



July 27, 2020

RE: Recommendations sent to the FAA from the Task Force

**Motion:**

**The Encino Neighborhood Council Airport Committee supports the recommendations sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) to reduce airplane noise.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Los Angeles Airport World Authority (LAWA) and Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (BGPAA) formed the Southern San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force (Task Force) in August 2019 to address growing community concerns over noise associated with operations at the Van Nuys (VNY) and Burbank (BUR) Airports and in particular the impacts resulting from the FAA's implementation of its NextGen program.
2. San Fernando Valley communities were represented on the Task Force by the following local, state and federal elected officials:
  - i. Offices of LA Council Members Krekorian, Koretz, Martinez, and Ryu
  - ii. Offices of the Mayors of Burbank (Lundy and Springer), Glendale (Najarian), and Pasadena (Tornek)
  - iii. Offices of US Senators Feinstein and Harris
  - iv. Office of US Representatives Cardenas, Schiff, and Sherman
3. Seven meetings were held by the Task Force between August 2019 and May 2020 to gather input from the public, industry, airport management, and the FAA

4. The Task Force voted to approve sixteen (16) recommendations to address community concerns as categorized below and sent to the FAA, as well as to BBPAA, and LAWA, for review, assessment, and implementation, where feasible:

- Community Concern – “Southern Shift of Flight Tracks” (2 recommendations)
- Community Concern – “Low Altitude Departing Aircraft” (2 recommendations)
- Community Concern – “Concentration of Flight Tracks” (2 recommendations)
- Community Concern – “Unequal Distribution of Aircraft Noise” (2 recommendations)
- Community Concern – “Nighttime Aircraft Noise (3 recommendations)
- Community Concern – Insufficient Noise Mitigation (5 recommendations)

The recommendations as fully documented can be viewed here: [http://hollywoodburbankairport.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/AmmendedTaskForceMemberRecommendations\\_Final\\_-06082020.pdf](http://hollywoodburbankairport.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/AmmendedTaskForceMemberRecommendations_Final_-06082020.pdf)

5. Of the sixteen (16) Task Force recommendations, ten (10) corresponded to nearby community concerns associated with VNY, and two (2) of those, are under the direct governance of LAWA – 1) Expanded voluntary nighttime curfew hours with applicability to all aircraft, and 2) Reduced Customs Office hours

## **THEREFORE:**

The Encino Neighborhood Council expresses its support for all 16 recommendations approved by the Southern San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force and requests that the FAA, BGPAA, and LAWA review, assess, and implement them all as soon as possible given the ongoing noise issues being experienced across the entire San Fernando Valley. With an emphasis on immediate action being taken by the FAA on Task Force Recommendations 1 & 2:

### **-Recommendation 1:**

**Immediately restore the Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) Runway 15 departure flight tracks to 2007 conditions without implementing a new procedure.**

### **-Recommendation 2:**

**Immediately stop the use of the procedure with the PPPRY Waypoint and design and implement a modified RNAV (Required Navigation) procedure for Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Runway 16R that results in earlier turns of departing flights and allow a greater percentage of the departing flight tracks to be over the uninhabited Sepulveda Basin as is the case when using the 2.2 DME departure procedure at VNY.**

Further, LAWA is requested to take a lead role amongst the agencies involved to ensure the ten (10) recommendations associated with VNY are continuously advocated for and in parallel immediately implement the following call-outs from the Task Force given they are solely under LAWA’s governance purview:

- 1) Request Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) implement a nighttime curfew for departures and arrivals of all aircraft to help mitigate community noise disturbances between 10 pm and 7 am on weekdays and 10 pm to 9 am on weekends and to be enforced in part by publishing the names of the aircraft management companies responsible and contact information for complaints to be directed to as well as the tail numbers and any other publicly available information related to the offending flight, pilots, and company or individual who owns or rents the aircraft.”
- 2) Request LAWA to work with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to restrict the hours at the Customs and Border Protection Office to close by 10 pm on all days in line with the proposed curfew hours.

3) Additionally, since they are actions that the LAWA BOAC in response to the affected communities, including Encino and Council District 5, has been seeking for approximately two years now, we urge the immediate implementation by the FAA of:

- a) Task Force Recommendation 2: Immediately stop the use of the procedure with the PPRY Waypoint and design and implement a modified RNAV (Required Navigation) procedure for Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Runway 16R that results in earlier turns of departing flights and allow a greater percentage of the departing flight tracks to be over the uninhabited Sepulveda Basin as is the case when using the 2.2 DME departure procedure at VNY.
- b) Task Force Recommendation 3: Immediately increase the climb gradient for departure procedures at Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) and Van Nuys Airport VNY) to the maximum gradient allowable without waivers, expedite any waivers required to exceed a 500 foot per nautical mile climb gradient, and increase the climb gradient to above 500 feet per nautical mile.

**Motion passed: 13 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

On behalf of the Encino Neighborhood Council and all the members of the ENC's Airport Committee we appreciate your immediate attention to our recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

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