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Statement of the SRC Citizen Members

Regarding the 20-Year Master Plan Process for T.F. Green Airport

We, the undersigned SRC Citizen Members, consider the 20-year Master Planning process at T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, RI fatally flawed by its failure to adhere to the FAA's own guidelines.

FAA Advisory Circular 150/5050-4 (Citizen Participation in airport planning) and FAA Advisory Circular 150/5070-6A (Airport Master Plans) clearly state that

"It is intended as a guide for airport sponsors, planners and interested citizens in achieving citizen participation in airport planning studies." (AC no: 150/5050-4), also in (AC no: 150/5070-6A) "This publication is intended primarily for the use by the aviation community, especially those directly involved in preparing master plans-airport operators, staffs and their consultants. It will also be useful to state aviation officials, airport board members, municipal officials, state/regional/local planning personnel and the general public. All of whom are part of the airport planning process."

It was only just recently (almost a year into the study) that we learned of these documents; had it not been for the hard work of a dedicated volunteer SRC Citizen Representative, we still might not have known of their existence ...

As the Citizen members of the SRC, we feel that we've been deceived by RIAC, FAA and Landrum & Brown, in that they failed to disclose these documents and provide them to us, from the beginning, to enable us to complete the task at hand. This vital, educational information should have been provided to all SRC members prior to the first SRC meeting.

We were informed at the outset of this process that we would not be a voting body, but that our input would be valued and included in all decision-making. This is obviously not the case. While we have been told, time after time, that our issues and concerns are being heard and considered, there hasn't been any concerted effort on the part of RIAC, FAA or Landrum & Brown to address the many issues raised by the Citizen Members. As you all know, this is not the first time we've protested this process. While we came back, hopeful and committed to protecting the quality of life of the airport's host communities, we feel that our trust has once again been violated.

We therefore will not condone any portion of this fundamentally flawed process, unless and until the issues and concerns of Warwick, Cranston and other surrounding communities are completely and adequately addressed. We have clearly stated these points throughout the entire process and we would be glad to further discuss them with the SRC.

We continue to stand willing to consider the future of T.F. Green Airport. We continue to demand, however, that this process properly consider the future of our communities and the quality of life we deserve.

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