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County of Riverside Planning Department
Attn: Grace Williams
4080 Lemon Street, 9th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501.

RE: GPA 688, CZ 6921, Tentative Tract Map 31503

Dear Ms. Williams:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) represents the general aviation interests of more than 405,000 members, over two-thirds of the nation's pilots. More than 50,000 of our members live in the state of California. On behalf of our membership, AOPA is committed to ensuring the future viability and development of general aviation airports and their facilities as part of a national transportation system.

AOPA is strongly opposed to the proposed development and requested zoning change referenced above, as it will negatively impact Flabob Airport. On June 10, 2004, the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) issued a determination that the proposed project as submitted was inconsistent with the 1984 Airport Land Use Plan and the then Draft 2004 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan which has subsequently been adopted. AOPA agrees with that determination.

The Association believes that compatible land use around airports should be a high priority in order to adequately provide for the health, welfare and safety of its citizens both on the ground and in the air. Allowing residential development so close to an airport rather than abiding by the ALUC's plan for more compatible development is poor public policy. Since Flabob Airport is an extremely active general aviation airport which operates 24 hours a day, residential units in close proximity to the airport simply are not in the best interest of the airport or local residents who would be living near it.

It is for the above reasons that AOPA respectfully requests that the Planning Commission reject and deny the request for rezoning. Thank you for considering the Association's views on this matter. If we can be of further assistance please contact our staff at 301-695-2200.

Sincerely,

John L. Collins
Government Technical Specialist
AOPA Airport Support Network