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Councilmember Rose Clark  
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Dear Councilmember Clark :

I know you are concerned that without a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), residents will not have a voice in the Part 150 Study. I therefore feel it is important to provide you with an explanation for why the Port of Seattle has decided to conduct the public outreach process in a somewhat different, more expansive manner than the process employed during the last Part 150 Study in 2002.

During the 2002 Part 150 process, cities nominated individuals to serve on the CAC, which became the principal public body interfacing with the consultants on the Part 150 Study. By limiting public outreach to primarily the interactions between the consultants and the members of the CAC, the Port found that many residents felt left out of the proceedings and unable to take part to the extent they had hoped to. Therefore, the current public outreach process is designed to be much more inclusive and engage everyone who wants to be involved. In a sense, there's still a CAC with the current Part 150. This time though, everyone has a seat on the committee and able to suggest recommendations, share their concerns and participate to the fullest extent possible. We believe this format also provides an opportunity for residents outside the airport communities to take part without the Port needing to form a separate forum for communities beyond the 65 DNL.

With the current Part 150 Study, ideas for improving noise programs or for proposing new programs will come directly from members of the public either at the public workshops that will occur throughout the Part 150 process or through other scheduled meetings like those with city councils or CASE. Each public workshop will be built around a particular Study element and milestone. To make sure everyone's voice is heard at the workshops, the Port's consultants will facilitate smaller breakout sessions, where members of the public can provide input, ask questions and offer recommendations in a more personal setting. Records of these meetings and the input received will be kept and factored into the Study.

For organized groups or local governments such as the Burien City Council, CASE or any organization that expresses an interest, Port Staff will certainly be willing to visit those entities directly to update their memberships on the Study and to listen to their ideas and recommendations. We are committed to keeping the elected officials of the airport communities completely tied into the Study and able to participate at the level they would prefer.

As in 2002, the current Part 150 Study utilizes a Technical Review Committee (TRC). The TRC is comprised of land use planners from the surrounding cities and aviation and airline representatives – all with very specific technical expertise. They will be asked to review data and reports and offer *technical* feedback on all technical documents related to the Study. As in 2002, they will not be tasked with

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developing recommendations. Chip Davis has agreed to serve as Burien's planning representative on the TRC.

I hope I addressed your concerns. Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stan Shepherd".

Stan Shepherd  
Manager, Airport Noise Programs  
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✓ cc: Mike Martin, City of Burien