



THE KERNAN COALITION

October 23, 2007

President Dan Davis, City Council Members and fellow Jacksonville citizens:

Good evening. My name is Bill Kintz. I am chair of the Coalition of Kernan Boulevard Communities, also known as the Kernan Coalition. My home address is 3925 Maple View Drive, Jacksonville FL 32224.

I speak in support of RESO 2007-984 - Opposing extension of Craig Air Field Runway

THE COALITION OF KERNAN BOULEVARD COMMUNITIES is an umbrella organization comprised of elected and appointed leaders representing Homeowner Associations, schools, businesses and churches along Kernan Boulevard. Its initial purpose is to work at local, city and state levels in planning the Kernan Boulevard roadway improvement project with the goal of balancing the needs of progress and transportation with the safety, quality of life and neighborhood lifestyle needs of local residents.

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The Kernan Coalition has linked arms with the entire East Arlington community, its elected representatives and several former city council members. Together we have formed the Craig Community Covenant. All of us are united in solid opposition to the Jacksonville Airport Authority's repeated attempts to break its promise not to extend the runway at Craig Municipal Airport.

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Tonight, members of our group will present our case with history, facts and honest emotion to educate the public and hopefully persuade you, our elected representatives, about the reasons why you should help protect our community's future by keeping the Craig Community Covenant.

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We will show you why the issue of safety is more a smoke screen than a genuine concern.

We will impress upon you how unfair it is that our community is being forced once again to spend precious time and resources fighting this fight.

We will illustrate why the Comprehensive Plan this council adopted is correct to forbid the proposed expansion that JAA seeks.

We will remind you of the promise this council and the JAA made to our community that you would never, NEVER expand the runways at Craig.

And finally, we will appeal to your basic sense of fairness and integrity in asking you to support the wishes of our community and its elected representatives.

JAA's proposed runway expansion and ramped-up operations will adversely affect [my neighbors in the](#) the Kernan [area](#) and [all the](#) East Arlington [neighborhoods](#), for decades to come. Our community doesn't deny Craig's right to exist.

[But,](#) it is critical that ALL of us, not just JAA, determine how Craig's operations will best fit into our community's future.

[Most](#) of you here tonight are familiar with that verse in Proverbs (29:18), which says, "Without a vision, the people perish." I challenge you, our elected representatives, to support [the resolution sponsored by Councilman Yarborough and](#) Councilman Bishop. [Join](#) with our United Arlington Community Covenant for the purpose of creating a master plan and create a lasting vision for the East Arlington-Kernan community AND Craig Airport.

Thank you.

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