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Part 161 Study Comment Docket

Bob Hope Airport Authority

2627 Hollywood Way

Burbank, CA 91505

Re: Bob Hope Airport Night Curfew

The Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association is the largest homeowners association in the San Fernando Valley, and all of its members are directly affected by aircraft noise from both Bob Hope Airport and Van Nuys Airport because the community is located directly between the two airfields and their main departure flight tracks. If any community receives significant noise as a result of the operations from both airfields, Sherman Oaks is the one most disproportionately impacted compared to all others. Additionally, Sherman Oaks is not within the current measurable noise tracking boundaries of either airport so our residents have no recourse for mitigation. As such, Sherman Oaks has become a dumping ground for noise and pollution from aircraft that financially benefit the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena as well as the operations of Van Nuys Airport.

SOHA has reviewed your FAR Part 161 Application for a Proposed Night Curfew and wish express the following comments:

We recognize that should the FAA approve your request for a nighttime curfew, two events are likely to happen. The sections of Sherman Oaks east that are closer to Bob Hope Airport will notice quieter evenings, while there is a potential that those members of west Sherman Oaks could experience a slight increase in night time noise as General Aviation flights may move to Van Nuys Airport for night time usage.

With this understood, it would be hypocritical for SOHA to take a resistant position to any community wishing to limit the noise of aircraft from their community as we would also appreciate their support in any efforts we would wish to make with regards to our concerns and efforts specifically at Van Nuys Airport.

As such, we support Bob Hope Airport Authority in its application for the proposed night curfew and ask for their support with regards to Van Nuys Airports efforts with the FAA to do the same.

Thus, it is critical for Los Angeles World Airports to immediately move forward with its Part 161 FAA Study for Van Nuys Airport with a similar night curfew.

Failure to allow both airports to achieve the same balanced curfew opportunities would establish a significant environment of discrimination, with one community benefiting at the expense of the another, leaving Sherman Oaks trapped in the middle continuing to receive the same unacceptable amount of noise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Williams

Board Member / Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

Chairman / SOHA Airport Noise Committee