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As you know, representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have stated publicly that maps of historical flight tracks show that the turning movements of Hollywood Burbank Airport take-offs have shifted south over time, though they could not account for why. In addition, of course, that southward shift has been acknowledged by the Airport's own consultant, and most importantly, by the lived experience of the people of the East San Fernando Valley.

At my request, the Office of the City Attorney has been engaged to assess the FAA's actions and the City's legal remedies. As a result, that office wrote to the FAA on October 18, 2019 demanding that the FAA account for these changes in take-off patterns with no notice or environmental review, based on the clear evidence and the FAA's admission that these patterns had indeed changed.

The FAA's response to that October letter (attached here) is wholly inadequate. Accordingly, I have introduced a motion to fund legal action by our outside counsel to protect the rights of the City, and its residents.

I thank you for your ongoing advocacy. I will continue to keep you apprised of the developments as we fight to address the unacceptable noise impacts from Hollywood Burbank Airport.

Very truly yours

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**RE: City's Request for Formal Action Mandating Compliance with Hollywood  
Burbank Airport Standard Instrument Departure Procedures**

Dear City Attorney Feuer:


The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received your letter dated October 18, 2019, in which you allege that the FAA recently conceded that its air traffic controllers are intentionally directing aircraft departing the Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) south of the route the FAA established as part of its Southern California Metroplex project in 2017. The FAA does not confirm your allegation.

In support of your contention, you point out that FAA representatives made statements during July 2019 informational briefings that some BUR Runway 15 departures have shifted slightly south from 2016 to 2018. Your interpretation of this statement to mean that FAA air traffic control is directing aircraft farther south is incorrect. As you are aware, aircraft on a particular route might be affected by several variables such as safety considerations, air traffic volume and complexity, weather, winds, pilot abilities, aircraft and equipment capabilities, etc.

We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

By:

  
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