

# Attachment "D"

TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## MOTION

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to two airports and regularly works with communities, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to mitigate the impacts of airport-related noise in the neighborhoods nearest those facilities; and

WHEREAS, Part 175 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 establishes a procedure the FAA Administrator can invoke for adopting navigation departure procedures or amending existing procedures that would direct aircraft over noise-sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, this procedure allows airport operators such as LAWA to ask the FAA to implement the Part 175 procedure to conduct a noise and safety impact study and consult with affected communities regarding navigational changes; and

WHEREAS, after authorizing a phase-out of the use of Stage 2 jet engines at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) that resulted in significantly fewer noise complaints from residents and businesses regarding VNY operations, the FAA in 2017 unilaterally implemented a change to a long-standing "no early turns" instruction for take-offs that resulted in departing jets being unable to make turns until they were south of the Sepulveda Basin; and

WHEREAS, this change placed turning jets over Encino, Sherman Oaks, and other residential neighborhoods, as well as the environmentally-sensitive Santa Monica Mountains, at low altitudes instead of those turns taking place over the unpopulated Sepulveda Basin, resulting in a 622% increase in noise complaints in the year after the change was implemented; and


WHEREAS, this change was implemented without community public input or any formal studies that the City is aware of at this time.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct Los Angeles World Airports to formally request that the Federal Aviation Administration undertake a Part 175 process to address noise impacts at Van Nuys Airport, while rescinding the 2017 change at its earliest opportunity pending the outcome of the process.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Koretz  
PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY: Paul Kerkorian

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TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to address the noise impact of new instructions for departing flights from Van Nuys Airport.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz – Krekorian – Ryu):

INSTRUCT Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to request the FAA to:

- a. Undertake a Section 175 process to address noise impacts at Van Nuys Airport, while rescinding the 2017 change to a longstanding no early turns instruction for take-offs that resulted in departing jets being unable to make turns until they were south of the Sepulveda Basin, at its earliest opportunity pending the outcome of the process.
- b. Take into account the potential noise impact of any new departing flight guidelines on the surrounding communities before they are implemented.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

At its meeting held January 18, 2019, Council considered Motion (Koretz – Krekorian – Ryu) relative to requesting the FAA to address noise impacts of Van Nuys Airport. Motion states that Section 175 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 establishes a procedure for the FAA Administrator to adopt navigation departure procedures or amend existing procedures that would direct aircraft over noise-sensitive areas. The procedure allows airport operators such as LAWA to ask the FAA to implement the Section 175 procedure to conduct a noise and safety impact study and consult with affected communities regarding navigational changes.

Motion goes on to state that in 2017, the FAA unilaterally implemented a change to a longstanding no early turns instruction for take-offs that resulted in departing jets being unable to make turns until they were south of the Sepulveda Basin. This change placed turning jets over Encino, Sherman Oaks, and other residential neighborhoods, as well as the environmentally-sensitive Santa Monica Mountains, at low altitudes instead of those turns taking place over the unpopulated Sepulveda Basin, resulting in a 622% increase in noise complaints in the year after the change was implemented. Motion recommends that LAWA request the FAA to undertake a Section 175 process to address noise impacts at Van Nuys Airport. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 19, 2019, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee discussed this matter with LAWA staff. Department representatives stated that flight management at Van Nuys Airport recently migrated from traditional ground based traffic control to satellite GPS. Historically, departing flights took off and had turned over the Sepulveda basin. With this change, departing flights turned sooner, increasing noise in communities near the airport. In an attempt to address this concern, the FAA revised departure procedures. This change lead to a significant

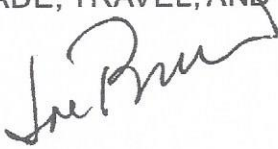
increase in noise harming the quality of life in the communities of Encino, Sherman Oaks, and Lake Balboa.

During the public comment period, area resident expressed strong support for the Motion. Speakers stated that the new take-off flight patterns have significantly increased jet and airplane noise, disrupting sleep, causing detrimental health effects, and reducing property value of their homes. It was stated that urgent action is needed to protect area residents.

The Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee members discussed their concerns regarding the impact on the quality of life on the impacted communities. It was stated that the implementation of the new FAA procedures followed, and may have been a direct result of, a lawsuit regarding airport noise. The attempt to resolve the issue, resulted in shifting the noise to other areas. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion, further recommending that Council instruct LAWA to request the FAA to take into account the potential noise impact of any new takeoff guidelines on the surrounding communities before they are implemented.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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this matter, please refer to the  
Council File No.: 15-0367-S2

## OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2019

**Council File No.:** 15-0367-S2

**Council Meeting Date:** February 27, 2019

**Agenda Item No.:** 19

**Agenda Description:** TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting the Federal Aviation Administration to address the noise impact of new instructions for departing flights from Van Nuys Airport.

**Council Action:** TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY MOTION (KREKORIAN - BUSCAINO)

**Council Vote:**

YES	BOB BLUMENFIELD
YES	MIKE BONIN
YES	JOE BUSCAINO
YES	GILBERT A. CEDILLO
YES	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
YES	JOSE HUIZAR
YES	PAUL KORETZ
YES	PAUL KREKORIAN
YES	NURY MARTINEZ
YES	MITCH O'FARRELL
YES	CURREN D. PRICE
YES	MONICA RODRIGUEZ
ABSENT	DAVID RYU
YES	GREIG SMITH
YES	HERB WESSON

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT

Adopted Report(s)

**Title**

Report from Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee

**Date**

02/26/2019

**MOTION**

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee Report relative to requesting the Federal Aviation Administration to address the noise impact of new instructions for departing flights from Van Nuys Airport, to add recommendation "c" to read as follows:

c. Take into account the relationship between any changes in departing flight guidelines, instructions or procedures at Van Nuys Airport on the noise impacts on Los Angeles communities caused by flights departing from Hollywood Burbank Airport.

PRESENTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
JOE BUSCAINO  
Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

February 27, 2019

CDs 2, 4, 5, and 6

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