



August 12, 2026

To: Mayor Pace and the Hillsboro City Council

RE: Hillsboro Airport and Sky Harbour Expansion, Application DR-044-25

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to Land Use Application **DR-044-25**, submitted by the **Sky Harbour Group**, for expansion of jet operations at the Hillsboro Airport.

The proposed expansion would increase aircraft traffic, noise, and air pollution for surrounding communities, while adding unnecessary carbon emissions. These impacts are particularly concerning for residents beneath the established flight paths over Cooper Mountain and portions of Bull Mountain.

CPO6 has historically opposed expansion and has repeatedly heard concerns from community members regarding aircraft noise and the close proximity of flights over these populated areas. CPO6¹ has also attempted to work with the FAA to make modest adjustments to flight paths to reduce flights over Cooper Mountain's natural riparian and wildlife habitat and nearby residential areas, without success. Aircraft and jets can currently fly as low as 1,000 feet above ground in these areas. This is too close and extremely noisy. More air traffic would profoundly make the noise pollution worse.

We understand that **DR-044-25 does not meet the City's applicable approval criteria**. Given the significant impacts on residents, natural habitat, and the environment, we respectfully request that the Hillsboro City Council **deny Land Use Application DR-044-25**.

Thank you for your consideration of the concerns of the affected communities.

Sincerely,

Ken Seymour, **xCPO6 Chairperson**

¹ **Note:** Washington County has recently disbanded the CPO programs: i.e.: Community Participation Organization