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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors, at its regular September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, approved the following letter:

**To: Debbie Raphael  
Director, Environmental Protection Agency**

**Dear Director Raphael,**

**The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC), an official Neighborhood Council of Los Angeles, extends our full support for Senator Lieu's July 18, 2011 letter of request to you; asking that the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) conduct a formal investigation of the pollutants stemming from aircraft operations at Santa Monica Airport. Mar Vista is part of the flight path loop that student pilots use for practice flights. Approximately half of all the aircraft operations at SMO are practice flights. Aviation gasoline contains lead. Recent studies have shown elevated lead blood levels in children in close proximity to airports. All these facts have the Mar Vista community very concerned.**

**The MVCC also supports the study of other potential toxic substances that are a result of the jet aircraft operations at SMO. As Senator Lieu points out in his letter to you, scientific studies have shown extremely high levels of ultrafine particles and black carbon in the adjacent downwind Los Angeles community. These spikes in pollution are directly associated with jet idle and jet blast.**

**We are very grateful to Senator Lieu for his letter of request to you, as we are very much in need of this investigation by our California Environmental Protection Agency's DTSC. Santa Monica Airport is the busiest single-runway general aviation airport in the United States and it has densely populated residential neighborhoods, two parks and a college campus adjacent. In addition there are several schools and daycare centers in the neighborhood. Please accept this opportunity to demonstrate strong leadership and help protect the many thousands of people who find themselves in harm's way from exposure to toxins produced by SMO's aircraft operations.**

Thank You,

Albert Olson  
Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council  
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