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Just as long-range aviation started from a modest crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in 1927 and grew into a \$2.7 trillion global industry that is a key to how we move around the planet, over the next decade, short-range aviation will become a reality. Urban aviation is quickly becoming a viable option for both passengers looking to avoid long, congested ground-based commutes and for the transportation of goods.

Drones and air taxis promise a new future where low-level flights will allow travel with less traffic and same day package delivery, but the potential impact these new vehicles will have on our communities must also be considered. Potential increases in noise pollution, air pollution, light pollution, as well as socioeconomic impacts must all factor into the arrival of short-range, urban aviation options as well as an effective regulatory framework.

The proximity of urban aviation vehicles to the ground underscores the importance of the City's involvement in developing such a regulatory framework. The Department of Transportation manages the public right of way, streets, walkways, and bikeways in Los Angeles to ensure the safety and security of its residents, and must take into consideration and begin preparing for urban aviation modalities in the City.

The Fire Department manages the use of helicopters in the City, ensuring the safety of the vehicles themselves as well as the public's safety, a function that will become more demanding as the number and use of short-range, low-altitude aircraft increases.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the support of the LAFD and the LAPD, report on the existing policy framework that governs aviation in Los Angeles airspace;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the support of the LAFD and LAPD, report on a recommended a regulatory framework to ensure public safety for the City of Los Angeles.

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