



June 18, 2018

VIA U.S. MAIL & EMAIL

Aviation Noise Ombudsman, AEE-2
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, S.W.
Washington D.C., 20591

Subject: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Jet Overflight Noise Abatement

Dear Aviation Noise Ombudsman:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes, a coastal city located 12 miles south of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), brings to your attention the increasing concern of jet flights over the City and the Palos Verdes Peninsula (Peninsula) creating excessive noise disturbances to what is otherwise a quiet, semi-rural community. Aircraft noise and overflight concerns have been raised to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and to the LAX Community Noise Roundtable, which the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has been a member of since 2000. When the Southern California Metroplex plan was proposed, the City and the Peninsula was told that aircraft noise impacts would be significantly reduced because offshore jet departure procedures would more accurately follow the existing OSHNN 8 departure flight path, routing jets over the ocean and away from the Peninsula. However, since the implementation of Southern California Metroplex, Peninsula overflights have more than doubled, even though southbound and eastbound departing jet flight paths did not change.

According to data provided by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), prior to the implementation of the Southern California Metroplex, FAA air traffic controllers vectored **2,527** jets over the Peninsula in 2016. As base of reference, FAA air traffic controllers vectored only 1,648 jets over the Peninsula in 2003 (see attachment). In contrast, one year after the Southern California Metroplex was implemented, air traffic controllers vectored **5,590** jets over the Peninsula (see attachment). The more than doubling of jet overflights has intensified the adverse noise impacts to the City and the Peninsula which is opposite of what the community expected from the Southern California Metroplex plan. As a result of this, at the direction of the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council, the City Attorney sent a letter, dated May 30, 2018, to the FAA demanding that unwarranted jet flights over the Peninsula terminate immediately and that air traffic controllers follow the published departure procedures. Again, the City has expressed our concerns to various offices within the FAA, as well as the LAX Community Noise Roundtable, but we have yet to receive a response from the FAA.

I am writing you to bring this matter to your attention in hope that your office can assist the City in resolving its concerns regarding the aircraft noise impacts resulting from jet flights over the Peninsula. Please contact me at (310) 544-5285 or via email at rnemeth@rpvca.gov to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Nemeth
Associate Planner
City of Rancho Palos Verdes

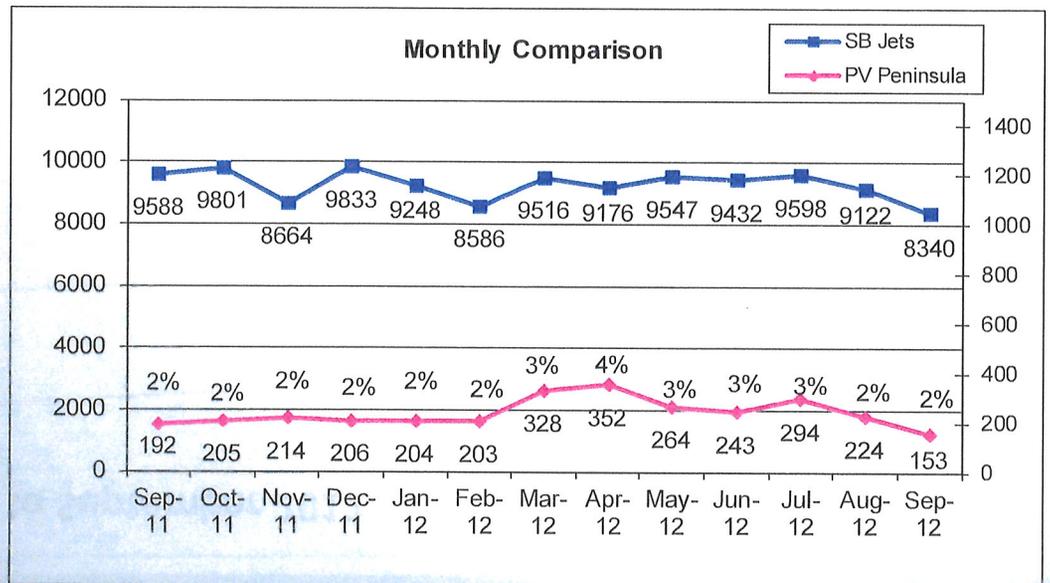
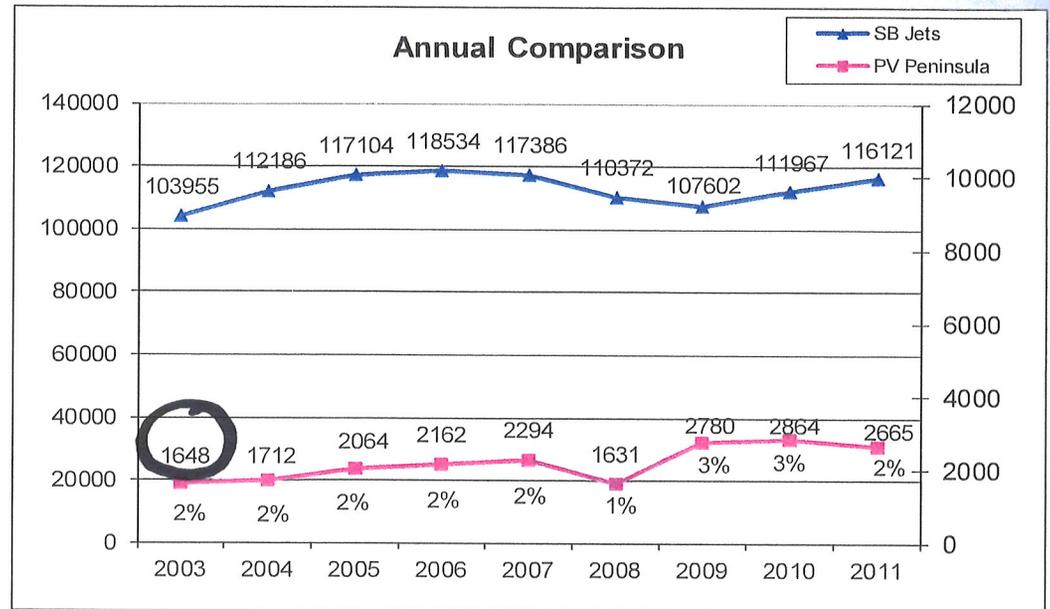
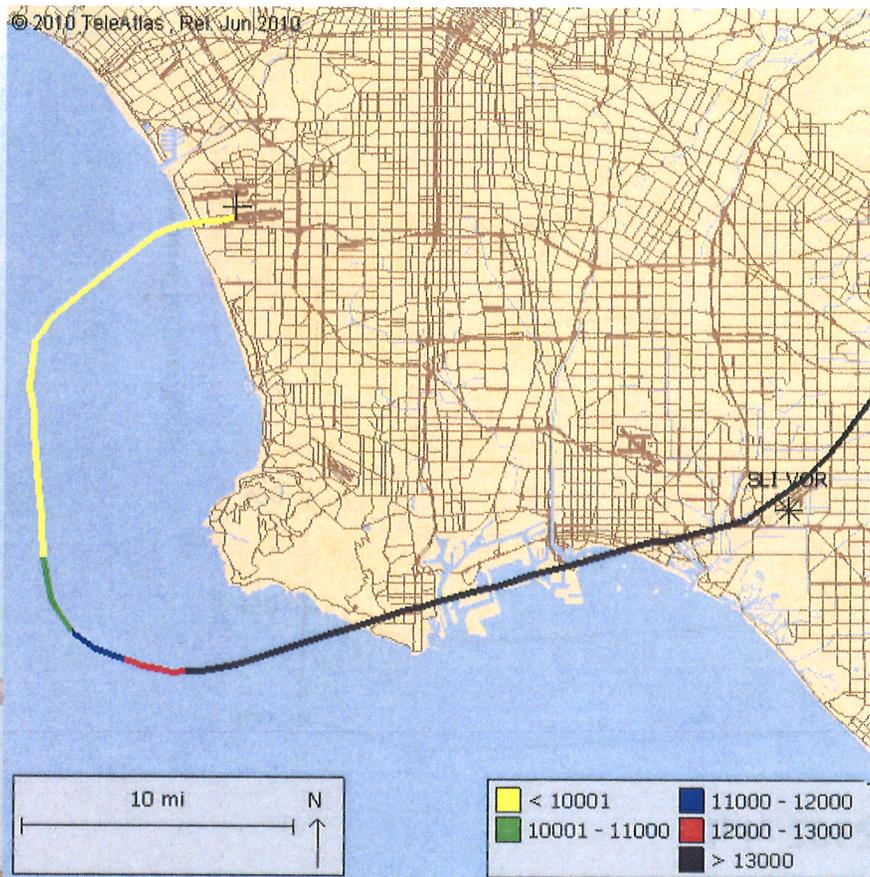
Enclosures:

1. City Attorney letter to the FAA dated May 30, 2018.
2. LAX Community Noise Roundtable letter to the FAA dated May 23, 2018.
3. LAWA Peninsula jet overflight data in 2016 and 2017.
4. LAWA Peninsula jet overflight data in 2003.

Cc: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
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Palos Verdes Peninsula – Jet Overflights

Monitoring southbound jets departing from LAX that overfly Peninsula



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