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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER

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Dear Friend:

As promised, I have enlisted the City Attorney to work with me to meaningfully address the proposed changes to take-off patterns of commercial flights coming out of Hollywood Burbank Airport. Today, we provided our official comments to the Federal Aviation Administration about its proposal to move the departing flights further south over the Studio City portion of the Santa Monica Mountains. I have attached those comments in a letter format here.

In short, I wholeheartedly oppose the FAA's proposed action as I believe it will cause undue harm to our communities. Changing the departure procedures from the current conventional routes to much more concentrated paths will focus more noise over a smaller area in the southern part of Council District 2, including over schools and quiet residential neighborhoods.

Just as distressing is the fact that the FAA is set to make these major changes without conducting a real environmental review process, which is entirely unacceptable to me. The FAA's unwillingness to be transparent about this process and its complete inability to articulate a true public benefit to be derived from the new flight paths wrongly shuts the public out of the discussion.

As you will read in my attached comment letter to the FAA, the City Attorney and I have outlined the new impacts on schools, businesses, and recreational and residential areas that these paths will create. I have told the FAA in no uncertain terms that we believe they are legally obligated to start a formal environmental review process to consider these impacts and should engage in collaborative outreach to the community to identify alternatives to the paths currently proposed.

Thank you for your attention to and advocacy on this important matter. I will keep you updated with any new information I receive from the FAA about this issue. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Transportation Director Doug Mensman: (213) 473-7002 or doug.mensman@lacity.org.

Very truly yours,

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