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The Honorable Paul Koretz, Councilmember, 5th District, City of Los Angeles
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Re: Los Angeles Action Regarding Santa Monica Airport

At the regularly scheduled Board Meeting held February 12, 2013, the Mar Vista Community Council approved the following policy motion:

Whereas Los Angeles City Council District 11 (CD 11) borders Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to the south and to the east, including an almost sixteen acre portion of the east end of SMO within the City of Los Angeles CD 11; and, Whereas the CD 11 neighborhoods of Mar Vista, Venice, and other West Los Angeles neighborhoods, as well as the Council District 5 (CD5) neighborhoods of Rancho Park, Cheviot Hills, and other West Los Angeles neighborhoods within CD5 are all uniquely impacted by nuisances, and serious safety/public health concerns created by SMO operations;

and, Whereas changes to the operations at SMO by the City of Santa Monica and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), since 1984, include:

- 1) No curfew on landings that approach almost without exception only over Los Angeles CD5 and CD11 neighborhoods;
- 2) Santa Monica's "Fly Neighborly Program" that advises visual flights to fly over Venice in Los Angeles thus avoiding Santa Monica;
- 3) A 1990 change to the Instrument Flight westerly departure route that moved takeoffs from over Santa Monica to over Venice resulting in the need to coordinate with LAX flight patterns, prolonged idle/hold times at SMO greatly increasing air pollution to the downwind Los Angeles area, all these having the effect of greatly increasing the extreme negative effects on the above mentioned Los Angeles neighborhoods,

Therefore be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) requests that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles take all necessary steps, including opening a council file directing the City Attorney to research all potential actions that may be take, including but not limited to legal action, to protect the public health of Los Angeles residents against extreme environmental, safety, and all other disproportionate impacts from SMO operations.

Be it further resolved that the MVCC recommends, in order to assure that Los Angeles' interests are given fair and appropriate attention, the City of Los Angeles request official Los Angeles CD 11 and CD5 representation at all meetings with the City of Santa Monica that pertain to the future uses of SMO; including SMO staff meetings with the FAA.

Thank you for your consideration of the matter,

Sharon Commins, Chair
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