

RESOLUTION

JUL 29 2011

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Los Angeles communities have made various complaints relative to the increasing helicopter traffic over Los Angeles, which has created noise pollution, and has generated concerns related to resident safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, most recently, the helicopter traffic significantly increased during "Carmageddon," the closure of a section of the 405 freeway, which served as a tipping point for residents' concerns and frustrations; and

WHEREAS, helicopter traffic in the Los Angeles area has been cited as excessive, as helicopters have been used for car chases, small fires, and even car accidents, creating unintended consequences for residents such as additional noise pollution which has arguably impacted the quality of life of individuals, increased concerns regarding safety, and an invasion of privacy with limited accountability; and

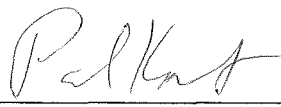
WHEREAS, studies show that adverse consequences to surrounding households due to excessive noise pollution of low-flying aircraft in residential areas have been linked to anxiety, hypertension, sleep disturbance, decreased school performance, stress, and many other conditions which are highly problematic for the communities in Los Angeles; and

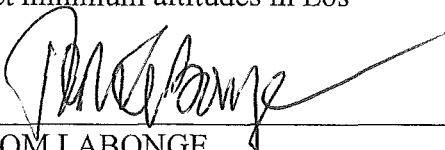
WHEREAS, on July 28, 2011, U.S. Congressman Howard L. Berman introduce H.R. 2677, the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011, which would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to restrict helicopter flight paths and set minimum altitudes over Los Angeles residential areas in Los Angeles within 12 months of enactment, with certain exemptions for emergency responders and the military; and

WHEREAS, action as detailed in H.R. 2677, would mitigate many issues which have been created as a result of heavy low-flying helicopter traffic over residential areas, and would serve as a great relief to the people of Los Angeles;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2011-2012 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of H.R. 2677, which would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to restrict helicopter flight paths and set minimum altitudes in Los Angeles County.

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