

CITY OF HAWTHORNE



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Ms. Pamela Thornton
Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
P.O. Box 3723
Gardena, CA 90247

October 01, 2018

RE: Response to Hawthorne Municipal Airport Flight Path Concerns

Dear Ms. Thornton:

We are in receipt of your September 14, 2018 letter regarding the increased noise that your community is experiencing from Hawthorne Municipal Airport aircraft overflights. In addition, you also have concerns about safety and air pollution by aircraft arriving and departing Hawthorne Municipal Airport. Based upon our research on your concern, your neighborhood is located approximately two miles east of the Hawthorne Municipal Airport. As you may already know, once an aircraft's wheels leave an airport's runway pavement, it is under the exclusive control of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This is codified in United States Code 49, USC 40103, which states that the United States government has exclusive sovereignty of airspace of the United States. The FAA is the United States administrative agency tasked with the management of our Country's airspace.

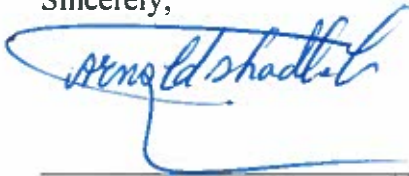
Please know that the City of Hawthorne has been very proactive in addressing noise concerns related to aircraft operations to/from the Hawthorne Municipal Airport. Our airport staff researches and responds to all noise complaints. We intend to forward your concerns about aircraft operations over your area to the FAA. We will also make our local pilot's group aware of your letter.

The City recently completed (2017) an update to our Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 150 (14 CFR Part 150) Airport Noise Compatibility Study. The plan outlines step the City can take to reduce noise impacts. This document can be viewed at our airport administrative offices (12101 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Suite #3, Hawthorne) during normal business hours. As a result, the City has prepared and is going to officially distribute a new pilot guide that encourages the use of noise abatement procedures.

We have also initiated a new grant application to start a new Part 150 Study, Noise Exposure Maps to be conducted in 2019/2020 timeframe. We will notify you when the Part 150 Study

update process begins so you and your community can have a representative participating in the workshops.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arnold Shadler", written over a horizontal line.

Interim City Manager/P.W. Director

cc: Mayor Alejandro Vargas
Mayor Pro Tem Haidar Awad
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