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| Los Angeles  
★ City Councilmember  
| 4th District

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Mr. Bradley Mims  
Deputy Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue  
SW Washington DC 20591

**Re: Implementation Status, VNY RNAV Departure Waypoint Revisions**

Dear Mr Mims,

As the Los Angeles City Councilmember representing the 4th District, my constituents are heavily impacted by aircraft noise, both in the San Fernando Valley and in the hillside communities I represent in Hollywood. Private jet traffic from Van Nuys Airport (VNY) has grown quickly during the pandemic and the three RNAV departure procedures (HARYS, ROSCE, WLKKR) that were shifted south as part of the SoCal Metroplex implementation have meant dramatic increases in noise, pollution, and low flights for my constituents in Sherman Oaks and Encino in particular.

I write to you to reiterate the concerns the LAWA CEO Justin Erbacci noted in his June 9th, 2022 letter to you. In it he states:

*In the fall of 2021, LAWA asked the FAA to move forward with the flight procedure revision process based on input from the community and a determination that changes to the departure procedures were feasible by the FAA. Since then, LAWA has been working to obtain updates on the progress of these procedure changes. In January 2022, FAA noted that the Flight Procedures Team's Final Review was complete, and the next step would be commencement of the environmental process. On May 10, 2022, the FAA indicated that the publication of the revised departure procedures remains on track for January 2024; however, the FAA would be waiting until April 2023 before moving forward with the environmental review process.*

*LAWA is very concerned that this effort will apparently be at a standstill for over a year without any indication as to what type of environmental review will be required and how long that environmental review will take. We understand there are competing requests across the country for procedure changes, but such a delay is unacceptable for communities who are affected by these flights each day.*



I would like to reiterate CEO Erbacci's request and ask that new procedures be implemented as quickly as possible. I sincerely appreciate the collaboration to date to implement these new procedures. My constituents have been experiencing the impacts of these changes for many years already. With a solution already identified, I respectfully request that you implement these changes in a timely fashion.

Once again, I look forward to continued collaboration with the FAA to address these challenges.

Sincerely,

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