



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

January 15, 2016

Honorable Mike Bonin, Los Angeles City Councilmember (CD 11)
Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Los Angeles City Council President and Councilmember (CD 10)
All other Los Angeles City Councilmembers (Hon. Blumenfield, Buscaino, Cedillo, Englander, Fuentes, Harris-Dawson, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, Price, O'Farrell and Ryu)

Via email to all Councilmembers

Hon. Councilmembers Bonin and Wesson and all other members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the voice of the community for more than forty years. The recent increase in noise from low-flying commercial aircraft has resulted in complaints from residents in Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica Canyon as well as in West Los Angeles, Mar Vista, Santa Monica and adjacent areas. Last night our board was briefed by the FAA on the proposed Metroplex program with additional attention given to the current complaints. The PPCC board takes notice of our residents' concerns regarding the increased noise from commercial flight operations over our community. We have reviewed the attached motion unanimously passed by the Mar Vista Community Council on January 12, 2016. We note that the airplanes flying over Mar Vista appear to be the same craft that have flown over our community. The MVCC motion supports flight operations into LAX over neighborhoods, specifically including Pacific Palisades, that offer a reduction of noise impacts.

After the FAA briefing, the PPCC board unanimously approved a motion to concur with and support the MVCC motion.

In the brief time it has taken to prepare this document around 6:00 AM, four aircraft have flown low over my house. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina Spitz, President
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Encl. (MVCC Motion)

cc (via email):

Honorable Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senator for California
Honorable Diane Feinstein, U.S. Senator for California
Honorable Ted Lieu, U.S. Congressman (33rd District California)
Honorable Karen Bass, U.S. Congresswoman (37th District California)
Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Honorable Tony Vazquez, Mayor, City of Santa Monica
Kathryn Pantoja, Environmental Affairs Officer (Noise Management), LAWA
Omar Pulido, LAX Community Liaison, CD11

MVCC Motion passed unanimously – January 12, 2016

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an official neighborhood organization of the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, beginning no later than October 2015, residents of Mar Vista have observed and experienced significant overhead changes to arrival patterns of commercial passenger airplanes into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX);

WHEREAS these airplanes fly over Mar Vista every 1-2 minutes, beginning before dawn and continuing through the day into the evening, at altitudes lower than they did prior to October 2015, emitting noise at higher levels than they did prior to October 2015;

WHEREAS, residents of the Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, Culver City, and other parts of the City of Los Angeles have reported similar observations regarding changes to approach paths to LAX since at least October 2015;

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for flight approaches and departures relating to LAX;

WHEREAS, the FAA is in the process of implementing the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), with the goal of transforming the country's air traffic control system from a ground-based system to a satellite-based system in order to increase efficiency, safety, and predictability to flights throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2015, the FAA concluded a public comment period relating to its implementation of NextGen technology for LAX and other Southern California airports;

WHEREAS, representatives of the FAA have not explained the reason for the observed changes to flight approaches into LAX over Mar Vista but have denied that they are associated with NextGen implementation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MVCC requests and supports efforts by the Los Angeles City Council to request information from the FAA regarding the reason for the observed changes to flight approaches into LAX over Mar Vista.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCC supports flight approaches into LAX over the neighborhoods noted above that would offer a reduction of noise impacts.