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Position Statement

re: Cuyahoga County Airport Master Plan update and proposed expansion

The Administration and City Council of Willoughby Hills remain steadfastly opposed to runway expansion at Cuyahoga County Airport.

The Administration and City Council of Willoughby Hills will continue to fight any runway expansion in the same manner as has been done previously and successfully.

The Administration and City Council of Willoughby Hills support portions of the Master Plan update that address safety concerns and the reduction of noise at the airport as these are valuable and necessary improvements that do not require any airport runway expansion.

Our plan of action:

1. Maintain open communications with Cuyahoga County Airport officials and Cuyahoga County Commissioners regarding our concerns about the Master Plan update and airport runway expansion.
2. Attend and provide comment expressing our opposition to runway expansion at all known meetings regarding the Cuyahoga County Airport expansion or Master Plan updates.
3. Work with other area local governments and citizens groups to form a unified coalition against expansion.
4. Engage local, county, state, and federal elected officials in an intensive lobbying effort to make them aware of our concerns.
5. Involve both internal and external legal representation when appropriate and warranted.
6. Communicate with Federal Aviation Administration officials at all levels regarding our concerns about airport runway expansion.
7. Continue to inform the citizens of Willoughby Hills of developments on this issue, as necessary.
8. Encourage Willoughby Hills citizens to continue to make their voices heard directly through community meetings, comment cards, and letters to local, county, state, and federal officials.

The Administration and City Council of Willoughby Hills are united in opposing any runway expansion that will negatively impact our quality of life by increasing noise and pollution while deteriorating property values. We will continue to represent, with the strongest voice possible, the thousands of residents and businesses that would be adversely affected by such proposals.