



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

September 3, 2013
New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION REGARDING INCREASED AIRPLANE AND HELICOPTER NOISE IN CARSON

For:

Submitted by Raymond R. Cruz
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Approved by Sam Ghaly
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This item is placed on the agenda at the request of Councilwoman Davis-Holmes. This item was continued from the August 6, 2013, City Council meeting.

The City was recently informed of increased airplane noise over Carson from aircraft departing from and/or arriving at the Long Beach Airport. There have also been reports of increased noise from helicopters hovering over the StubHub! Center for several hours that has become a nuisance for residents living adjacent to the facility. At the August 6, 2013, City Council meeting, staff was requested to contact the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Long Beach Airport (Airport) regarding this matter.

II. RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE and FILE report.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Staff was recently informed of increased airplane noise over the City from aircraft departing from and/or arriving at Long Beach Airport. In addition, there have been reports of increased noise from helicopters hovering over the StubHub! Center over the course of several hours that has become a nuisance for residents living adjacent to the facility. At the August 6, 2013, City Council meeting, staff was directed to contact both the FAA and Long Beach Airport regarding this matter. The City Council also directed staff to request a representative from each agency to speak about this issue at the September 3, 2013, City Council meeting.

Unfortunately, staff was unable to reach a representative from the FAA to both discuss this issue and to have them attend tonight's meeting. Staff was able to speak to Mr. Jonathan Wilson, a representative in the Long Beach Airport's Flight Operations and Noise Office, who indicated that due to an increase in air travel during the summer months, more flights depart from and/or arrive at the Airport daily. As many more of these flights travel a north/south route to and from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) before reaching their final destination or

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on their return flight, these airplanes pass through Carson airspace. As fall approaches, residents will see a reduction in flight activity.

Mr. Wilson also stated a number of Marine F-18 aircraft are currently housed at the Airport. Unfortunately, these planes emanate more noise than regular aircraft, so residents will hear more noise.

Staff made a request to have a representative from the Airport attend tonight's meeting, but was informed that the agency does not normally send a staff member to City Council meetings. However, should the City Council or the public have any questions or additional concerns, they can contact the Airport's Flight Operations and Noise Office at (562) 570-2635 and request the agency's email address, as it prefers to receive any communication in writing.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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Action taken by City Council

Date_____ Action_____