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In early 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began implementing new flight paths and departure procedures at Southern California airports as a part of its NextGen initiative to utilize new air traffic technology and procedures. New departing flight paths out of the Van Nuys Airport and Hollywood-Burbank Airport were implemented that relied on satellite-based routing technology, concentrating air traffic over communities in the San Fernando Valley region.

At the Hollywood-Burbank Airport, the FAA agreed to further amend the new flight paths as a part of a settlement with a homeowners association. The proposed amendments included satellite routes directly over Studio City and Sherman Oaks, prompting a groundswell in public input from this region of the City.

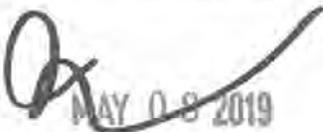
On December 10, 2018, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, the operator of the Hollywood-Burbank Airport, sent a letter to the FAA requesting that the FAA consider dispersal options before implementing the newly announced flight paths. And in August 2018, November 2018, and February 2019 the City Attorney and the undersigned Councilmembers submitted substantive legal comments to the FAA regarding the proposed flights paths.

In March 2019, the FAA announced it would conduct an Environmental Assessment of the proposed flight paths at the Hollywood-Burbank Airport, which would consider potential alternatives.

At the Van Nuys Airport, the FAA further amended flight paths after an increase in noise complaints in the neighborhoods surrounding the airport. The newly amended flight paths directed planes further south over Encino, Sherman Oaks, and other nearby residential neighborhoods, prompting a surge in complaints from these City communities. On March 1, 2019, at the Council's request, Los Angeles World Airports also sent a letter to the FAA requesting that the FAA consider dispersal options for flights departing from Van Nuys to mitigate the noise impacts of the newly-implemented flight paths.

The Council has adopted multiple resolutions and motions urging the FAA to further consider the health and environmental impacts of its NextGen initiative, engage in discussions with affected communities, and examine alternative flight paths and procedures. This is a complicated issue affecting a diverse swath of community members and stakeholders in the City and requires an expert who can effectively build consensus around potential solutions to mitigate the impacts of air traffic in the San Fernando Valley region.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of Los Angeles World Airports and the City Attorney, be instructed / requested, to report on the feasibility of securing an independent consultant to address the aforementioned issues/concerns and community impacts relative to operations at the Van Nuys and Hollywood- Burbank Airports and perform the following scope of work:



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1. Identify potential mitigation measures and/or alternative flight paths and dispersals;
2. Conduct outreach, education and consensus building among impacted communities;
3. Develop a consensus among the aforementioned airport partners and a concerted advocacy strategy to mitigate the noise, safety, and environmental impacts associated with the NextGen initiative's new flight paths;
4. Advocate for the dispersal of NextGen departure paths from the Van Nuys and Hollywood-Burbank Airports, alternative departure paths to mitigate noise issues, alternative operational mitigations to reduce noise, and the implementation of specific federal guidelines and practices as approved in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 related to aircraft noise, health, and environmental impacts, local land-use considerations, and related matters as detailed in the text of this Motion.

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