

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Snohomish County, Washington

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 08-020

REAFFIRMING SNOHOMISH COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING
PAINE FIELD'S EXISTING GENERAL AVIATION ROLE AND PURSUING A
JOINT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Executive and Council agree with the 1979 Paine Field Mediation Panel Recommendation that Paine Field remain light aircraft oriented with the role defined as "General Aviation"; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1978, the Snohomish County Commissioners adopted by resolution the "Role for Development of Paine Field," and in 1979, further adopted by resolution the recommendation of the Paine Field Mediation Panel in accordance with the "General Aviation" role for that public facility, a role which was subsequently reaffirmed by Snohomish County in 1989, 1992, and again in 2001; and

WHEREAS, based on the 1978-79 Mediated Role determination, and the subsequent reaffirmations, Snohomish County allowed and has continued to allow the original industrial zoning around Paine Field to be changed to single and multiple family zoning, with the result that a substantial residential community has developed in the area based on the County's promise to protect the community from adverse airport impacts, specifically the use of Paine Field as a major commercial airport; and

WHEREAS, since 1979, families, business owners, and public schools have relied on the MRD in good faith, and invested billions of dollars into their homes, businesses, and schools in the vicinity of Paine Field; and

WHEREAS, the Paine Field area, based on the 1978-79 Mediated Role determination, has also developed as a major American industrial and aerospace center, the manufacturing headquarters to our nation's largest exporter, the Boeing Company, as well as numerous other related aviation industries; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council's August 2001 Regional Airport System Plan states that "The primary purpose of general aviation airports is to provide alternate landing areas and aircraft basing facilities for general aviation aircraft, so major air carrier airports, such as Sea-Tac, can concentrate on passengers and air cargo"; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of a democratically-elected government's commitment to the constituency it serves is the absolute foundation for a free and just society, and that any abridgment of the promises made by government to citizens threatens the very substance of a civilized society; and

WHEREAS, the planning and financing of all regional facilities are contingent upon the credibility of long-term government decision making; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Edmonds, Mukilteo, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and Woodway, (representing over 77,000) have expressed their opposition to commercial air service at Paine Field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Snohomish County Executive and Council do jointly reaffirm our county's commitment to preserving the existing general aviation role of Paine Field, and will pursue any and all lawful and appropriate means to discourage any action that would facilitate, directly or indirectly, use of Paine Field for scheduled air passenger service or air cargo service, which may include an interlocal agreement.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2008.