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LOS ANGELES COUNCILWOMAN ★ 11TH DISTRICT

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Santa Monica City Council
City of Santa Monica
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Room 209
Santa Monica, CA 90401

RE: Letter of Support — Advocacy, City of Los Angeles Residents Regarding Santa Monica Airport Concerns

Mayor Torosis and Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding aspects of the operation of the Santa Monica Airport (SMO) and the resulting impacts to adjacent neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles.

Air traffic from commercial charter flights and flight schools over the densely populated Los Angeles neighborhoods of East Venice and Mar Vista, originating from SMO, have increased intrusive noise and pollution in these areas, despite the Aircraft Noise Ordinance and the “Fly Neighborly” Program, which relies heavily on pilot cooperation and education to minimize disruptions.

In particular, the training work of touch-and-go landings and closed traffic patterns conducted as a result of increased flight school operations often involve takeoff from SMO, climbing to a low altitude, flying east over Mar Vista and East Venice, making a wide turn, and returning to SMO to land. This pattern is sometimes repeated dozens of times per training session. Unfortunately, residential neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles have effectively become de facto SMO training airspace. This relentless repetition is triggering frustration, stress, and sleep disruption, and only reinforces views that the airport is not compatible with dense urban neighborhoods.

I join my constituents in requesting an assessment of SMO’s operational impacts on the residents of the nearby communities within the Eleventh Council District of the City of Los Angeles. I appreciate your consideration of this letter and the concerns of my constituents.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sean Silva (Sean.Silva@lacity.org) in my office. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District
City of Los Angeles