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Via U.S. Mail and Email

Steve Dickson, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
800 Independence Ave, SW
Washington D.C., 20591

SUBJECT: Request for Relocation of Intensive Flight and Aerobatic Training Area

Dear Mr. Dickson,

I am writing you on behalf of the residents and City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes located in Los Angeles County on the Palos Verdes Peninsula (Peninsula). The City has had a long history of expressing citizen concerns to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding airspace noise impacts. There is an FAA-designated Intensive Flight and Aerobatic Training Area offshore to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV). This flight training area is specifically located offshore, along the City's southerly shoreline. Due to the training site's close proximity to the City's residential and resort developments, City officials receive airspace noise complaints from its residents and visitors.

Understandably, there is a need to have pilots train over the skies of the Los Angeles County region. However, the offshore designated flight training area was established by the FAA at a time when the coastal area adjacent to RPV did not have the intensive residential and recreational developments it has today.

The City Council of Rancho Palos Verdes identifies this noise as a nuisance affecting our community and recommends a course of action to the FAA that would reduce noise over our affected community without concentrating an undue noise burden on any other community. In an effort to reduce the aircraft noise complaints the City of Rancho Palos Verdes receives that are directly attributed to pilot training off the City's coastline, I request

on behalf of the City Council that the FAA relocate the Intensive Flight and Aerobatic Training Area that is adjacent to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes shoreline to a distance further over the Pacific Ocean. A relocation of the practice area to an over-the-ocean area between the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and Catalina Island should be considered by the FAA. Specifically, it is requested that the northerly boundary of the Intensive Flight and Aerobatic Training Area be shifted so as not to be closer than five miles of the City's southerly shoreline. This area does not have commercial turbo propeller traffic nor would it interfere with passenger jets on the OSHNN departure schedule, as that jet traffic is at a higher altitude for the safe spacing between passenger jets and general aviation aircraft.

I thank you in advance for accepting this letter and respectfully reviewing the City's request. I look forward to a written response. I can be reached at 310-544-5202 or via email at aram@rpvca.gov.

Sincerely,



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