



April 4, 2019

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Re: Request for information regarding increases in aircraft noise and related problems from flights over communities in the South San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica Mountains

Dear Ms. Girvin and Ms. McCarthy:

The purpose of this letter is to request additional information regarding dramatic increases in aircraft noise and related problems from flights over communities in the South San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica Mountains.

At the outset, the City of Los Angeles appreciates the recent decision by your office to undertake an Environmental Assessment for proposed changes to the OROSZ and SLAPP departure procedures from the Hollywood Burbank Airport (the "Airport"). This is a crucial step, given the effects these changes could have that would add to the significant negative impacts from increases in flights Los Angeles residents are already enduring.

As noted in a report prepared by Landrum & Brown commissioned by the Airport, flight paths have shifted south over time over the last 10 years, including since the implementation of new Metroplex procedures in 2017. We have heard an outpouring of complaints from residents and businesses in communities in the South San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica Mountains,

who confront major noise and related impacts from increases in overflights *now*. As a result, we write to request responses to the following questions at your very earliest convenience:

- How much have Airport departure overflights increased south of the 101 Freeway following implementation of the Metroplex changes in 2017?
- What are the causes of this increase?
- Has FAA modeled the increases in noise resulting from this escalation in traffic?
- If so, where have those increases been?
- If so, what have those increases been?
- If so, what are the causes of those increases?
- Will the FAA evaluate the impact of an increase in overflights and noise since implementation of the Metroplex changes in 2017? If so, how?
- What steps will the FAA take to address current noise concerns arising from existing OROSZ and SLAPP procedures?
- Will the FAA commit to evaluate steps to encourage and/or require earlier right-hand turns to reduce the overflights over higher terrain south of the 101 Freeway?

Mr. Feuer will be calling you soon to follow up on these requests. We look forward to your response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Mayor



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The Honorable Kamala Harris, United States Senator
The Honorable Brad Sherman, Member of Congress
The Honorable Adam Schiff, Member of Congress
The Honorable Julia Brownley, Member of Congress
The Honorable Daniel Elwell, Acting Administrator, FAA