In this regard, I am in receipt of your April 3, 2008 letter indicating that NAV Canada "is not intending to initiate another review to examine the relocation of routes that have been in place for many years". At the same time, the City of Surrey has now asked NAV Canada to conduct "a new Aeronautical Study for the redesigned YVR flight paths". I would like to know NAV Canada's position relative to the Surrey report and I am also seeking your assurance that all impacted communities will be consulted should further flight path alterations be contemplated in the future. Noise impact for residents needs to be given due consideration as part of your planning processes. While I appreciate that safety and efficiency for the airlines is your prime consideration, you will not be successful in the delivery of your service without the support of the public.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Mayor

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