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Mr. Charles J. Mellor, Chair
Peninsula Community Planning Board
3667 Voltaire Street
San Diego, CA 92116

Dear Mr. Mellor:

I am looking into the Peninsula Community Planning Board's request to the State Auditor on non-standard departures, early turns, and early turns at low altitude at Lindbergh Field. Requests for state audits are not uncommon, however, the actual number of audits performed is limited.

The selection process is rigorous, which is why gathering current data from the local Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) staff and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority on how incoming and exiting flights at Lindbergh Field are monitored is important. In 2000, the State Auditor was asked to evaluate Lindbergh Field's noise-monitoring and flight-tracking system and the Port District's use of that system to respond to complaints. There have been many changes since then, with the Airport Authority now in place and significant improvements in technology.

Any request for a state audit would take place during the next legislative session which begins in December 2010, since it will have to be approved by the new members of the committee once they have been appointed. During the next few months it is important to complete the research and analysis that would be required to have an audit request approved in what is a competitive process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Kehoe".

CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District

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