

Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition

Citizens seeking relief from helicopter noise – A problem for more than 40 years

LAHelicopterNoise.org

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Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee
Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
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Subject: Council File 15-0002-S125

LAAHNC Supports Los Angeles City Council Helicopter Regulation Resolution

Dear Committee Chair Wesson, Vice Chair Huizar, and Member Harris-Dawson,

The Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition is a voluntary ad hoc group comprising residents from areas across Los Angeles County. LAAHNC strongly supports the proposed City Council Resolution for helicopter flight regulations in Los Angeles County.

Since December 2012, LAAHNC has had more than 60 collaborative meetings with the FAA and pilots, yet has been unable to reach any significant agreements among stakeholders. Therefore, on October 20, 2015, LAAHNC submitted four helicopter flight regulation petitions to the FAA that would reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles County:

Petition No. 01 (No. FAA-2015-5041) – Helicopter Minimum Altitudes – Require non-emergency helicopters to fly at least 2,000 feet above ground level, with exceptions.

Petition No. 02 (No. FAA-2015-5042) – Helicopter Hover/Orbit Restrictions – Require media helicopters to hover/orbit in one location for five minutes or less in any one-hour period, and tour helicopters to hover/orbit for three minutes or less, with exceptions.

Petition No. 03 (No. FAA-2015-5043) – Mandatory Media Helicopter Pooling – Require media helicopters to plan for pooling coverage during planned and unplanned incidents.

Petition No. 04 (No. FAA-2015-5044) – Shore Line Route – Require helicopters flying along the coastline to fly at least one-half mile offshore to reduce noise onshore.

The FAA is evaluating our petitions to determine their viability. Several hundred people have filed supportive comments on the petitions (see <http://www.Regulations.gov/>). For further information on our petitions, see our website at <http://LAHelicopterNoise.org/Petitions/>.

Thank you for your continuing support. For further information, please contact me at BobHillsideOrdinance@roadrunner.com or 213-364-7470.

Sincerely,



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