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**JGFDS-PR-186 MARCH JPA FLIGHTS
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARCH INLAND PORT FLIGHTS WILL NOT BE ROUTED OVER SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COMMUNITIES

SAN BERNARDINO – March Joint Powers Authority commissioners this morning pulled the plug on a proposal to route March Inland Port flights over the San Bernardino County communities of Colton, Rialto and Bloomington.

San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales spoke to the March JPA Commission today in Riverside County, expressing concerns that the proposed alternative flight path would negatively impact San Bernardino County residents and air traffic.

Supervisor Gonzales also presented a [letter](#) signed by her, 3rd District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris, Colton Mayor Kelly Chastain and Rialto Mayor Grace Vargas. The [letter](#) asked that San Bernardino County representatives be included in discussions about alternative flight paths out of March Inland Port. ([Letter is attached.](#))

Instead, the March JPA Commission voted unanimously to find ways to reduce March aircraft noise impacts now affecting Riverside County residents without sending the planes over San Bernardino County neighborhoods.

“I am pleased Riverside County leaders realized they have other noise control measures available to them that will not shift the problem across the county line,” Gonzales said.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

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**Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino**

JOSIE GONZALES
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT



June 19, 2007

The Honorable Marion Ashley
Chairman
March Joint Powers Authority
P. O. Box 7480
Moreno Valley, California 92552

Dear Chairman Ashley:

We recently learned about a proposal to test new flight paths for planes leaving March Inland Port. We have been informed that the preferred alternate route is TONYA 1, which would direct air traffic over the southern portions of Colton, Rialto and Bloomington.

If this alternative route were to be approved, we are concerned:

- The noise from planes, particularly cargo aircraft departing in the early morning hours, would negatively impact the residents of San Bernardino County.
- The proposed route would require additional air traffic control services and increase aircraft separation, thereby reducing the capacity for instrument flight plan arrivals and departures at Ontario International Airport and San Bernardino International Airport.

We understand the March JPA Commission is attempting to address public distress over aircraft noise in Riverside County and is receiving assistance from the United States Air Force and ESA Airports to help resolve the problem. Before you take further steps in the process, we ask that you please give San Bernardino County representatives a seat at the discussion table. We would like to work collaboratively with the March JPA toward a plan that will benefit both of our communities.

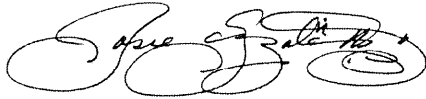
So that our discussions might be fruitful from the start, we ask you to please direct March JPA staff to provide us with some background information, including:

- What conditions of approval regarding noise were placed on DHL's cargo operation? And, is DHL complying with those conditions of approval?
- What other noise control measures are being considered besides alternative flight paths?

To coordinate the scheduling of a meeting between us and to facilitate the delivery of background information, please have March JPA staff contact Supervisor Gonzales' office at (909) 387-4565.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter of mutual concern.



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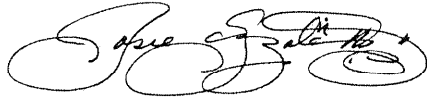
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