

CATEGORY: Policy

COMMITTEE: PHS & Homeless Committee

PURPOSE: To support the Santa Monica Airport Commission's recommendations to Santa Monica City Council

BACKGROUND:

WHEREAS, no level of lead exposure is safe, and lead exposure particularly affects children, and

WHEREAS, the recent Reid-Hillview Airport Study showed conclusively that lead from aviation emissions near their airport increased blood lead levels in children, in concentrations in some cases far higher than during the Flint Water Crisis, and

WHEREAS, studies previously performed at Santa Monica Airport (AQMD & EPA in 2010) have also shown elevated levels of lead in the areas surrounding the airport due to leaded aviation fuel, and

WHEREAS, Santa Monica and West Los Angeles have multiple childcare centers, pre-schools, and elementary schools in close proximity to Santa Monica Airport, and

WHEREAS, we currently have a national administration that has made it a policy priority to promote clean energy, and reduce pollution and lead exposure,

During the PHS & Homeless Committee meeting on October 13, 2021, the motion was moved by Marton, seconded by Samiley, and passed without objection.

THE MOTION:

NOW THEREFORE, MVCC strongly encourages the City of Santa Monica to explore steps taken and actions initiated by the County of Santa Clara in their efforts to address and mitigate lead pollution exposure, and to take similar measures including (but not limited to) joining the recent petition filed by Earthjustice and the County of Santa Clara.