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The Honorable Eric Garcetti
President. Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 470
Los Angeles CA 90012

RE: Santa Monica Airport Resolution - #11-0002-S28

Dear President Garcetti and members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and the community of Venice I would like to thank you and all members of the City Council who voted unanimously on April 20th to adopt the Santa Monica Airport Resolution - #11-0002-S28. This resolution will ultimately raise awareness and produce legislation to protect over 100,000 of your constituents from the harmful health impacts of leaded fuel from fixed wing piston planes, and fine particulates from jets arriving and departing SMO.

As you know, the six flight schools at SMO produce 40% of the pollution, noise, and safety hazards in the region surrounding the Santa Monica Airport. Thousands of children in dozens of schools in the communities of West Los Angeles, Mar Vista, Venice, and Santa Monica are at risk. These children, as well as the elderly, disabled, and the general public will be spared the toxic effects and safety hazards of leaded fuel piston planes flying in and out of SMO when legislation is written and enacted. This is a densely populated area and it not only affects West L A, Mar Vista and Venice, it affects Santa Monica and the entire west Los Angeles region. Additionally, there is no buffer zone to protect the public from idling jets awaiting clearance from LAX to take off, and we believe this is a growing public health problem because the FAA is expanding the number of jets coming in and out of the SMO.

Your leadership and guidance is needed and much appreciated. We thank you and all members of the Council for your action on April 20th and we hope to move quickly in enacting legislation to limit the negative impacts SMO has on the entire area surrounding the airport.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc: Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Board. Venice Neighborhood Council

