

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

FAA Response to Passenger Jet Overflights

On December 9, 2020, the City sent a letter (attached) to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expressing concerns that passenger jets are being deviated from their over-the-ocean flight paths and overflying RPV. On January 20, 2021, the FAA responded (attached) stating that the reasons for passenger jet deviation are due to aircraft traffic complexities influenced by adverse weather, safety, and efficiency. City staff will continue to monitor jet overflights and participate at the LAX Community Noise Roundtable meetings to represent the community's interest to reduce jet noise. Their next scheduled online meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, starting at 1:30 p.m. For more information from LAWA staff about their Roundtable meetings, including agendas and participation, please visit their website by clicking [here](#).

Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant Program Application



On April 10, 2020, the City was awarded \$160,000 in funding through Senate Bill No. 2 (SB 2), known as the “Building Homes and Jobs Act,” to facilitate and streamline the development process for mixed-use projects in certain commercial zoning districts within the City as an effort to increase the supply of affordable housing in California. Similar to the SB 2 Grant, the LEAP Grant Program is a

secondary one-time funding to facilitate the acceleration of housing production and help prepare for the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The Planning Division will be submitting its LEAP Grant application this week for \$150,000, which will be largely utilized in the same manner as the SB 2 Grant to create a mixed-use overlay control districts within the City’s commercial zoning districts and prepare a program-level California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document.



December 9, 2020

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: Passenger Jet Overflights Over the City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Dear Mr. Dickson,

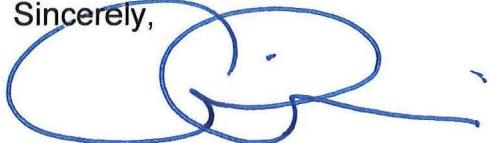
I am writing you on behalf of the residents and City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes located in Los Angeles County on the Palos Verdes Peninsula (Peninsula). The City has had a long history of expressing concerns to the FAA regarding noise impacts associated with departing passenger aircraft from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The City is an active participant on the LAX Roundtable, and has made repeated written requests to the FAA, since the implementation of the Southern California Metroplex in March 2017, to mutually resolve passenger jet aircrafts being vectored by FAA air traffic controllers over the Peninsula, particularly Rancho Palos Verdes.

For most of 2020, there has been little to complain about regarding passenger flights over the Peninsula. It is safe to say that is primarily because of reduced travel due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. However, Rancho Palos Verdes residents and the Los Angeles World Airports' staff have recently recorded an escalation of passenger jet aircraft encroaching into the City's airspace.

The City urges your air traffic controllers to responsibly and diligently adhere to the published flight path that is over-the-ocean. Specifically, the City has requested and continues to request that FAA air traffic controllers either adhere to the published offshore flight path (OSHNN8) for LAX departures or to vector passenger jets beginning east of the Holtz waypoint.

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

Sincerely,



Ara Michael Mihranian, AICP
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Enclosures:

- May 23, 2018 Letter from the LAX Community Noise Roundtable to the FAA
- January 8, 2020 Letter from the LAX Community Noise Roundtable to the FAA

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