

RESOLUTION

Opposition to FAA Flight Path Changes

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has proposed amending two existing departure routes from Hollywood Burbank Airport that include satellite-based navigation waypoints JAYTE (near Colfax Ave & Ventura Ave in Studio City) and TEAGN (near Hollyline Ave & Valley Vista Blvd in Sherman Oaks); and

WHEREAS, these satellite-based routes reduce long established wide dispersion flight paths that historically occur on the initial portion of the aircraft routes, creating a singular narrow path that will concentrate flight paths at low altitudes directly over schools and residential areas in parts of the San Fernando Valley, including over parks, protected open spaces, recreation areas, and wildlife habitats of the Santa Monica Mountains; and

WHEREAS, residents who live south of Burbank Airport and Van Nuys Airport are reporting the presence of aircraft over their homes at low altitudes, and with dramatically increased frequency; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, in collaboration with City Councilmembers Paul Krekorian and David Ryu submitted multiple letters documenting procedural errors and insufficient community dialogue and transparency in the FAA's process; and

WHEREAS, the number of noise complaints related to departures from Burbank Airport and Van Nuys Airport have risen dramatically, and there are significant environmental and process concerns as documented in the City's comment letters to the FAA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby states its serious concern regarding the implementation of FAA's proposed amendments and urges the FAA to engage in constructive dialogue with the City and its residents to achieve a safe, equitable, and environmentally reasoned alternative to the proposed procedures.

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