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San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force Votes on Final Recommendations for Van Nuys and Burbank Airports

15 Recommendations Approved Seeking to Reduce Airplane Noise and Flight Concentration Over San Fernando Valley and Hillside Residents

LOS ANGELES - May 8, 2020 - The San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force voted Thursday night to approve moving forward fifteen recommendations to address months of complaints about increased airplane noise and flight concentrations from both Burbank and Van Nuys Airports. After two days of final deliberation, final recommendations included increasing climb rates for departing flights, routing planes away from neighborhoods at higher elevations in the Santa Monica Mountains, night-time curfews at both airports, greater dispersal of flights throughout the Valley, as well as a recommendation for a noise level study focusing on departing flights. The final recommendations will be sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review.

Task force members include local officials from Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena including Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz. "This has been a very long and complex process for the residents of the San Fernando Valley. The residents of the Santa Monica Mountains, in particular, have endured frequent extremely-loud, low-flying airplanes disrupting their lives and that of neighboring wildlife. I want to thank our community members for putting forward some very impressive solution-oriented proposals. I believe that the work we have done together will bring forward solutions that benefit everyone impacted by Southern California air traffic," said Councilmember Koretz of the Fifth District that includes Encino in the South Valley and several hillside neighborhoods under the flight path. "This task force must not disband. We should continue to work together so that we can evaluate any follow up from the FAA and work with our representatives in Congress to further improve the lives of those impacted by this intrusive airplane noise."

The task force was formed in August of 2019 as a response to the increased air noise and environmental impacts due to the implementation of the FAA's new NextGen Metroplex program which transitions the majority of flights from ground-based conventional navigation to satellite GPS based RNAV procedures

The task force was created and hosted by Hollywood-Burbank Airport and Los Angeles World Airports and has been holding regular public meetings since its formation particularly addressing the fact that the project implementation by the FAA was conducted without extensive community outreach or Environmental Analysis, communities in new neighborhoods such as Encino, Bel Air, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Valley Village and others are experiencing more and lower flights than ever before.

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