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Mrs. Roberta MacGlashan, Chair  
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors  
700 H Street, Suite 2450  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Supervisor MacGlashan:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) represents the general aviation interests of 406,000 members, more than two-thirds of the nation's pilots – and including 49,000 of our members 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.

We are writing this letter on behalf of our members who are among the more than 60 local pilots based at and who utilize the Sunset Sky ranch Airport in Elk Grove, CA. AOPA is disappointed that the County Board of Supervisors decided to not renew the special use designation for the airport and we request that you reconsider that decision. If the Board is unwilling to reverse that decision, we respectfully ask that you work cooperatively with the based tenants and do the most to help accommodate them as they face a difficult transition to other airports.

The Association believes that Sunset Sky ranch is a vital component of the local, state and national air transportation system. The airport has a long history of serving the Elk Grove area as an on-ramp to the national airspace system. We understand that growth in the county has naturally moved in towards the airports and recognize that this places great challenges on elected bodies such as yours. AOPA strongly supports compatible land use planning that balances the needs of all citizens and keeps the airport open and available for use. We encourage the Board to examine every possible solution to creating compatible land use around Sunset Sky ranch and all the public use airports in the County.

Thank you for your consideration of the Association's views on this issue. If we can be of further assistance, please contact our staff at 301-695-2200.

Sincerely,



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