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Part 161 Study Comment Docket
Bob Hope Airport Authority
2627 Hollywood Way
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Re: Bob Hope Airport Night Curfew

We have had an opportunity to review your FAR Part 161 Application for a Proposed Curfew, and would like you to make our comments below part of the official record.

Homeowners of Encino (HOME) represents thousands of residents living in the San Fernando Valley who are daily plagued by noise from both Bob Hope Airport (BUR) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY). Much of this noise nuisance is due to night operations, particularly business aviation jets involving Lear, Gulfstream and other Stage 2 and Stage 3 aircraft.

We support the Burbank night-time curfew, with qualifications. HOME supports all efforts by local airports to reduce night-time aircraft noise, particularly from 10 pm to 7 am. We are therefore strongly in support of both the Burbank and the VNY Part 161 Studies that seek to shut down airport noise at night, except for emergency operations.

We ask that the Hope Authority also lend support to LAWA in its efforts to apply the same curfew conditions to Van Nuys through its VNY Part 161 Study.

We do not take a NIMBY attitude with regards to night aircraft noise. We find it unacceptable for any airport, be it VNY or BUR to shift noise to other airports. Clearly the San Fernando Valley is besieged by aircraft noise, and curfew efforts must be made at both airports.

We recognize that the FAA will not be evaluating the Hope and VNY Part 161 at the same time. But it is essential that the FAA consider the consequences of shifting Hope noise to VNY residents, especially freight operations including late night FedEx and UPS flights. This would be totally unacceptable, and will lead to litigation, under the equal protection clause, and will have long term political consequences.

We believe that the affected Congressmen must address the night-time noise issue in the context of both airports. Many residents living in Encino, and Sherman Oaks are dually impacted by night jet noise from both airports. It is impermissible to cause any shifting of noise due to the proposed BUR night-time curfew.

The residents living in the areas surrounding VNY need the same protection from noise from late night take-off and landings as residents living near the Hope Airport. We urge your support of a night curfew at both Hope and VNY airports.

Cordially yours,

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President

Cc: Congressional delegation, LAWA, Mayor Villaraigosa