

CAA/OAA Meeting Comment – Agenda Item No. 5
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My name is Pat OHara and I live in Oxnard Shores. Because of the impacts of the aircraft overhead, I was interested in the selection of the new Public Member for the OAA. The selection process was carried out at the most recent CAA/OAA meeting on January 11, 2024.

It was unfortunate that the selection process did not highlight what the role of a Public Member should be. A Public Member should bring an unbiased opinion to the table, encouraging public accountability from the stakeholders on the board. The Public Member should advocate for all members of the public, and not be entrenched in the specific opinions or activities of the organization represented by the board (in this case, the Oxnard Airport and anyone with financial ties and conflicts of interest, such as hanger owners, aircraft owners and people who do business on the airport). In the best scenario, the Public Member would bring a different perspective on issues facing the board that would bring balance to decision and policy making.

I hope that the Public Member chosen for OAA can take the time from what appears to be a very busy schedule of activities in the city of Fillmore and advanced education to come to the neighborhoods around Oxnard Airport to hear what our concerns are. I hope she is willing to bring potentially unpopular ideas to the board, and advocate for the best interests of all members of the community here.