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Ara Michael Mihranian  
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Dear Mr. Mihranian:

Subject: Passenger Jet Overflights Over the City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Thank you for your letter dated December 9, 2020, regarding passenger jet aircraft over the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Through your attached previous correspondence dated January 8, 2020, we realize you are aware that the Southern California Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) has noise abatement procedures within their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to help alleviate aircraft noise levels over the Palos Verdes Peninsula. These SOPs outline the expectation that aircraft will not be turned over the Palos Verdes area prior to reaching 13,000 feet mean sea level. However, please know that air traffic controllers may have to vector aircraft off of the OSHNN NINE departure procedure and/or vector an aircraft before the HOLTZ waypoint when necessary to ensure required separation and safety in the highly dynamic Southern California airspace; this vectoring results in changes to lateral and/or vertical aircraft paths. Additionally, air traffic controllers use their best judgment when vectoring, and do so based on traffic complexity, adverse weather conditions, and safety considerations.

Our mission is to provide the safest, most efficient airspace system in the world. We will continually strive to improve the safety and efficiency of flight in this country. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact my office at (424) 405-7000.

Sincerely,

Raquel Girvin  
Regional Administrator