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Sunroad High-Rise Has New Legal Opponent

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The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association has joined with the city of San Diego and the California Department of Transportation in litigation against developer Sunroad Centrum.

According to the association, the developer has continued construction of a 180-foot-tall building less than one mile from Montgomery Field in San Diego, despite federal and city rulings against it.

“The FAA determined that the building is a hazard to air navigation,” said Bill Dunn, the association’s vice president of airports. “Since Sunroad Centrum has ignored FAA’s determination and the city’s stop-work order, AOPA saw no choice but to join in the lawsuit to protect the airport.”

Dunn added that the building, as proposed, violates federal regulations, as well as city and state codes.

“This is only the first of three buildings planned in this complex — the other two even taller and pose an even greater risk to the airport and occupants of the buildings.”

The AOPA, a civil aviation association, has 410,000 members, including 50,000 in California.

Representatives of Sunroad Centrum were not immediately available for comment.

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