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City Council  
City of Costa Mesa  
77 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Honorable Council Members:

Once again, I strongly urge you to reject the granting of the Conditional Use Permit granted in Planning Application PA-11-03.

A helipad/helistop atop a 19'high building is a completely objectionable request, particularly as the existing building is located in an area already populated by many commercial structures. The construction of the helipad/helistop is a danger to those working in the area and is a green light to any other business/organization/individual to make similar requests.

This is also a green light to an expansion of the John Wayne Airport footprint which will lead to the further enlargement and expansion of John Wayne. The approval of this Conditional Use Permit is not in the interest of this city or its citizens. This helipad/heliport is simply allowing the camel to put its nose under the tent so to speak and will only lead to further encroachment of the airport into our city limits.

As I understand it, Conditional Use Permits "run" with the use of the land. In other words, that helipad/heliport will remain in perpetuity as long as that building stands. I believe this is the first of many requests the City will receive for this type of Conditional Permit. How do you reject a similar request for a business that may want to run a helicopter shuttle from the top of a building already built? You are about to open the floodgates.

The only one to benefit from this absurdity is Kevin Coleman – and those will come after him. This cannot end well for the citizens of Costa Mesa. Please reverse the Planning Commission's approval and consider those of us who actually live here.

Sincerely,

Dolores Storme