

I'm writing you regarding the noise compatibility program for Centennial Airport. I live north of the airport, across Arapahoe Road in the Cherry Creek Vista subdivision. This June will be the 14th year that I've lived in my home.

When I first moved into the neighborhood, I didn't pay much attention to the airport noise. It seemed to be mainly small prop planes flying overhead, and not very bothersome. Gradually the noise has become more annoying. Since I spend a good deal of time working from my home office, I notice the problem worsening. Eventually I moved my office from an upstairs bedroom into a room in the basement to help avoid the noise. Even replacing all of my home's windows and doors couldn't relieve the noise problem. Early mornings and late afternoons are the worst times, when the jet planes are taking off on the north runway, especially the older jets. The noise is especially deafening on overcast, stormy days when the cloud ceiling is low. The jets take off below the cloud cover, sounding as if they're at tree top level. Even with all doors and windows closed, you can't continue a telephone conversation until the jet has long since passed overhead.

I see from their web site Centennial Airport is the 25th busiest airport in the country. This includes airports in major cities like Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. A landing or take-off every 36 seconds is quite impressive, but it's enough to make my ears ring. When I heard there may be increased traffic using Centennial Airport, I thought it would be beneficial for you to hear from another local resident. I'm all for improving trade and commerce in the area, but there also is quality of life to consider. I realize, the airport was here before I moved into the neighborhood and it will be here long after I've gone or moved (whichever come first).

Thank you for hearing me out. I'll go back to covering my ears again.

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