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Mr. Joe Esposito  
Senior Vice President, Network Planning  
Delta Air Lines, Inc.  
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Via e-mail to: [joe.esposito@delta.com](mailto:joe.esposito@delta.com)

RE: Delta Air Lines' use of quiet, efficient A220-100s at John Wayne Airport

Dear Mr. Esposito:

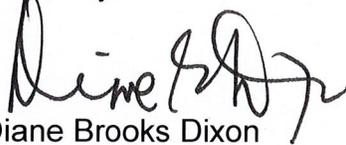
I'm writing on behalf of the City of Newport Beach (City) to express our appreciation for Delta Air Lines investment in fleet modernization and its recent decision to fly A220-100 aircraft for its five daily nonstops between John Wayne Airport (JWA) and Salt Lake City.

A large section of our community is located directly under the JWA departure corridor and as such, the City has long sought solutions to mitigate the noise and air quality impacts associated with aircraft overflights. While our efforts have been productive, we recognize the greatest benefits have and will come from improved aircraft technology.

At JWA, the A220-100 replaced Delta's B717-200 aircraft, and our community immediately realized the benefits of the A220's higher climb rate and quieter engine technology. To demonstrate, during its first flights here, the A220-100 measured **five to eight decibels lower** than acceptable noise limits at some JWA noise monitoring stations. These results were cause to celebrate in Newport Beach and we have shared the good news with our community on multiple occasions and will continue to do so.

The City applauds Delta's commitment to fleet modernization and its goal of replacing 20 percent of its older, less-efficient aircraft by next year. While some may focus on the operational and passenger benefits of such an investment, we contend it's equally important to highlight the environmental and community-friendly advantages of your newer aircraft technology. As stated earlier, we believe it is the best, long-term solution for relieving the noise and emissions impacts on communities such as ours, and commend Delta Air Lines for its leadership in fleet modernization. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Brooks Dixon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

Diane Brooks Dixon  
Mayor

cc: Newport Beach City Council  
Supervisor Michelle Steel, Orange County Board of Supervisors  
Barry Rondinella, Director, John Wayne Airport