

Honorable Chair and Members
of the Transportation Committee
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Transportation Committee – Consideration of Draft Voluntary Letter of Agreement Between Flight Schools and FAA, Landing Fees

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Attorney, General Services Director, and Community Development Director that the Transportation Committee receive updates, review options and provide direction on:

1. Development of a Letter of Agreement between Torrance-based flight schools and FAA;
2. Proposal for Landing Fees at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field (Airport);
3. Reduction of allowable flights by restricting training flights and prohibiting training flights from outside agencies;
4. Limitation/prohibition on use of the south runway;
5. Enforcement of left turn ordinance during flight training; and
6. Commission of a noise study within the Torrance Hillside area for the potential of adding two additional noise monitoring stations.

BACKGROUND

On December 14, 2022, the Transportation Committee was presented with options to provide direction on reducing allowable flights by restricting training flights, prohibiting training flights from outside agencies, limiting or prohibiting use of the south runway, and changing flight school training hours by amending the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC). The Committee also received a status update on the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for potential implementation of landing fees. Comments from both Torrance residents and the aviation community were heard, each with feedback as to the need for and how best to mitigate the noise and frequency of flights in the areas surrounding the Airport.

At the conclusion of that meeting, the Transportation Committee directed staff to research and provide additional information on the following options.

- Working with the Torrance-based flight schools to develop a Letter of Agreement (LOA) to help mitigate noise and repetitive flights in the community.
- Implementing landing fees with options on how to charge fees.
- Reducing allowable flights by restricting training flights and prohibiting training flights from outside agencies.
- Prohibiting the use of the south runway.
- Enforcing left turn ordinance during flight training.

ANALYSIS

Letter of Agreement (LOA) by the Torrance-based flight schools

Since the Transportation Committee meeting of December 14, 2022, staff met with all Torrance-based flight schools on January 18 and February 2, 2023, to solicit input and provide direction for a draft LOA. A public meeting was then held in the Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room on February 6, 2023, to outline what actions the flight schools had taken since the initial January 18th meeting and to hear from members of the public and Homeowners Associations (HOAs). The following options were presented and discussed:

- South pattern will not be used for flight training;
- South runway will only be used for approach and departure. Upon departure, aircraft will not turn prior to shoreline;
- Flight schools will utilize other airports when possible, sending aircraft in scheduled groups for training; and
- Flight schools will stagger flights as much as possible to avoid saturating the airspace all at once.

Per the request of HOA members, staff then met with HOA representatives on February 14, 2023. There were many topics discussed and questions asked. The following is a summary of the primary recommendations from the HOAs:

- Enforceable LOA with flight schools. Recommended license and permit revocation for failure to comply;
- Do not want north pattern saturated;
- Enforcement of early left turns;
- Potential ban on touch-and-go's;
- Potential expansion of noise monitor stations; and
- Phasing out of leaded gas.

It was explained that many of these issues could not be included in an LOA, but that the City was already in discussions with Master Lease holders at the Airport regarding enforcement of lease provisions and potential business license permit revocation in the future if the leaseholders are not in compliance with their lease(s). The phasing out of leaded gas is something that the City is monitoring closely and will look to aviation gas providers to have unleaded fuel as an option when available.

On February 28, 2022, staff met again with the Torrance-based flight schools to address the HOA's concerns as well as finalize the LOA for presentation to the Transportation Committee. A draft LOA is attached. (Attachment B).

Landing Fees

At the direction of City Council, staff issued an RFP to solicit proposals for implementing landing fees at the Airport. In order to institute landing fees at Torrance Airport, an outside vendor must be contracted to track, bill, and collect fees from aircraft operations. The RFP was advertised on January 9, 2023 and January 11, 2023, with one proposal received by January 30, 2023, from Vector Airport Systems of Herndon, Virginia.

The Interview was held on February 27, 2023, with the evaluation team made up of three staff members. Independent ratings were averaged together and results are included in the chart below.

Description	MAX PTS	Vector Airport Systems
Overall Price	30	24
Work Plan	25	24
Service Delivery Methods	25	25
References and Prior Experience with Municipal Agencies	20	19
Total averages of each line item:	100 max	92

On the installation and startup of “Plane Pass,” the “all in one” landing fee billing and collection system by Vector will have no upfront or annual ongoing fees. Plane Pass would be funded by an agreement with Vector Airport Systems, which will collect 22% of landing fee revenue for the services up to \$400,000 annually. Discounts are available on revenue exceeding this amount. Maintenance of equipment is included in the 22% that Vector Airport Systems retains.

The Scope of Work (Objectives) for a landing fee system in the RFP included the following key elements.

- Track and identify aircraft activities 24 hours a day using ADS-B technology or any other available flight data such as FAA flight data.
- Separate based aircraft activity from transient aircraft activity.
- Electronically convert activities into billable events.
- Identify the aircraft’s owner.
- Create and mail invoices or email invoices.
- Collect the amounts remitted by the aircraft operator on the airport’s behalf.
- Conduct active collections on accounts receivable.
- Reconcile those billings against aircraft operator activities at the airport.
- Generate reports.
- Issue to the City the revenue collected on an arranged schedule.
- Provide a live customer (operator) service call center.
- Accept credit card payments.
- Provide revenue and aircraft activity tracking reports via a web-based portal.
- Provide all necessary equipment to perform the scope of work.

The below chart shows airports where Vector is the current vendor for billing and collecting landing fees, what types of aircraft are billed, and the cost associated with them.

Airport/Operated By	Rate	Per	Based Aircraft Exempt?
Catalina	\$35.00	Departure	N
Catalina Island Conservancy			
Santa Monica	\$5.48	1,000 lbs., all weights, all aircraft, every "Touch and Go" departure	N
City of Santa Monica			
Camarillo	\$1.44	1,000 lbs., over 12,500 lbs.	Y
Ventura County		Minimum charge is \$15.49. First overnight transient parking fee at no charge	
Oxnard	\$1.44	1,000 lbs., over 12,500 lbs.	Y
Ventura County		Minimum charge is \$15.49. First overnight transient parking fee at no charge	
Napa Valley	\$16.50	departure, 0 to 5,000 lbs., commercial* operations only	Y
Napa County	\$31.00	departure, 5,001 to 12,500 lbs. commercial operations only	Y
	\$42.00	departure, 12,501 to 15,000 lbs. commercial operations and transient aircraft	Y
	\$42.00 + \$3.50	1,000 lbs., over 15,000 lbs. commercial operations and transient aircraft	Y
		*Commercial operations are charter or taxi service flights.	
Charles M. Schultz Sonoma County	\$1.52	1,000 lbs., all weights, any revenue producing commercial flight	Y
Sonoma County	\$1.52	1,000 lbs., over 12,500 lbs., non-commercial	Y
Santa Barbara	\$3.99	1,000 lbs. Part 135* aircraft	Y
City of Santa Barbara	\$3.99	1,000 lbs., over 10,000 lbs.	Y
		*Part 135 certificate holders can operate business aircraft to conduct operations for compensation or hire. Most Part 135 aircraft provide charter flight services.	
PROPOSED Torrance Airport Options	Rate	Per	Based Aircraft Exempt?
Torrance Airport Option 1	\$3.00	1,000 lbs., all weights, minimum charge \$6.00	Y
Torrance Airport Option 2	\$3.00	1,000 lbs., all weights, minimum charge \$6.00	N

Staff is presenting the below three options for the Transportation Committee to consider.

Option 1: Implement landing fees for transient aircraft only.

The estimated transient total for the calendar year 2022 is 74,322 operations. Of those, approximately 37,161 could be attributed to billable operations for a total potential transient revenue of \$420,594.

As part of the total fixed wing, aircraft accounted for 35,303 billable operations (or \$409,446), while helicopters accounted for approximately 1,858 billable operations (or \$11,148).

Option 2: Implement landing fees for all transient and based aircraft.

The Airport total for the calendar year 2022 is 185,806 total operations. Of those operations, approximately 92,903 could be attributed to billable operations for a total potential revenue of \$973,475.

All fixed-wing aircraft accounted for 74,322 billable operations (or \$861,991), while helicopters accounted for 18,581 billable operations (or \$11,484). A consideration could also be made to offer a reduced rate to businesses and based aircraft, as they already pay hangar and/or tie down fees.

Option 3: Remain status quo, no landing fees.

The Airport currently does not have landing fees. Torrance-based aircraft will continue to pay hangar and tie-down fees, only. Transient-based aircraft will continue to pay overnight parking fees.

Should landing fees be implemented, the below chart shows an approximation of the amount of billable operations and the potential net gain to the Airport each year. Additional revenue generated by landing fees will be contributed to the Airport Fund Balance.

	Total Airport Operations	Annual Operations	Billable Operations	Fixed Wing Operations	Helicopter Operations	Annual Net to Airport
Option 1	185,806	74,322 (Transient)	37,161 (Transient)	35,303 (Transient)	1,858 (Transient)	\$420,594 (Transient)
Option 2	185,806	185,806	92,903	74,322	18,581	\$973,475

Estimates are based on fixed wing and helicopter operations and include annual billings from a vendor, minus collection and service fees, and no annual ongoing equipment fees.

Restricting training flights and prohibiting training flights from outside agencies

Noise/Access Restriction – Compliance with ANCA

The restriction on training flights is being considered as one of the potential measures to address the aircraft noise complaints. The TMC does not contain a restriction on training flights; thus, an amendment to the Code will be needed to establish it. Such an amendment will be subject to compliance with the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA), 49 USC § 47521 et seq. (implemented by 14 CFR Part 161), which established the national program for review of airport noise and access restrictions.

Specifically, ANCA governs the manner in which individual airports may adopt noise and access restrictions on aircraft operations, which operations are classified based on the amount of noise they produce, from Stage 1 for the noisiest to Stage 3 for those that are relatively quieter. To restrict Stage 2 aircraft operations, the airport operator must comply with specific noise, economic cost-benefit analysis, and public comment requirements. (42 USC § 47524(b).)

To propose noise and access restrictions on Stage 3 aircraft operations, ANCA requires a detailed economic cost-benefit analysis, satisfaction of six statutory conditions, and the FAA approval. (42 USC § 47524(c).) The conditions that must be met by the Stage 3 restriction are: (1) the restriction be reasonable, nonarbitrary, and nondiscriminatory; (2) the restriction not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce; (3) the restriction not be inconsistent with maintaining the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace; (4) the restriction not be in conflict with a law or regulation of the United States; (5) an adequate opportunity be provided for public comment on the restriction; and (6) the restriction not create an undue burden on the national aviation system. (49 USC § 47524.)

A Part 161 study is required to show satisfaction of the six conditions. In the Part 161 study, the applicant must describe the noise level at the airport and surrounding areas, and the noise exposure of individuals as a result of operations at the airport, in accordance with the specifications and methods prescribed under Part 150, including use of computer models to create noise contours.

It should be noted that condition 6 (that the restriction will not create an undue burden on the national aviation system) will be challenging for the City to overcome as any prohibition on training flights at the Airport will cause congestion at the nearby airports (LAX, John Wayne, and Long Beach).

The ANCA approval process is extremely costly, lengthy, and challenging, and as far as the Stage 3 restriction, no airport has been successful in getting it approved by the FAA. Since the enactment of ANCA, a total of 24 Part 161 studies have been conducted at 21 different airports, three of which resulted in formal applications to implement restrictions. Naples Airport (Florida) was the only airport that successfully completed an FAA review of Part 161 compliance for its Stage 2 jet operation restriction. (*City of Naples Airport Authority v. FAA*, 409 F.3d 431 (D.C. Cir. 2005).) Only two airports (LAX and Burbank) sought to impose restrictions on Stage 3 aircraft operations, but their applications were disapproved by the FAA for failure to provide sufficient evidence of satisfaction of the six conditions.

Safety-Based Restriction

Since ANCA compliance is required for all non-grandfathered airport noise and access restrictions, the City may consider implementing the prohibition/limitation on training flights as a safety-based restriction.

The owner of the airport developed with federal assistance and currently subject to compliance with grant assurances is required to make the airport available to all types, kinds, and classes of aeronautical activity on fair and reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination but may deny a prospective business operator the right to engage in an on-airport aeronautical activity for reasons of safety and efficiency.

Based on the September 13, 1988 legal memorandum from City Attorney to City Council, and so long as the City has not received any federal funds for the airport since 1988, the City no longer appears to be subject to federal grant assurances. Thus, no FAA oversight is needed for the City impose the training flight restriction based on safety concerns, but first the City will need to deactivate the Airport as the public-use airport and activate a new private-use airport in the same location, which will require compliance with CEQA and will most likely lead to costly and lengthy challenges in court, as evidenced by the East Hampton Airport example.

In the case of the Town of East Hampton, the Town announced its plan to deactivate the public-use airport and activate a new private-use airport in the same location, in order to control operations by restricting access in response to residents' noise complaints. The Town's plan led to litigation in state and federal courts seeking to enjoin the Town from implementing its plan, filed by airport tenants, residents of the neighboring city, and aviation associations. The court issued an injunction preventing the Town from closing the airport until the Town complies with the state's environmental protection laws. Based on this example, in order to impose the training flight restriction as a safety-based restriction, and before the City is able to do it, the City will be required to first comply with CEQA by

studying the impacts on the environment from the de-activation/activation approach (and defend against any litigation under CEQA), and then to implement this approach. Therefore, pursuing the training flight restriction as a safety-based restriction also involves a lengthy and costly process.

Limiting or prohibiting the use of the South Runway

The prohibition/limitation on the use of the South Runway is being considered and analyzed to reduce the aircraft noise. The same analysis as provided above for the restriction on training flights applies to the South Runway prohibition/limitation.

Enforcing left turn ordinance during flight training.

TMC Section 51.2.3(e) states “Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet.” The reason behind this code section is two-fold. First, the area to the southwest of the airport that is impacted by early turns is predominately single-family residential and therefore noise sensitive. In addition, the terrain to the southwest is steeply rising. The subject section of the TMC was designed as a part of the noise abatement program to discourage pilots from flying over rising and noise sensitive terrain until reaching an altitude that would mitigate the noise exposure to the residents below.

While the City recognizes that the FAA is responsible for handling all aircraft flight patterns, it was always the City’s understanding that TMC Section 51.2.3(e) was enforceable by the City, as it is an important part of the Airport noise abatement program and not a flight restriction. In addition, this section of the TMC was adopted prior to ANCA, which established FAA authority over most airport noise management, preempting state and local authority on this subject.

In early 2020, a member of the Torrance Airport Association (TAA) reached out to the FAA to inquire if the subject section of the TMC was enforceable by the City. The FAA provided a written response (Attachment C) that states “Because the Torrance code provision applies to aircraft in flight, it is not consistent with the Federal statutory and regulatory framework described above.” The letter also goes on to state that “Accordingly, the airport owner or operator has authority to promulgate reasonable, nonarbitrary, and non-discriminatory regulations addressing aircraft noise and appropriate local interests. *Friends of E. Hampton*, 841 F.3d at 139. Any such restriction would need to comply with the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA), 49 U.S.C. § 47521 et seq., and 14 C.F.R. Part 161, which outlines the process, analysis, and approvals required for imposing a noise or access restriction at the airport.” The FAA appears to be treating the subject section of the TMC as a flight restriction as opposed to the City’s interpretation that it is a noise restriction.

Staff from both the Community Development Department and the City Attorney’s Office have been reaching out to the FAA since 2020 in an effort to confirm the City’s legal authority to enforce the subject section of the TMC (Attachment D & E). In March 2022, the City Attorney’s Office received verbal verification from the FAA that the subject section of the TMC is not enforceable by the City, as it pertains to the flight path, which is under the jurisdiction of the FAA exclusively. On August 9, 2022, the City received written confirmation on this ruling from the FAA (Attachment F).

On September 20, 2022, the City’s outside legal counsel (Gatzke Dillon & Ballance LLP) reconveyed the City’s position to the FAA by letter dated September 20, 2022 (Attachment G). The FAA responded on December 16, 2022 (Attachment H). In summary, the FAA asserted that the City’s left turn restriction is preempted by the FAA’s exclusive authority to regulate aircraft safety and the efficient use of the airspace. As the FAA understands the importance of this issue to the City, they are willing to meet with staff to discuss potential solutions that would promote the City’s objectives while avoiding interference with the FAA’s exclusive role in regulating aircraft safety and the efficient use of the airspace. The City Attorney’s Office has been working with the FAA to arrange a meeting to discuss this issue further. While the City continues to assert that our ordinance is preempted by Federal law, as a show of good faith, staff has decided to pause enforcement of the early left turn while the City Attorney’s Office arranges a meeting with the FAA.

While the City is currently not enforcing the subject section of the TMC, staff is still able to send out informational notices under a “Fly Friendly” program to those pilots that request an early left turn. It should be noted that these notices would not be labeled as a “Notice of Violation” and staff would not be able to pursue

any enforcement. Additionally, staff is not able to send the information notices to pilots where it is confirmed that the turn was directed by the FAA - Air Traffic Control Tower, as it would be an aerial directed maneuver.

Noise Study within the Torrance Hillside Area

Commission of a noise study within the Torrance Hillside area for the potential of adding two additional noise monitoring stations. There are currently seven noise monitors that surround the Airport (Attachment I). One monitor is located west of the Airport, just past Hawthorne Boulevard, and two monitors are located southwest of Airport, past Pacific Coast Highway. The area to the southwest of the airport rises steeply and is predominately single-family residential. It is not uncommon to receive complaints of low flying noisy aircraft in the higher elevation areas. As there are no noise monitors west of Anza Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway, staff is unable to verify these complaints.

Staff has obtained a quote from the contractor of the City's current noise monitoring system, Casper Airport Solutions, for the completion of a noise study of the area west of Anza Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. The quote also includes a cost for the addition of two new noise monitors. The total one-time cost is \$84,500 (\$8,400 for the noise study including rental of portable mobile noise monitors and \$76,000 for the two noise monitors), plus an annual cost of \$5,000 for support and maintenance. Funds from either new landing fee revenue or the existing Airport fund could be used to pay for this noise study and noise monitor expansion as well as the ongoing annual cost.

Education Outreach

-Transient-Based Flight Schools/On March 13, 2023, staff sent a letter to the 77 transient flight schools from 12 airports (shown below), requesting that all transient-based flight schools review the Airport's Noise Abatement program and implement the same voluntary procedures that Torrance-based flight schools are currently practicing. Copies of the Airport Ordinance, noise monitoring map, and noise abatement signage were all included in the letter. While not all of these flight schools may use the Airport, staff felt it was prudent to send to everyone.

- Brackett Field (La Verne) – 3 flight schools
- Compton Airport – 2 flight schools
- Fullerton Airport – 4 flight schools
- Hawthorne Airport – 2 flight schools
- John Wayne Airport – 12 flight schools
- Long Beach Airport – 4 flight schools
- Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport (San Diego) – 14 flight schools
- Palomar Airport (San Diego) – 10 flight schools
- San Gabriel Valley Airport – 4 flight schools
- Santa Monica Airport – 4 flight schools
- Van Nuys Airport – 17 flight schools
- Whiteman Airport (Pacoima) – 1 flight school

On March 27, 2023, staff sent a follow up email to 16 flight schools from 5 airports (shown below), who are more likely to use the Airport, reiterating the information provided in the initial letter sent to them. Again, copies of the Airport Ordinance, noise monitoring map, and noise abatement signage were all included in the email.

- Compton Airport – 2 flight schools
- Fullerton Airport – 4 flight schools
- Hawthorne Airport – 2 flight schools
- Long Beach Airport – 4 flight schools
- Santa Monica Airport – 4 flight schools

The letters and emails also encouraged each flight school to contact staff if they were interested in a meeting to discuss the Airport's Noise Abatement program further. However, no transient-based flight school reached out. Therefore, on March 31, 2023, a second email was sent to the above-listed 16 flight schools from 5 airports inviting them to a virtual meeting to discuss the Airport's Noise Abatement program on April 4, 2023, at 8:30 am. Additionally, staff contacted each of the flight schools on April 3, 2023, to remind them of this meeting. Unfortunately, none of the flight schools attended this meeting.

-Signage/Recently, new noise abatement signage for the Airport was installed at each runway (see Attachment J). There was one additional sign added just outside the General Aviation Center, as you exit the building onto the Airport, that shows all 4 suggested flight paths. The signage has also been added to the City's dedicated Torrance Airport webpage, Trending in Torrance webpage, and Noise Lab. Additionally, this information was sent to all 77 transient-based flight schools from 12 airports, as shown above.

It is worth noting that staff worked in collaboration with the Torrance Airport Association (TAA) in updating the noise abatement signage. The TAA provided staff with draft pictorial diagrams consisting of multiple colors and altitude levels. While staff liked the pictorial signage developed by the TAA, staff was not in agreement with the color scheme or including altitude levels. All noise abatement signage that has ever been installed at the airport has followed the guidelines outlined by the FAA, which is a yellow background with a black inscription. Additionally, staff felt including the altitude levels on the signs could be a potential liability for the City. Staff worked with the City Attorney’s Office as well as outside legal counsel that specializes in Aviation Law in modifying the signage to comply with FAA and not create a liability issue for the City.

Additionally, for your awareness, there have been several comments made by members of the TAA that the City did not create signage for runway 29L, which is the west takeoff on the short runway. However, this is not true. Signage was in fact created for this runway. However, the signage shows a straight-out takeoff in accordance with the City’s Municipal Code, which states: “Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet.” Members of the TAA wanted this runway to also include a crosswind turn at 1,100 feet, which was not included on the signage.

-Airport Flyer/Staff created a new Noise Abatement Guide for pilots, which provides noise abatement procedures for flying friendly within our community (Attachment K). It includes such information as:

- Airport Noise Monitoring Map,
- Suggested Noise Abatement Routes,
- Fixed Wing Aircraft Operations,
- Noise Limits,
- Departure Curfew,
- Training Hours,
- Casper Noise Lab Web-based Community Portal, and
- Enforcement.

A copy of this flyer is currently being transmitted to all Torrance-based flight schools as well as the 77 transient flight schools listed earlier in the staff report. Additionally, it has been added to the City’s dedicated Torrance Airport webpage, Trending in Torrance webpage, Noise Lab, and placed throughout the General Aviation Center.

Airport Land Leases

The City Manager’s Office is responsible for oversight of the City’s real property portfolio, including Torrance Municipal Airport. The Torrance Airport property was subdivided into sixty-nine (69) lease holds for leasing purposes (Attachment L), as approved by City Council in 1996, as part of the implementation of the Torrance Airport Master Plan. Uses within these ground leases range from aeronautical uses, commercial shopping centers, automotive dealerships, light manufacturing, recreational facilities, and professional/medical office uses. Along the operational portion of the Torrance Airport, the City has two active ground leases with Torrance Flite Park, LLC and Great American, respectively, which each sub-lease for aeronautical-related uses including flight schools. Flight school operations account for a total of six (6) percent among the gross leasable building space for Flite Park and twenty-five (25) percent for Great American. The table below summarizes the ground leases with respect to flight school operations and square footage breakdown:

Master Tenant	Total Leasehold Land Area	Total Building Area	Flight Schools	Flight School FAR
Torrance Flite Park, LLC	7.29 ac.	135,000 sf. (10 buildings)	-Pacific Skies – 3,370sf -South Bay Aviation – 3,600sf -Hikari Aviation – 1,364sf Total Flight School: 8,334sf	122,090/ 8,334 = 6%
Great American	4.42 ac.	85,000 sf. (6 buildings)	-Sling Academy – 19,700 sf. -Pradhan -- 2,160 sf. Total Flight School: 21,860 sf.	85,000/ 21,860 = 25%

At the request of the Council, staff has reviewed the existing lease terms for the above ground leases regarding restrictions and/or limitations of flight school operations. Flight schools are considered as an

'aeronautical use' which is an allowed use within the ground lease provisions. Staff would like to note that as a permitted Airport use, flight schools are required to only have a City Business License. As part of the Business License Review, our Airport Operations Team will review the business license application and determine that the requesting business qualifies as an allowable use on the operational portion of the Torrance Airport, in which the aforementioned ground leases reside.

Both ground leases have provisions that require that all owners and operators based adhere to all duly adopted provisions set in Division 5 of the Municipal Code (Airport). Staff has met with lessee representatives to ensure their awareness of noise abatement community and City Council concerns and impressed upon them the need for their assistance toward encouragement of their tenants to both comply with Noise Ordinance regulations and to do their best to minimize areas that although may not be code violations are still regular areas of concern. Staff is developing a process by which ground lessors will be copied on any tenant Notice of Violations and invoking lease provisions for their assistance to address proven noise violations. Additionally, during ground lessee requests for present lease terms modifications or renewals, staff will advance additional lease language that can strengthen enforcement of the Airport Code.

Conclusion

The intent of this item is for the Transportation Committee to review the information and option that was previously requested from staff to research and present before your Honorable Body. Staff is requesting that the Transportation Committee provide direction on the above matter and forward a recommendation to the City Council to be presented at a subsequent City Council meeting for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachments:

- A) December 14, 2022 - [Transportation Committee Agenda, Item and Supplemental Material \(Available Online\)](#)
- B) Draft Letter of Agreement By Torrance-Based Flight Schools (*Materials Available by Monday, April 10, 2023*)
- C) February 18, 2020 – FAA Correspondence to TAA Member
- D) November 12, 2020 – City Correspondence to FAA
- E) August 16, 2021- City Correspondence to FAA
- F) August 9, 2022 - FAA Correspondence to City
- G) September 20, 2022 – City Correspondence to FAA
- H) December 16, 2022 – FAA Correspondence to City
- I) Torrance Airport Noise Monitors Map
- J) Noise Abatement Signage
- K) Noise Abatement Guide
- L) Airport Ground Leases Map
- M) Correspondence Received

ATTACHMENT A

December 14, 2022 - Transportation
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Material

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ONLINE AT:
[https://www.torranceca.gov/home/showpublish
eddocument/81244](https://www.torranceca.gov/home/showpublish
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ATTACHMENT B

Draft Letter of Agreement (LOA) By Torrance-
Based Flight Schools

MATERIALS AVAILABLE
*(WILL BE POSTED BY END OF BUSINESS
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023)*



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Dear Mr. Gates:

Thank you for your letters in which you informed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of your receipt of an "Early Left Turn Violation" from the Community Development Department, City of Torrance. You request the FAA to contact the Torrance City Attorney to "clarify in writing the FAA's exclusive authority" by quoting a statement on the FAA website.

You assert that the City's enforcement of the ordinance requires pilots to make a choice in terms of which directive to comply with: either the Torrance Municipal Code or FAA Air Traffic Control (ATC) instructions. You provided copies of two "Early Left Turn Violation" notices that the City issued in 2019 to pilots. Both notices state that "[w]hile the FAA control tower may have authorized the above noted procedure it is a violation of the Torrance Municipal Code." Both notices state that "future violations are subject to enforcement." You requested the FAA "immediately clarify in writing the FAA's exclusive authority to the Torrance City Attorney." While the FAA declines to send unsolicited correspondence to the Torrance City Attorney, this letter responds to the inquiries you submitted. Our understanding is that the City is yet to bring any enforcement action related to the code provision.

Congress has long vested the FAA with authority to regulate the areas of airspace use, management and efficiency; air traffic control; safety; navigational facilities; and aircraft noise at its source. 49 U.S.C. §§ 40103, 44502, and 44701-44738. In addition, a citizen of the United States has a statutory public right of transit through the navigable airspace. 49 U.S.C. § 40103(a)(2). Courts have held that Congress has exclusively occupied the field of aviation safety and airspace efficiency such that Federal law preempts state requirements that fall within this field. See *City of Burbank v. Lockheed Air Terminal*, 411 U.S. 624 (1973); *American Airlines v. Town of Hempstead*, 398 F.2d 369 (2d Cir. 1968), cert. denied, 393 U.S. 1017 (1969). In *United States v. City of Blue Ash*, 487 F. Supp. 135, aff'd, 621 F.2d 227 (6th Cir. 1980), the court upheld preemption of a local ordinance requiring departing planes to make "Noise Abatement Turns". See *Blue Sky Entertainment, Inc. v. Town of Gardiner*, 711 F. Supp. 678, 692 (N.D.N.Y. 1989) ("[i]n fact, federal law in the area of aviation is so pervasive that it preempts a municipal ordinance which attempts to govern the flight paths of aircraft using an airport which has no control tower, is not served by a certified carrier and has no regularly scheduled flights," citing *Blue Ash*).

State and local governments may protect their citizens through land use controls and other police power measures that do not regulate airspace management or aircraft operations. But that power does not extend to many aspects of aircraft operations, including route, altitude, time of operation, and frequency. See *Friends of the E. Hampton Airport, Inc. v. Town of E. Hampton*, 841 F.3d 133 (2d Cir. 2016); *National Helicopter Corp. v. City of New York*, 137 F.3d 81 (2d Cir. 1998).

In addition, State or local governments that own or operate an airport are not prohibited from carrying out their proprietary powers and rights. Accordingly, the airport owner or operator has authority to promulgate reasonable, nonarbitrary, and non-discriminatory regulations addressing aircraft noise and appropriate local interests. *Friends of E. Hampton*, 841 F.3d at 139. Any such restriction would need to comply with the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA), 49 U.S.C. § 47521 *et seq.*, and 14 C.F.R. Part 161, which outline the process, analysis, and approvals required for imposing a noise or access restriction at an airport.

Section 51.2.3(e) of the Torrance Municipal Code, "Take Offs and Landings," states, "Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet." Because the Torrance code provision applies to aircraft in flight, it is not consistent with the Federal statutory and regulatory framework described above. Enforcement of the provision would be at odds with various court opinions. As noted, state and local governments lack the authority to regulate airspace use, management and efficiency; air traffic control; and aircraft noise at its source. Federal courts have found that a navigable airspace free from inconsistent state and local restrictions is essential to the maintenance of a safe and sound air transportation system. See *Montalvo v. Spirit Airlines*, 508 F.3d 464 (9th Cir. 2007), and *French v. Pan Am Express, Inc.*, 869 F.2d 1 (1st Cir. 1989).

The "Early Left Turn Violation" letters refer to "a noise sensitive area" and noise abatement procedures. The FAA's ATC Tower at Torrance is aware of such procedures. FAA air traffic controllers generally comply with noise abatement procedures to the extent practicable with exceptions for safety, weather, airspace efficiency, and traffic pattern considerations. The pilot in command is responsible for the safe operation of the aircraft and should advise air traffic control if he or she is unable to comply with any air traffic advisory or instruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to your concerns. This letter has been coordinated with the General Counsel's Office (C-60), Office of the Secretary of Transportation.

Sincerely,



Lorelei A. Peter
Assistant Chief Counsel
Regulations Division



CITY OF
TORRANCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DANNY E. SANTANA
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DIRECTOR

November 12, 2020

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Attn: Lorelei A. Peter, Assistant Chief Counsel, Regulations Division

Dear Ms. Peter:

Attached is a response from you to Mr. Jim Gates regarding Section 51.2.3(e) of the Torrance Municipal Code that states, "Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet." While the City of Torrance recognizes that the FAA has jurisdiction over aircraft in flight, there are two salient points we believe have bearing on the code section that were not contained within Mr. Gate's letter.

First, and most important, our noise ordinance is pre-ANCA, and, as such, it was always the City's understanding that the provisions of the ordinance were grandfathered and therefore enforceable. We have had conversations with FAA representatives in the past, including Reid Wahlberg of Flight Standards, who have assured us that we were, in fact, able to enforce this section, as it is an important part of the Torrance Airport (TOA) noise program.

Second, the reasons behind the code section in question are two-fold: the area to the south west of the airport that is impacted by early turns is predominately single family residential and therefore noise sensitive. In addition, the terrain to the southwest is steeply rising. The subject section was designed as a part of the noise abatement program to discourage pilots from flying over rising and noise sensitive terrain until reaching an altitude that would mitigate the noise exposure to the residents below.

In 2014, the City began sending notices of violation after a discussion with a Flight Standards representative, wherein the City was assured that the section, since it was pre-ANCA, was enforceable. Mr. Gates raised questions with the enforcement thereafter, and since that time, we have made several attempts to set up a meeting with FAA legal to confirm the status of this portion of our program, which we have had on hold, pending confirmation. Noise Abatement

staff have continued to send out informational notices under a "Fly Friendly" program, but have not labeled them as "notices of violation" or pursued any enforcement. Secondly, staff does not send a notice if they have confirmed that the turn was directed by the Tower and not simply requested by the pilot.

Although staff is not currently pursuing enforcement, we would appreciate feedback as to whether our pre-ANCA status does indeed allow enforcement of this code section, so that we may proceed appropriately when the Noise Abatement program returns to the Torrance Airport Commission and City Council for discussion.

Thank you for your guidance.

Sincerely,



Linda Cessna
Deputy Community Development Director

Cc: Patrick Sullivan, City Attorney

Attachments:
FAA Letter of February 18, 2020



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Attn: Lorelei A. Peter, Assistant Chief Counsel, Regulations Division

Dear Ms. Peter:

The City of Torrance previously contacted your office on November 20, 2020, seeking clarification of the status of Section 51.2.3(e) of the Torrance Municipal Code that states, "Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet." Because our Noise Ordinance is pre-ANCA, our understanding has always been that the ordinance was grandfathered and therefore enforceable. We have attached our previous correspondence, which includes greater detail regarding the Torrance Airport Noise Ordinance, and the rationale behind the section in question.

At this time we are again requesting guidance from the FAA as to whether or not our understanding of the pre-ANCA status of the Torrance Airport Noise ordinance is correct and enforceable. The City is in the process of soliciting for a new noise monitoring system, and it is vital that we have guidance regarding this point as soon as possible in order to complete the design of a new system.

Thank you for your guidance.

Sincerely,

Linda Cessna
Deputy Community Director

Cc: Patrick Sullivan, City Attorney
Congressman Ted Lieu

Attachments:

November 20, 2020 correspondence
FAA letter of February 18, 2020



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Mr. Patrick Sullivan
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RE: City of Torrance's Regulation of Aircraft in Flight

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

We write to memorialize the outcome of your meeting of March 3, 2022, with several FAA attorneys regarding Division 5, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 51.2.3 of the City of Torrance's Municipal Code, "Take Offs and Landings," which prohibits aircraft from taking off to the west from "turn[ing] left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet."

In a February 18, 2020, letter from Lorelei Peter, Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations, to Mr. Jim Gates, a local pilot, Ms. Peter addressed the enforceability of Section 51.2.3(e). Ms. Peter's letter stated that because the municipal code "applies to aircraft in flight, it is not consistent with the [applicable] Federal statutory and regulatory framework." As explained in the letter, this determination is based upon the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) authority to regulate airspace use, management and efficiency; air traffic control; safety; navigational facilities; and aircraft noise at its source. As provided in the letter to Mr. Gates, enforcement of Section 51.2.3(e) would be at odds with various court opinions.

We are grateful to you for conveying our determination to Torrance's Airport Commission at its meeting of April 22, 2022.

If you have any additional questions or need anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Sara Mikolop

Acting Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations

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September 20, 2022

By Certified Mail

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RE: City of Torrance Left Turn Restriction (Municipal Code § 51.2.3(e))

Ms. Mikolop,

This correspondence conveys the City of Torrance's position on the enforceability of its left turn restriction (Municipal Code § 51.2.3(e)).

Based on the City's review and analysis of the relevant federal statutes and regulations; correspondence, communications, and discussions between the City and FAA; and applicable caselaw, it is the City's position that its left turn restriction is enforceable. The restriction does not conflict with federal authority and is a reasonable regulation necessary to protect the nearby residential community from aircraft noise in light of the steeply rising terrain to the southwest of the airport. As such, the City will enforce Section 51.2.3(e) in cases it is consistent with the Tower's directions.

Relevant Background:

Section 51.2.3(e) of the Torrance Municipal Code provides:

Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet.

As the owner and operator of the Torrance Airport, in 1958 the City enacted section 51.2.3(e) "as part of the noise abatement program to discourage pilots from flying over rising and noise sensitive terrain until reaching an altitude that would mitigate the noise exposure to the residents below." (City's Nov. 12, 2020 Letter to FAA.)

In 2014, the City began sending notices of violation of this section to aircraft operators because the City was assured by the FAA representatives that the section was enforceable and only after staff confirming that the turn was not directed by the Tower. However, the City has not sent any notices since Torrance Airport Association representative reached out to the FAA raising questions about the enforceability of the provision. Instead, the City has engaged in good faith discussions with the FAA regarding this issue.

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By letter dated February 18, 2020, the FAA expressed its opinion that section 51.2.3(e) “applies to aircraft in flight” and is therefore “not consistent with Federal statutory and regulatory framework” on airspace management and aircraft operations. This opinion was again reiterated in your August 9, 2022 letter to City Attorney. However, the FAA admitted that “state or local governments that own and operate airports are not prohibited from carrying out their proprietary powers and rights” and have “authority to promulgate reasonable, nonarbitrary, and non-discriminatory regulations addressing aircraft noise and appropriate local interests” so long as they comply with the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990. (FAA Feb. 18, 2020 Letter.)

Brief Summary of Responsibilities re Airport Noise:

According to the FAA Airport Compliance Manual 5190.6B, Chapter 13, the federal government has the authority and responsibility to control aircraft noise by the regulation of source emissions, by flight operational procedures, and by management of the air traffic control system and navigable airspace in ways that minimize noise impact on residential areas, consistent with the highest standards of safety and efficiency. 49 U.S.C. §§ 40103(b), 44502, and 44721 provide extensive and plenary authority to the FAA concerning use and management of the navigable airspace, air traffic control, and air navigation facilities.

Airport sponsors are primarily responsible for planning and implementing action designed to reduce the effect of noise on residents of the surrounding area. Such actions include optimal site location, improvements in airport design, noise abatement ground procedures, land acquisition, and restrictions on airport use that do not unjustly discriminate against any user, impede the federal interest in safety and management of the air navigation system, or unreasonably interfere with interstate or foreign commerce. (FAA Airport Compliance Manual 5190.6B, Chapter 13.)

Airport sponsors have proprietary authority to restrict access as a means of reducing aircraft noise impacts in order to improve compatibility with the local community. To accomplish this, airport sponsors must comply with the national program for review of airport noise and access restrictions under the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA). ANCA, implemented through 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 161, requires that certain review and approval procedures be completed before a proposed restriction that impacts Stage 2 or Stage 3 aircraft is implemented. (FAA Airport Compliance Manual 5190.6B, Chapter 13.)

Section 51.2.3(e) Is Enforceable:

Grandfathering Under ANCA

ANCA contains special provisions that “grandfather” restrictions on Stage 2 aircraft operations that were proposed before October 1, 1990. ANCA also grandfathers restrictions on Stage 3 aircraft that were in effect on October 1, 1990. Airport sponsors who adopted restrictions before ANCA was enacted on November 5, 1990, may amend these restrictions without complying with

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ANCA provided the amendment does not reduce or limit aircraft operations or affect aircraft safety. However, amendments to existing restrictions and new restrictions are subject to review for compliance with the federal grant assurances and federal surplus property obligations. (FAA Airport Compliance Manual 5190.6B, Chapter 13.)

14 C.F.R. Part 161.3(a) exempts (i.e. grandfathers) restrictions on Stage 2 aircraft operations that were first proposed before October 2, 1990 and on Stage 3 aircraft operations that became effective before that date. 14 C.F.R. Part 161.7(d)(2) exempts restrictions on Stage 2 aircraft operations “at a general aviation airport where the airport proprietor has formally initiated a regulatory or legislative process on or before October 2, 1990.” In addition to the noisier aircraft phaseout, all existing use restrictions that were in place prior to the Part 161 October 2, 1990 grandfather cut-off date continue in effect.

Since Torrance Municipal Code section 51.2.3(e) was enacted in 1958, before the Part 161 October 2, 1990 grandfather cut-off date, it is an enforceable left turn provision.

Reasonableness

The FAA Airport Compliance Manual 5190.6B, Chapter 13, provides the following guidance on the FAA’s approach to noise issues:

The FAA has encouraged a balanced approach to address noise problems and has discouraged unreasonable airport use restrictions. It is FAA policy that airport use restrictions should be considered only as a measure of last resort when other mitigation measures are inadequate to satisfactorily address a noise problem and a restriction is the only remaining option that could provide noise relief. This policy furthers the federal interest in maintaining the efficiency and capacity of the national air transportation system and, in particular, the FAA’s responsibility to ensure that federally funded airports maintain reasonable public access in compliance with applicable law.

The City’s restriction on aircraft left turn in section 51.2.3(e) is part of the City’s noise program, and the City does not issue notices of violation of this section if the turn is directed by the Tower. The section was enacted because the area that is impacted by left turns (to the southwest of the airport) is predominantly single family residential and therefore noise sensitive, and the terrain to the southwest is steeply rising. (City’s Nov. 12, 2020 Letter to FAA.) The restriction on left turn is the only option to provide noise relief to the residential area in light of the steeply rising terrain. Therefore, the restriction is reasonable and can be enforced.

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Response to the FAA February 18, 2020 Letter:

In its February 18, 2020 letter to Torrance Airport Association representative, FAA cited several legal opinions, which either support the City’s position regarding the enforceability of the left turn restriction, or are inapplicable/distinguishable.

Friends of the E. Hampton Airport v. Town of E. Hampton, 841 F.3d 133 (2d Cir. 2016) confirms section 51.2.3(e) is enforceable. This case reinforced federal recognition of the proprietor exception to preemption – the court confirmed that “municipalities retain some proprietary authority to control noise at local airports,” albeit such authority is limited. *Id.* at 139. The court “reasoned that, because an airport proprietor ‘controls the location of the facility, acquires the property and air easements and [can] assure compatible land use,’ it might be liable to other property owners for noise damage and, thus, has a right ‘to limit [its] liability by restricting the use of [its] airport.’” *Id.* The court explained, however, that the proprietor is vested “‘only with the power to promulgate reasonable, nonarbitrary and non-discriminatory regulations that establish acceptable noise levels for the airport and its immediate environs.’” *Id.*

Here, the City is the proprietor of the airport, and as such, it has authority to enact the left turn restriction, which is a reasonable, non-arbitrary, and non-discriminatory regulation, enforced only when the left turn is not directed by the Tower, and intended to protect from excessive noise to the residential community in the immediate vicinity of the airport and limit the City’s liability to those residents.

Similarly, *National Helicopter Corp. v. City of New York*, 137 F.3d 81 (2d Cir. 1998) [affirming city’s restrictions on the FBO facility use and curfew on facility operations] applies here because the City has the proprietor and police power authority to impose reasonable noise restrictions at the airport. The *National Helicopter* court specifically stated that “Congress has consciously delegated to state and municipal proprietors the authority to adopt rational regulations with respect to the permissible level of noise created by aircraft using their airports in order to protect the local population.”

Other cases the FAA cites in support of its preemption argument are either inapplicable or distinguishable:

- *Montalvo v. Spirit Airlines*, 508 F.3d 464 (9th Cir. 2007) – this case concerned a question of whether the state law on the duty to warn about the risk of deep vein thrombosis applies to airlines. The FAA cites this case for the court’s general statement that “the FAA preempts the entire field of aviation safety from state and territorial regulation.” However, this case does not support the FAA’s position that section 51.2.3(e) is preempted because (1) section 51.2.3(e) is grandfathered in for purposes of ANCA; (2) the City’s restriction

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is reasonable and is part of the City's noise program; and (3) the City does not enforce the left turn restriction when the left turn is directed by the Tower.

- *French v. Pan Am Express, Inc.*, 869 F.2d 1 (1st Cir. 1989) concerns pilot qualifications and not aircraft noise regulations. The court's mention of another case holding that "the majority ruled that aircraft noise was wholly subject to federal hegemony, thereby preempting state or local enactments in the field" is dicta and does not take into consideration the City's enforcement of the reasonable left turn restriction, which is the only viable solution to address the noise concerns of the nearby residents, only when not in conflict with the Tower directions.

Conclusion:

As explained above, the City's left turn restriction is not preempted by federal regulations and is a reasonable local regulation necessary to reduce noise. Therefore, the City will enforce the restriction in cases where it is consistent with Tower directions.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Patrick Sullivan, City Attorney for the City of Torrance



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RE: Enforceability of the City of Torrance's Left Turn Restriction

Dear Ms. Ballance:

Thank you for your September 20, 2022, letter providing the City of Torrance's position on the enforceability of its left turn restriction (Torrance Municipal Code, § 51.2.3(e), *Take Offs and Landings*)¹ affecting flight operations at Torrance Municipal Airport.² Section 51.2.3(e) states, "Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet."³

You assert that the City's position is that the requirement set forth in § 51.2.3(e) is reasonable and necessary to protect a nearby residential community, and that the City has authority under Federal law to enforce the City's airspace restriction. We also note that the City has advised that "effective December 1, 2022, the City will begin the enforcement of Section 51.2.3(e)."⁴ According to § 11.2.1 of the City's Code, it appears that violations of the restriction "shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both the fine and imprisonment or as otherwise established by Cal. Penal Code § 19 then in effect."

Although we appreciate that the City believes that enforcing this ordinance will protect the important interests of its citizens, the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) view is that

¹ Although not specifically addressed in this letter, § 51.2.2, *Traffic and Training Patterns*, which regulates the airport's traffic pattern (including altitude), also raises preemption issues for reasons discussed in this letter. See FAA's Aeronautical Information Manual, Chapter 4, § 3 (*Airport Operations*).

https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/atpubs/aim_html/chap4_section_3.html

² Torrance Airport is a very active general aviation reliever airport with 276 based aircraft with 119,034 annual operations, or 326 operations per day on average. The FAA control tower is active between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

<https://adip.faa.gov/agis/public/#!/airportData/TOA>.

³ <https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Torrance/#!/Torrance05/Torrance0501.html#51.2.3>

⁴ Electronic mail message from Michelle G. Ramirez, Community Development Director, City of Torrance, to Jim Gates (Nov. 9, 2022, 11:34 AM).

enforcement of the ordinance is not a legally valid way to accomplish the City's goals. The position of the FAA remains unchanged from our February 18, 2020, letter to Mr. Jim Gates and August 9, 2022, letter to the City Attorney, Mr. Patrick Sullivan: the City's airspace restriction is not consistent with the FAA's statutory and regulatory framework, and relevant case law.⁵

In your letter, you assert that the City has authority to enforce the restriction based upon FAA policy statements made in the agency's Airport Compliance Manual, FAA Order 5190.6B (September 30, 2009). While it is accurate that the FAA generally encourages a "balanced approach" to address noise problems and discourages unreasonable airport use restrictions, the term "restrictions" in that discussion refers to ground-based mitigation measures, not in-flight restrictions regulating aircraft departure procedures. Federal law and policy distinguish between ground-based measures (generally consistent with an airport's proprietary authority) and restrictions directing how aircraft may operate in the navigable airspace (expressly an FAA function beyond the authority of an airport proprietor). FAA Order 5190.6B highlights this distinction in a few areas.⁶

Your letter also asserts that the left turn restriction found in § 51.2.3(e) is enforceable because it is grandfathered under the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA), 49 U.S.C. § 47521, *et seq.*, and its implementing regulations, 14 C.F.R. part 161. The FAA's view is that this assertion is incorrect. ANCA's "grandfathering" provisions only exempt covered restrictions *from ANCA*; restrictions that are preempted or otherwise invalid under non-ANCA law remain unenforceable regardless of whether they fall within the terms of the grandfathering provisions.

Finally, your letter asserts that *Friends of the East Hampton Airport v. Town of East Hampton*⁷ and *National Helicopter Corp. v. City of New York*⁸ support the City's position that its left turn restriction is within the proprietary authority of an airport operator. However, in our view, these cases do not support the City's position. *National Helicopter* directly addresses the question of whether a State or local government acting as an airport proprietor has the authority to regulate in-flight aircraft operations. There, the court reviewed a series of noise mitigation measures (*e.g.*, weekday and weekend curfews) enacted by the City under its proprietary authority as owner of Manhattan's East 34th Street Heliport. One of the noise measures analyzed by the court included an in-flight operational restriction – a prohibition of sightseeing flights over Second Avenue and the requirement that such flights heading north and south fly only over the East and Hudson Rivers. The City argued that the invasive nature of helicopter noise justified the condition restricting a sightseeing aircraft's direction of flight and route in the airspace. The Second Circuit disagreed:

[t]his argument, as the trial court recognized, evidences a misunderstanding of federal aviation law. Congress, the Supreme Court, and we have consistently stated that the law

⁵ See *City of Burbank v. Lockheed Air Terminal*, 411 U.S. 624 (1973), and its progeny.

⁶ See ¶ 7.9., *Local Rules and Procedures*, p. 7-7; ¶ 13.2., *Airport Noise and Access Restrictions, Background*, pp. 13-1 – 13-2.

⁷ 841 F.3d 133 (2d Cir. 2016).

⁸ 137 F.3d 81 (2d Cir. 1998).

controlling flight paths through navigable airspace is completely preempted. *See, e.g., [British Airways] Concorde I*, 558 F.2d at 83 (“[L]egitimate concern for safe and efficient air transportation requires that exclusive control of airspace management be concentrated at the national level.”); *City of Burbank*, 411 U.S. at 626–27 at 1856–57 (recognizing the federal government’s possession of exclusive national sovereignty in U.S. airspace); 49 U.S.C. § 40103(a)(1) ... *The proprietor exception, allowing reasonable regulations to fix noise levels at and around an airport at an acceptable amount, gives no authority to local officials to assign or restrict routes.* As a result, the City unlawfully intruded into a preempted area when it curtailed routes for the flights of certain Heliport aircraft. This condition was properly enjoined.⁹

It makes no difference that the City states that it will not enforce its airspace restriction “when the left turn is directed by the Tower.” We note that the tower is closed between 8:00 PM and 7:00 AM. As a result, during those hours, a pilot would presumably have no choice but to fly the City-directed departure procedure to avoid being subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both.

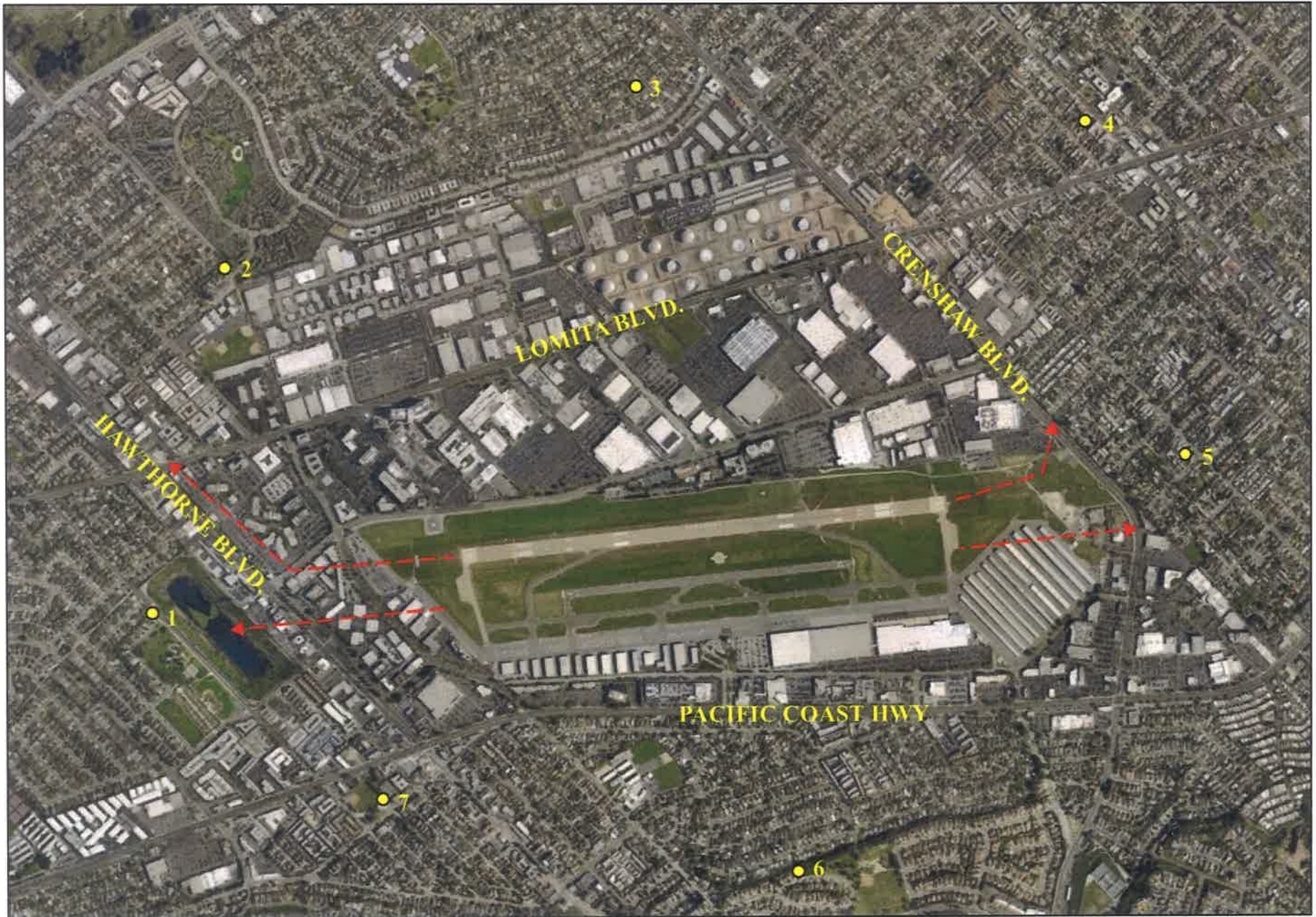
Although the FAA believes that the City’s ordinance is preempted by Federal law, we understand the importance of this issue to the City. The FAA would welcome the opportunity to discuss potential solutions that would promote the City’s objectives while avoiding interference with the FAA’s exclusive role in regulating aircraft safety and the efficient use of the airspace. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Jonathan Cross of my staff at 202-267-7173 or jonathan.cross@faa.gov.

Sincerely,
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 Acting Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations

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cc: Patrick Sullivan, City Attorney for the City of Torrance

⁹ *National Helicopter*, 137 F.3d at 91-92 (emphasis added).



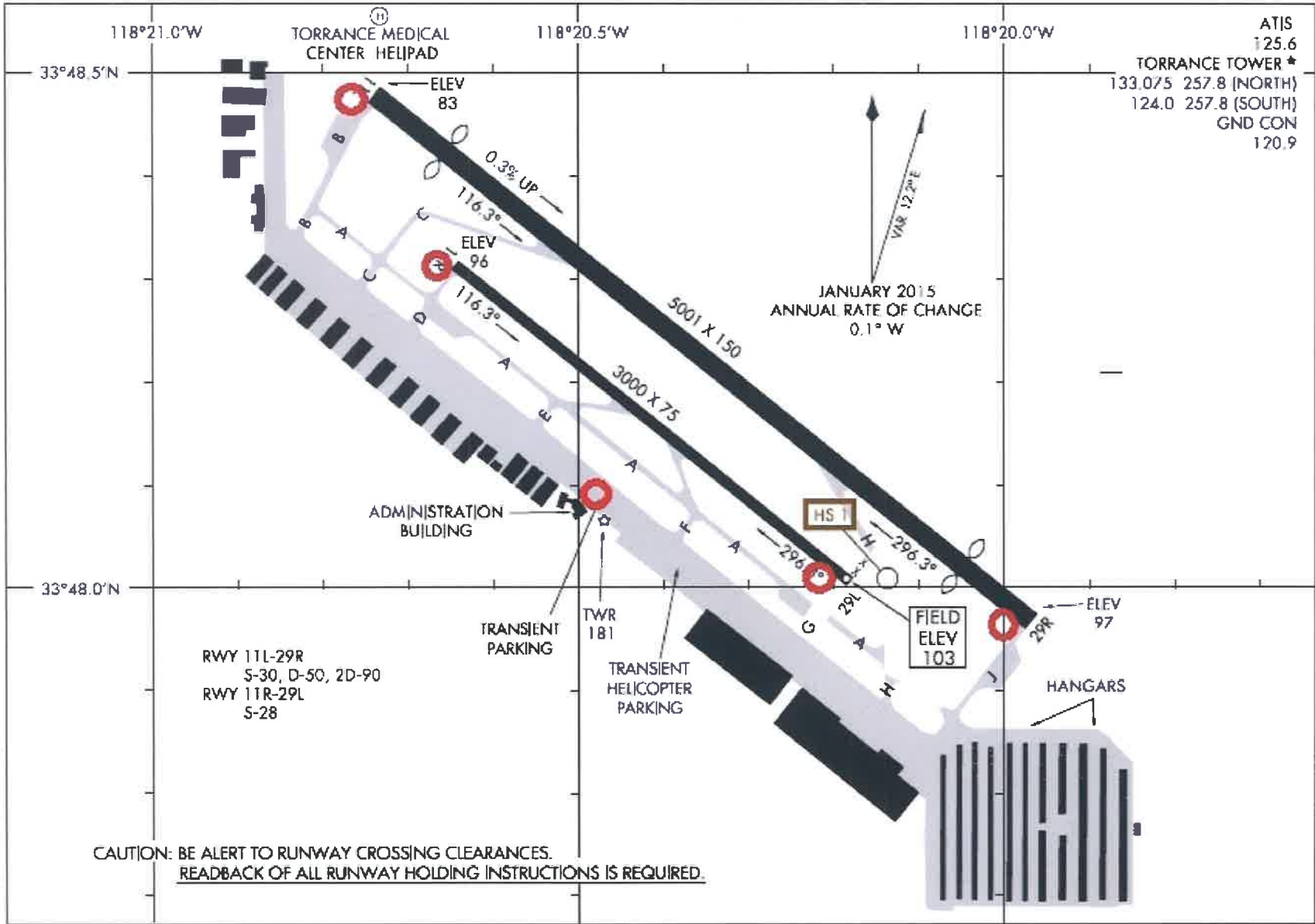
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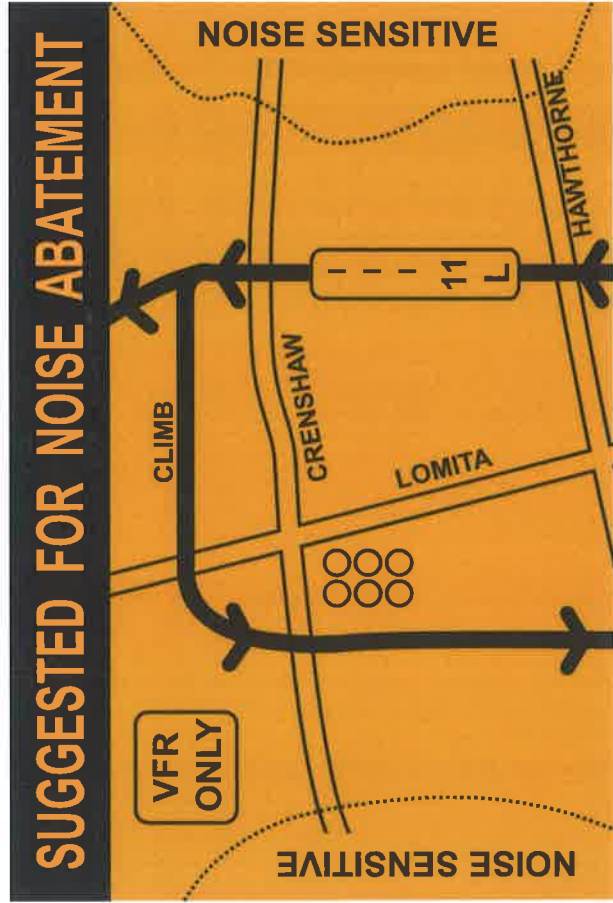
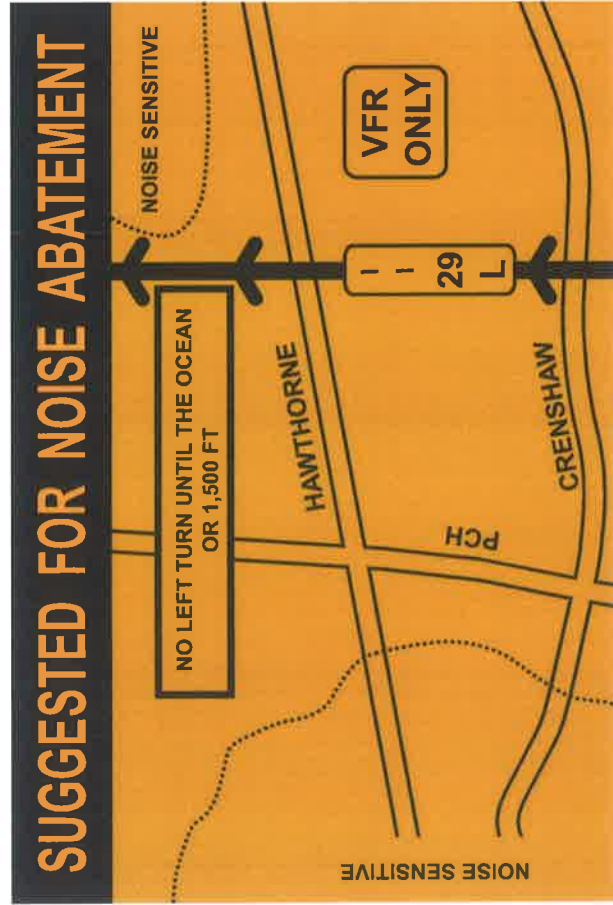
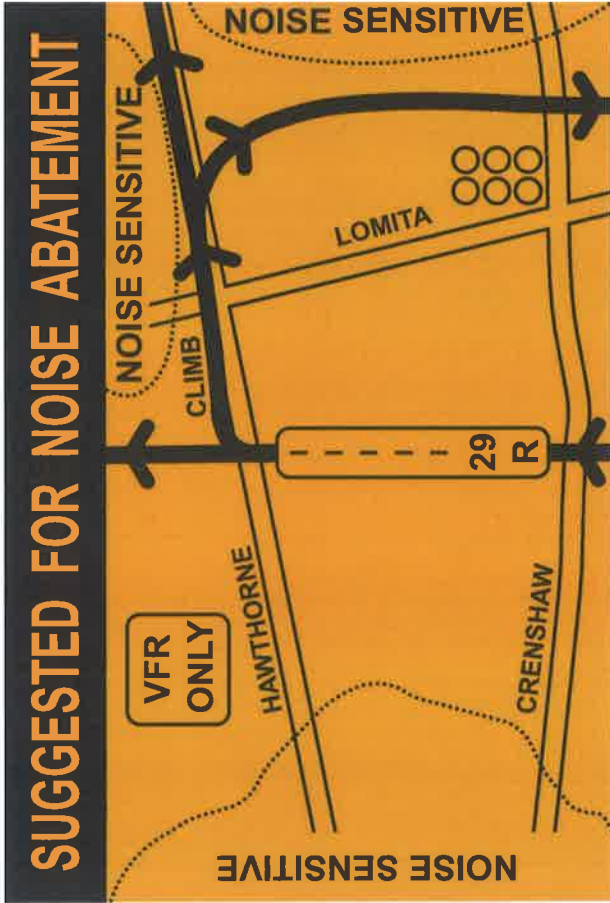
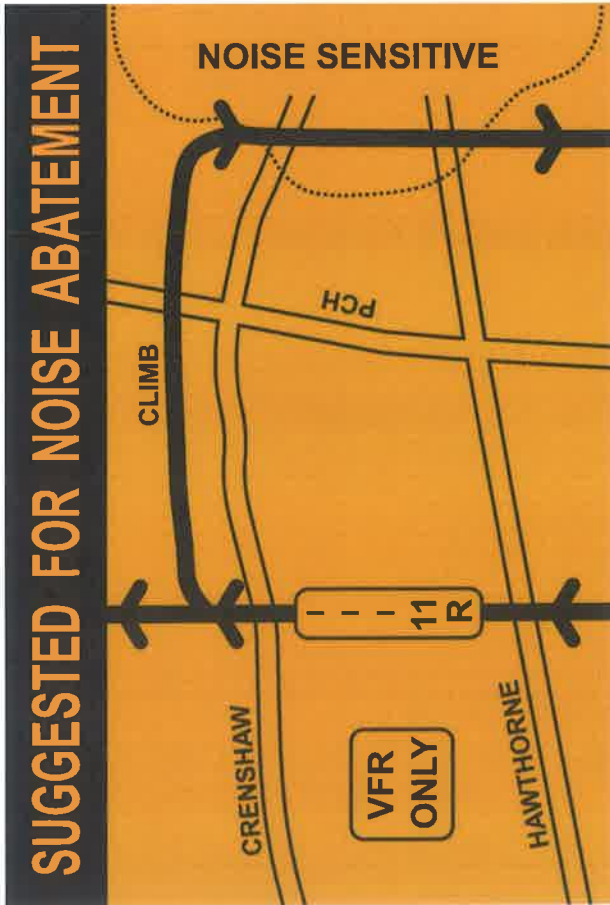


Michelle G. Ramirez
Community Development Department





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NOISE ABATEMENT AND CURFEWS

Noise Limits

82 dB (A) Maximum Sound Level & 88 dB (A) SENEL (SEL)
 0700 - 2200 Hours Monday-Friday
 0800 - 2200 Hours Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

Departure Curfew

(No departures without authorization)

76 dB (A) Maximum Sound Level & 82 dB (A) SENEL (SEL)
 2200 - 0700 Hours Monday-Friday
 2200 - 0800 Hours Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

Training touch and go, stop and go, taxi-back, & low approaches permitted:*

0800 - 2000 Hours Monday-Friday (taxi-backs until 2200)
 1000 - 1700 Hours Saturday

*PROHIBITED SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS, AND ALL OTHER HOURS

Per Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) 51.5.7 Holidays include New Year's Day; Memorial day; Independence day; Labor day; Thanksgiving and Christmas day and may be observed on a Friday preceding or Monday following respectively.

When taking off to the west, no left turn allowed prior to ocean or 1,500' altitude

No helicopter training allowed in south pattern

Testing

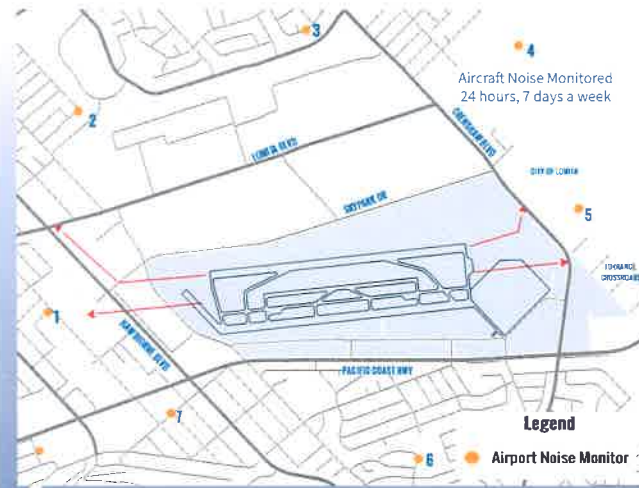
Aircraft noise tests must be pre-arranged with the Noise Abatement Center.

Enforcement

The initial goal of the Noise Abatement program is voluntary compliance through issuance of Notice of Violation letters, Noise Tests conducted by the pilots and Noise Abatement staff and outreach. If voluntary compliance does not happen, enforcement, which could include hearing boards and ultimately the possibility of a pilot and/or aircraft being denied airport usage, can be used.

Torrance's Noise Ordinance makes no distinction between IFR and VFR. You are advised that if your aircraft is likely to violate the City's noise standards while departing IFR, you will have to await better weather conditions and depart VFR. For a copy of the City's Airport Ordinance, please visit: <https://www.Codepublishing.com/CA/Torrance/#!/Torrance05/Torrance05.html>

Torrance Airport Noise Monitors



Please Fly Quietly Help maintain the quality of life in surrounding communities. For more information, call (310)784-7950.

The Noise Abatement office phone hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday and every other Friday. (Afterhours leave message)



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NOISE ABATEMENT GUIDE

Attachment K



FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

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In consideration for the communities surrounding the Torrance Municipal Airport pilots are requested to operate their aircraft in the quietest practical manner consistent with safety and our local Federal Aviation Administration (FAA – Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT)

South Runway (29L)

It is recommended, when taking off to the west, no left turn allowed prior to ocean or 1,500' altitude, unless directed by ATCT personnel, to avoid noise sensitive areas. This recommendation applies to straight out departures, it does not apply to training in the South Pattern or Missed Approach.

South Pattern training, while not prohibited for fixed wing aircraft, is discouraged to avoid adjacent noise sensitive areas on the rising terrain.

North Pattern

When training in the North pattern, planes should try to stay immediately north of the airport over the commercial area, avoiding noise sensitive residential neighborhoods.

Casper Noise Lab

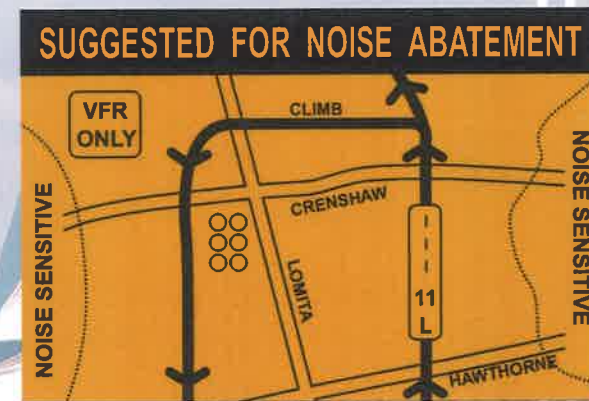
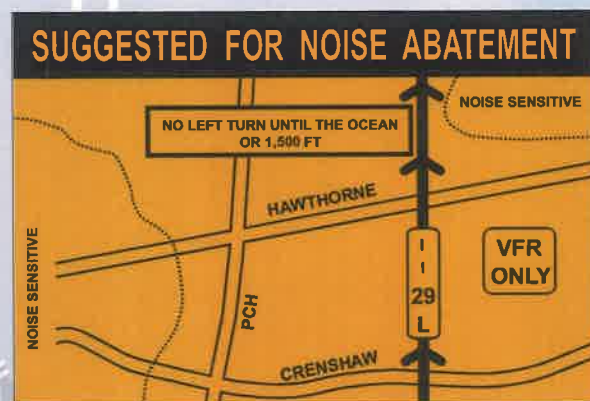
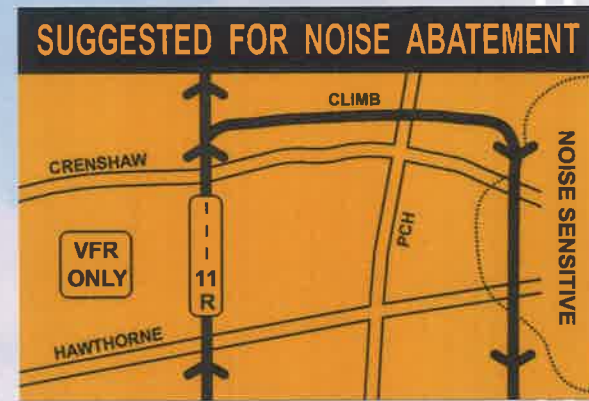
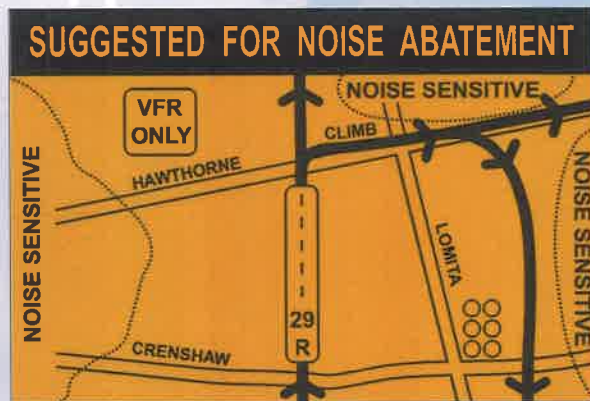
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This tool is configurable and updates content to provide visitors with the most current information available.

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SUGGESTED ROUTES FOR NOISE ABATEMENT



*Information provided as to flight routes on departure or arrival is merely recommended but that the choice, including the choice not to fly, is strictly up to the pilot.

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Parcel Number(s)	Parcel Name
1	Runway
2-6	Flite Park
7-9	Great American
10	Torrance Hangar, LLC
11	General Aviation Center
12-23	Robinson Helicopter
24-27	East T Hangars
28	AutoNation Acura South Bay
29	Armstrong Nursery
30	South Bay Lexus Service Center
31	Robinson Helicopter
32	Hi-Shear Corporation
32	LDC Skypark, LLC (Lowe's)
33	Skypark Atrium (WCCP Airport Atrium)
34	2790 Skypark Office Bldg.
35	South End Raquet Club
36-45	?
46-47	South Bay Lexus Service Center
TR.46470-1 & 2	Madison Park
TR.46470-3	Mercedes-Benz of South Bay
51	Jaguar Land Rover of South Bay
52	SB Lexus - Assigned to SB Hyundai
53	Carwell Incoporations Infiniti of South Bay
54	AutoNation Ford Torrance
55	DCH Toyota
56	Torrance Fire Station No2
57	DCH Toyota
58	Town and Country
59	Torrance Towne Center
60	Rolling Hills Plaza
61	Rolling Hills Plaza/Schwartz Inv Co
62	Rolling Hills Plaza
63	Airport Office Plaza
63-69	33 Rolling Hills Plaza

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Huizar, Carlos

Subject: FW: Airport Noise - Last Six Weeks

From: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6:00 PM

To: Randy Cilva <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Gonzaque, Alina <AGonzaque@TorranceCA.gov>; Valenciano, Isela <IValenciano@TorranceCA.Gov>

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Transportation Committee Members,

Below is my ongoing experience of living in Torrance with the overwhelming increase in airplane traffic noise and pollution. I know that you are meeting next week to make a recommendation to the City Council. Please, PLEASE do something about this!

2/9/23

The airport noise was as bad today as ever. The owner of Sling said that they would voluntarily use new practices to make life bearable for those that live around the airport. I have seen no such change. From 12:17 pm to 12:56 pm 34 planes were overhead. An average of 1 plane every 68.8 seconds. It was like that all day. We listen to this all day 6 days a week. The planes are too loud, too low, too much exhaust spewed into our lungs and way too often.

I heard Councilman Mike Griffith ask the council to see what it would take to declare the airport a public nuisance. I believe it has come to that. I lived in harmony with the airport for decades. The constant droning overhead did not exist a short time ago. Now we live in an aerodrome.

The pilots are treating the airport like their private playground with no thought at all to the communities whose lives they disrupt. The city owns the airport, not the pilots. The pilots have said again and again how good the flight schools are for the city. They are wrong. The flight schools are good for the pilots, not the city. They are here purely for their own benefit.

Please go forward and close the flight schools, or just close the airport.

2/13/23

A VERY busy morning at the airport today. From 10:25 to 10:52 27 planes were overhead. 1 plane every 60 seconds.

I recently spoke with friends I hadn't seen for a long time. When I spoke about the flight school issues, of an average of 1 plane overhead every 86 seconds they were both aghast. "That's inexcusable" was their comment, among others. A perfect word. The constant abuse of the flight schools is inexcusable. There is no reason for this abuse to be tolerated.

Please do what must be done to bring back the peaceful neighborhoods that existed before the flight schools took over the skies around the airport. Turn Torrance airport back into a municipal airport instead of the commercial one it has become.

3/8/23

The pilots were quite busy today. From 12:03 to 12:39 26 planes were overhead. One every 83.1 seconds. It's like that all day, 6 days a week. If I add them up for 8 hours a day (and they fly much more than that) that's 344 aircraft overhead 6 days a week. 2064 planes overhead each week! Does this seem reasonable for a municipal airport? To subject those that live around the airport to thousands of aircraft every week?

This is too much. The planes are too loud, too low, too much exhaust spewed into our lungs and way too often. This has been a problem for a long time. What is being done to eliminate this problem?

3/9/23

While today wasn't the busiest ever it was the 3rd busiest. 56 planes overhead from 11:54 th 12:54. One plane every 64.2 seconds. The pilots started flying low directly over my home before 8:00 am and kept at it all day. This is intolerable. I find myself screaming with rage when yet another plane goes overhead. My quality of life is awful when in my own home. I find myself looking for somewhere else to be just to avoid being buzzed by low flying planes once a minute, again and again and again. All day, 6 days a week.

The flight schools have got to go! Please give the Torrance residents surrounding the airport back the life they had before these new flight schools were approved by the city. They were approved by the city, they can be removed by the city. The city owns the airport. Make these overbearing pilots find somewhere else to teach their students. Torrance residents are more important than the pilots making a buck at our expense.

4/2/23

I live in the flight path of what I call the Torrance aerodrome. It's well documented that over 300 aircraft are overhead from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm every day the flight schools are active. A question is why did the city approve the actions that disrupt the lives of so many Torrance residents in the first place. Another is why does the city allow the flight schools to continue to terrorize the residents surrounding the aerodrome. It's well documented the displeasure of the aerodrome by residents. How long is the city going to continue to not act on such a blatant disregard of its own citizens.

Buy out the leases and get rid of the flight schools or shut down the airport completely.

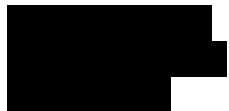
Remember that the pilots care only for themselves and care not about the people they terrorize every time they fly. The use of the airport is a privilege not a right. That privilege has been abused enough. Shut down the flight schools. Give the people of Torrance and Lomita the peace we had before Sling flight school started abusing the people of Torrance for their own gain.

Around and around they go to the ire of everyone below.

Best regards,

Randy

Randy Cilva
Cilva Construction - General Contractor
Licensed and Bonded





March 6, 2023

To: City Council, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, CDD Director, Assistant CDD Director, General Services Director

Good afternoon,

The City of Torrance is facing a problem that will only become worse if it is allowed to continue. The rapid, continuing growth of Sling Aircraft Academy and other associated flight schools continues to make residents outraged. Sling Academy has added so many planes and new students so quickly that it has outgrown this airport.

When Sling opened their doors for business in December 2019, there were 125,919 operations at TOA. By the end of 2022 there were 185,806 operations at the airport—more than have ever been recorded for a single year. 2023 will be higher still—it is on track to have significantly more than 200,000 flights this year. Almost all this increase is due to the Sling Corporation. They are very canny businessmen and salesmen, but they are NOT PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF TORRANCE.

Their impact from low-flying, loud, erratic training flights is felt from the southern boundary of Torrance to the eastern Hillside area above Crenshaw to West Torrance to New Horizons housing for senior citizens and in many Torrance schools. The lack of response from the City to take steps to correct this problem is

extremely frustrating to residents. Residents have testified at Airport Commission hearings, Transportation Committee hearings, City Council meetings (even at 2:00-3:00 AM on Nov.8) Library hearings and meetings in the Rose Garden Room, and they always say the same thing: “ I have never experienced this kind of noise and intrusion in all my years of living in Torrance. I can’t live like this. Please stop the flight schools from ruining our neighborhood.” But the City has not responded. They have instead stopped enforcing their own Municipal Code (51.2.3e) and opened the south runway to accommodate the huge number of flights.

Sling does not have any plans to stop. They want to grow their business and have hundreds more people sign up for commercial pilot training and fast-track them to Sky West. The City does not say anything about the impact this will have. Instead, the City has deliberately prevented the HOAs and individuals from speaking to the Transportation Committee and has allowed the flight academies and FAA to work out how to run the airport! The City is the landlord of the airport—free and clear, no incumbrances--but they are relinquishing their power to the businesses.

Ignoring the impact that this has on residents cannot continue. It will become worse unless it is amended. We urge you to start by enforcing the Municipal Code and cut back step by step what has become an unbearable, unfair burden on residents.

Regards,

Judy Brunetti
Riviera Homeowners Association

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From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 5:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina; Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: RE: Excessive aircraft noise at New Horizons

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From: Mary Bowman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 9:43 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Excessive aircraft noise at New Horizons

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Please take three minutes out of your day and watch this. This is ongoing excessive noise pollution in our neighborhood starting daily at 7 AM and exceeds past 9 PM. In August 20 22 Joe Tymczyszyn put on a very informative presentation at the Airport Commission meeting and I would like to know where we stand with his suggestions. Living in our neighborhood is unbearable. I work from home and I can no longer open my windows for air, When is the next meeting to address the excessive noise coming from Torrance airport? If the pilots would please just follow Hawthorne, Sepulveda, Crenshaw, and Lomita boulevards, it would help tremendously. But they don't seem to wish to do this. They continuously fly low overhead.

Thank you Mary Bowman. [REDACTED]. Address, [REDACTED] Nadine Circle, Torrance, CA, 90505

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Huizar, Carlos

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 3:47 PM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment
Cc: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: public comment--I support the Torrance Airport

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From: Hugh Milstein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 12:02 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: public comment--I support the Torrance Airport

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Dear Members of the Torrance Transportation Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the implementation of landing fees at Torrance Airport. As a member of the community who values the airport and its contribution to the local economy, I believe that implementing landing fees would have negative consequences for the airport, its users, and the Torrance community.

The addition of landing fees could ultimately hurt the local economy and businesses that rely on the airport.

Furthermore, the imposition of landing fees could deter new pilots from entering the aviation industry, which results in a continued shortage of pilots and a decline in safety. You feel this personally with cancelled commercial flights due to a lack of air crews. Pilots may feel pressure to take risks by extending flights to other airports to avoid additional landing fees, which could result in safety incidents.

In addition, landing fees would have a negative impact on the community. The airport plays an important role in supporting local businesses and the economy (over \$8.7M/year airport business expenditures in Torrance and an additional \$6M generated for the general fund), the addition of fees could lead to a decline in activity and revenue, ultimately hurting the Torrance community. The airport provides numerous economic benefits, from attracting new businesses and tourists to providing well-paying jobs and careers for local residents. Adding landing fees would make the airport less attractive to businesses and tourists resulting in a loss of jobs within and revenue for the community.

Several local airports have experienced negative consequences after implementing landing fees. For example, Van Nuys Airport implemented a \$10 landing fee for small aircraft in 2013, resulting in a decrease in airport activity and a decline in revenue, the fees were subsequently rescinded. Similarly, Santa Monica Airport experienced a similar decrease in activity and revenue after implementing landing fees in 2011. This shows that landing fees have a detrimental effect on airport activity, revenue, and the local economy.

Furthermore, landing fees would not solve any airport financial issues (if any exist), but would instead cause additional problems. The airport needs to find a long-term solution if this is a need, for increased revenue and support the local economy.

In addition, according to the noise complaint system provided by the City of Torrance, in March 2023 there have been a total of 3682 complaints filed by only 8 people. Going back another month to February, there were 2625 complaints filed by only 3 people. Further, in January of this year there were 668 complaints filed by only 4 people. This means that there are some individuals who are filing a disproportionately large number of complaints, which suggests that the issue may not be with the airport but with the individuals themselves.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the city of Torrance has stated that they receive emails and phone calls regarding noise complaints, which they do not log but claim to count towards the total. This approach of counting emails and phone calls, without proper documentation or verification, or properly adding them to the casper/noise lab system can be seen as unreliable and potentially manipulated to suit personal agendas. It could also lead to the misinterpretation of the data and result in the implementation of misguided policies that would further harm the airport and the community.

These statistics are concerning, as they suggest that the complaints may not be a true reflection of the impact of the airport on the surrounding community. It is possible that a small group of individuals is exerting a disproportionate influence on the decision-making process, which could lead to ill-informed decisions that do not accurately represent the interests of the wider community.

Also, the Torrance Flight Schools and most pilots have agreed to eliminate certain maneuvers (touch and goes) on the south runway which has reduced the number of flights. The city has also posted new noise abatement signs and needs to give them a chance to be seen and incorporated

into flight habits. Only then will the city fully grasp the affect of the existing changes which is necessary to properly evaluate if any further action is needed.

Therefore, it is crucial that the Torrance Transportation Committee considers all available data when making their decision regarding the implementation of landing fees. They should take into account the potential negative impacts on the general aviation community, the local economy, and the city's reputation as a welcoming destination for pilots and aviation enthusiasts.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Torrance Transportation Committee to reconsider the implementation of landing fees at Torrance Airport. The airport is a valuable asset to the community, and it is essential that we take a measured and thoughtful approach to any changes that may impact its future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Hugh Milstein

Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 2:49 PM
To: Judy English
Cc: Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: RE: Torrance Airport

Good Afternoon Ms. English ~

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-----Original Message-----

From: Judy English <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 1, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Torrance Airport

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Dear Ms. Ramirez,

I feel strongly that the City of Torrance is not meeting its obligations to its residents by not enforcing its own Municipal code concerning early left turns from the Torrance Airport. The noise and fuel contamination are terrific pollutants, and are disrupting the lives of many living in Torrance. The leaded fuel is a particularly upsetting ongoing condition. There is no question whatsoever that the fuel is contaminating our air and potentially damaging our citizens and children, particularly when the flights are over city schools.

This has been dragging on, and on. We object, and will keep on objecting. Is the city of Torrance so uncaring about the citizens it is supposed to represent? A Letter of Agreement is totally weak, especially when the City won't sign it. The FAA is not interested in residents, as its mandate is to support the airline/flight industry. Period. The culprits in the noise and fuel issues can hardly be expected to govern themselves as they have totally failed to do it in the past. Do you really think its a good idea to "put the fox in charge of the henhouse?"
I do not think so.

There situation is untenable. Dragging it out further, with no workable plan with power in it, will simply prolong the problem. It is time to step up and do the right thing for the people. We need your help. Please supply it. That is what your job is.

Sincerely,

Judy English

Huizar, Carlos

From: Pinela, Gerardo
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:12 AM
To: Pinela, Gerardo
Subject: FW: Improvements are needed
Attachments: 2023-02-29 Noise abatment suggesitons.pdf

Dear Commissioners,

Below you will find an email to the Airport Commission from a community member.

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

EOC Donations Coordinator, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

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From: Jim Gates <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:09 PM
To: Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>; Herrera, Rafael <RafaelHerrera@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; CityManager@torranceca.gov
Cc: Thomas Smith <[REDACTED]>; Richard Bohner (AS) <[REDACTED]>; Jim Gates <[REDACTED]>; Peter C. Broen <[REDACTED]>; Fred Bongard <[REDACTED]>; David Offitzer <[REDACTED]>; Bill Tymczyszysm <[REDACTED]>
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See attachment:

It is important that the City of Torrance provide accurate and useful information about airport operations. I suggest some improvements to the Noise Abatement function that would increase public awareness about airport operations.

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Jim Gates
[REDACTED]

Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant; Huizar, Carlos; Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina
Subject: RE: Some pictures to add to show what happens everyday all day. Make quality of life really bad.

Good Morning Clairann ~






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From: Clairann R <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:39 PM

To: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Some pictures to add to show what happens everyday all day. Make quality of life really bad.

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Huizar, Carlos

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Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:48 AM
To: Griffiths, Mike
Cc: Ramirez, Michelle; Megerdichian, Shant; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: Some pictures to add to show what happens everyday all day. Make quality of life really bad.

Thank you Councilman. Copying team for awareness.

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To: Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:53 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: pubic comment--I support the Torrance Airport

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Don't destroy our valuable airport with landing fees.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Huizar, Carlos; Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina; Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: RE: Public comment

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:21 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Public comment

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Dear City Council,

I understand that you are contemplating charging landing fees at Torrance Airport. I would like to express an opinion on this matter.

I live in the South Bay and have been a frequent user of the airport over the last 8 years. I flew with instructors and trained for my instrument rating at South Bay Aviation from 2014 to 2016 and have used KTOA many times to practice instrument approaches for currency requirements. In fact, I flew approaches at KTOA just yesterday. I have always had good experiences there, with very professional tower controllers and a user-friendly approach to pilots.

Instituting landing fees will send a message to pilots and students that they are not welcome at KTOA. The airport is a critical hub of flight instruction in So Cal. Students need to be able to practice approaches and landings without worrying about a per-landing cost. Most student pilots are on tight budgets and I would imagine that landing fees could drive them to seek instruction elsewhere, which would hurt the businesses that rely on a steady flow of students.

KTOA is also a critical part of our infrastructure in So Cal, especially in the event of a major earthquake. If for any reason LAX is inoperative, secondary airports will be essential for transport of supplies, critical personnel, medicine, etc. If we undermine our secondary airports through unnecessary fees, they will not be able to provide critical services at the time we need them.

If the issue is noise, there are ways to address that problem that do not interfere with Torrance Airport's critical purposes in the southern California area.

Thank you for considering this opinion.

Best regards,
Jody Jonsson

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To: [REDACTED]
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LANDING FEES, YES and NO

1. I value the airport.
2. I am an aircraft owner at the Torrance Airport
3. I am a voting resident of Torrance
4. I would think long and hard as to whether landing fees will solve the real issue.
5. If you must institute landing fees, then at least exempt the airport tenants, who all ready pay taxes, hangar fees, etc.

I would for sure be at the meeting, although we are traveling during that time.

Thank you for taking time to read these comments.

John R

Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Huizar, Carlos; Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina; Megerdichian, Shant
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To: Mary Cilva
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant; Gonzaque, Alina; Valenciano, Isela; Huizar, Carlos
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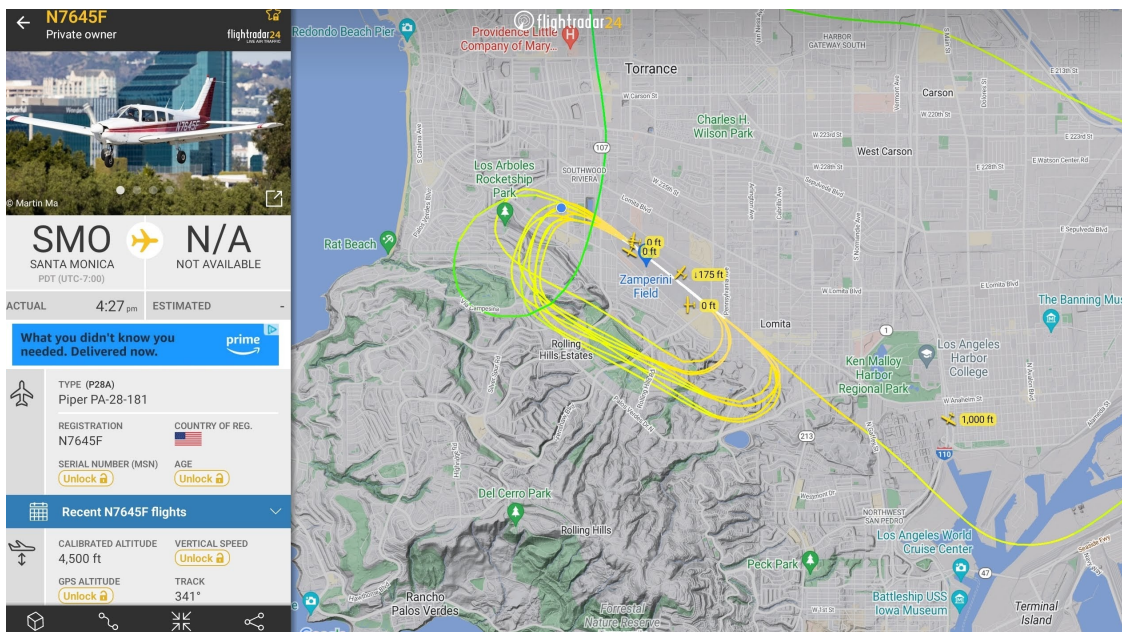
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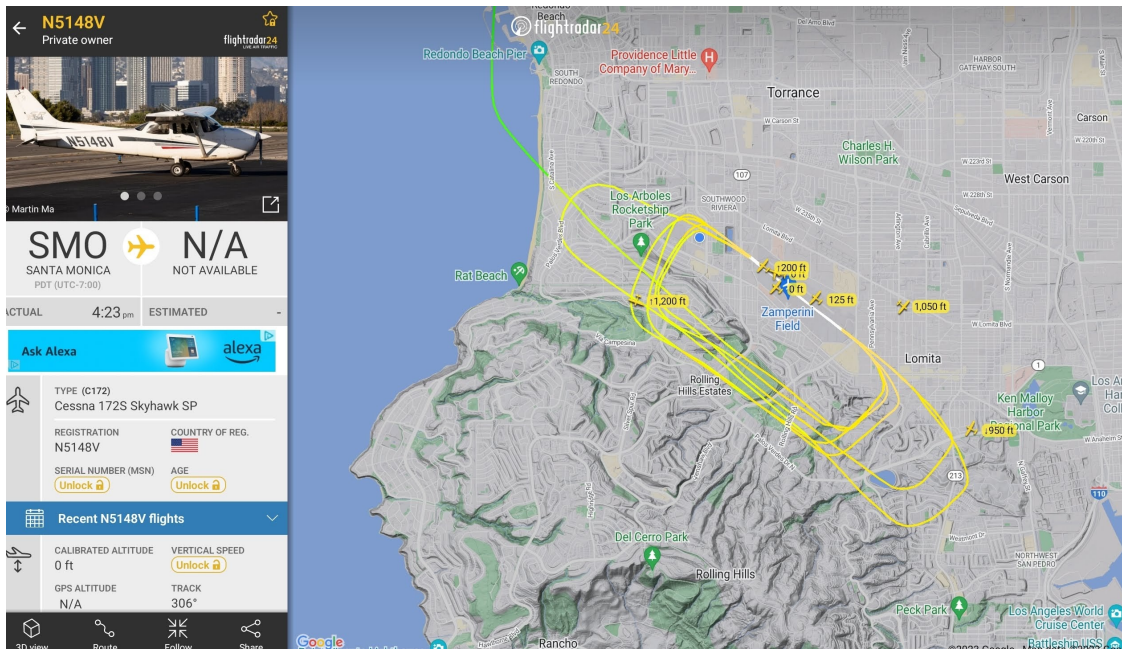
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On Friday, March 17, 2023 two separate aircraft from Santa Monica airport terrorized our neighborhood for several hours. See the details below. This is in addition to all of the other personal aircraft and flight schools. I want to again reiterate how the staggering increase in aircraft and more recently bad pilot behavior has destroyed the quality of life for me and my neighbors.

The City Council needs to ban the use of the airport by outside aircraft. This is just additional noise and air pollution being spewed into our homes. I also support the position and suggestions provided by the Riviera Homeowners Association.

Definition: Terrorize - create and maintain a state of extreme fear and distress in (someone);





Thank you for your consideration.

Mary



Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:45 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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From: Ilya Shchelokov <[REDACTED]>
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Good morning,

My name is Ilya Shchelokov. I am a tenant at Torrance municipal airport and also a resident in our beautiful city of Torrance.

When I first came to United states as a new born immigrant I have decided for myself that I will become a pilot one day. In 2019 I have received my Private pilot license and currently owe a little tiny aircraft that I keep in Torrance. My passion has developed into something bigger and now I am also scratch building an airplane (Bearhawk Patrol). I keep this

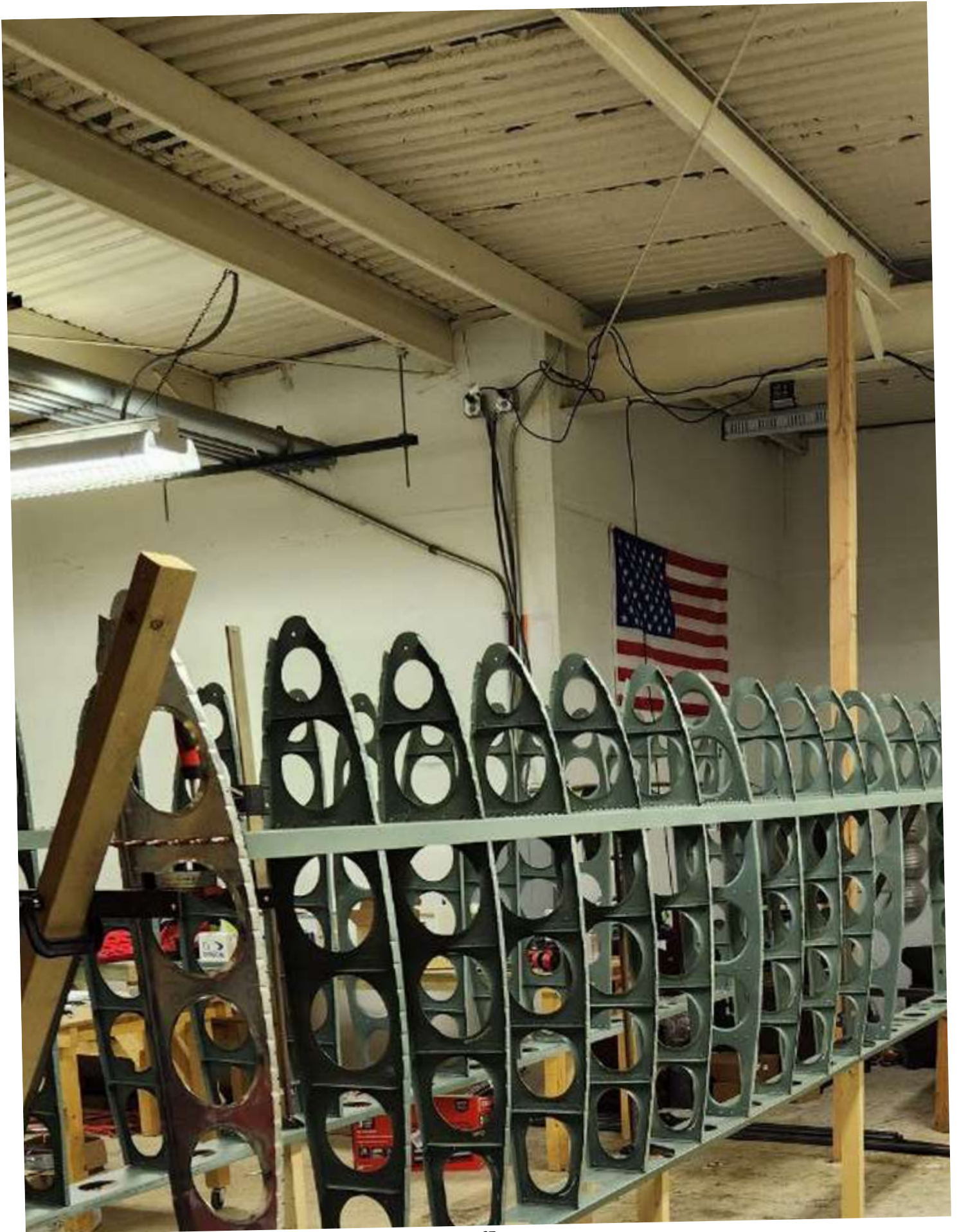
project in Torrance airport as well. Every evening I spend few hours to buck few rivets and cut pieces of aluminum to make my dream come true- build an airplane from scratch.

Why all this is important? Without having access to financially affordable Aviation infrastructure- all that would not be possible. Not just for me but also for young folks that would like to take this career path. This is important not just for our city, but also for our country (I am sure that you have heard of pilot shortage in US).

I was born in the country that used to have very diverse airport network in the past. Because of bad decisions that were made by the government and because of how expensive it was, 80% of that infrastructure is gone. General aviation is close to non-existent. I am so proud to be a part of our amazing aviation society. United states is No 1 country when it comes to aviation. We have best pilots in the world, best aircrafts in the world and the most diverse airport network in the world. Lets keep it this way by keeping it affordable for general public.

Thank you very much for your time.

Also, Please see below a picture of my project. This is going to be a wing 🍌 😊



ILYA SHCHELOKOV



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:44 AM
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Subject: FW: Torrance Airport

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From: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 12:04 AM
To: Don Hammond <[REDACTED]>; CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Re: Torrance Airport

Hi Don -

Thanks for the email re: airport....

Addressing your comments in reverse order - Issue #2 - the requested mods to our lease to allow for corporate/LLC entities to lease is (and has been) in the works since back when you and I discussed. Unfortunately, it obviously hasn't been a high priority, as our legal staff has been dealing with a lot of high priority issues.

Re: Issue #1 - noise/disruption from airport - My problem here is ONLY with the very significant increase in training operations being done not only by local flight schools, but also by flight schools from out of the area. These flight schools are profiting handsomely from the acknowledged need for more pilots, but at the significant new disruption to the residents that they fly over. I have lived here since 1983, and I can see the tower from my front yard. I have NEVER seen so much repetitive flight operations, where pilots are circling over our neighborhoods at relatively low altitudes doing touch and goes for hours on end. And even with voluntary agreements (not enforceable) by the local flight schools, the remote schools dont even know the rules on curfews and holidays and training-free days we have.

I have no desire to see our airport closed. My issue is ONLY with the training operations. Landing fees, in my opinion, should only be charged for training operations, but not for general aviation operations, and certainly not for our general aviation tenants who pay us rent.

Hope that helps... Lots more work to be done to get us back to a reasonable balance.

Thanks,
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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:17 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
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Dear Council,

Thank you for providing a forum for input into local issues. I am a Torrance resident and a Torrance business owner. I am active with the Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Kiwanis Club, among other local organizations.

I write today to discuss two items with respect to Torrance Airport.

As a pilot with flight instructor ratings, I have completed nearly all of my training out of Torrance Airport. That airport has been an important part of my life since I became a Civil Air Patrol cadet in 1993. It is a valuable local resource for a wide variety of activities, including flight training (in a time of pilot shortage at the airlines), youth aviation programs, business travel, and networking & community meetings.

The first issue is that I've heard rumblings about possible changes to the noise abatement procedures and possible landing fees. Any such changes will have a chilling effect on the activities and commerce at the airport. Several other local airports, including Long Beach and Santa Monica have recently taken steps to curtail flight activities. Adding Torrance to this list will further denigrate the local community's contributions to the aviation industry. Public service organizations, such as Civil Air Patrol, EAA Young Eagles, and Angel Flight rely on volunteer pilots, who will not use an airport with fees and restrictions. I have flown a variety of high performance aircraft out of the Torrance Airport, and I have always been receptive to any communications regarding noise. An outreach campaign to pilots regarding noise and use of the South pattern would be highly effective. It would also be helpful for ATC to be mindful of the community's concerns. I know that the FAA and ATC say that they will not get involved, but they can at least be mindful when they direct a pilot to the South pattern during a noise sensitive time. On a Sunday, after I was made aware of this ongoing issue, I was flying a 310-hp Cirrus. While on approach to land, I had to go around due to a plane still on the runway, and I was shocked when ATC directed me to make "left traffic" - meaning to use the South pattern. One issue is that Torrance is a training tower, with new air traffic controllers assigned regularly, so they are not aware of the concerns and they often get overwhelmed by the amount of traffic, which leads them to direct traffic to unusual routes over the local community. People who complain about the airport bought homes near the airport - the airport was there first. Possible noise was (or should have been) taken into account when they made the decision to purchase a home near the airport.

The second issue relates to hangar rentals at the airport. The airport staff has an underground rule prohibiting legal entities from renting a hangar. They require that each hangar be rented by a single individual, they will only accept payment from that individual, and they will only communicate with that individual. Many aircraft are owned by LLCs or other corporate entities for a variety of legal, liability, and business purposes. When an individual person rents the hangar, it risks commingling assets, jeopardizing the purpose of the legal entity that owns the aircraft that is stored in the hangar. It would make a lot more legal sense if the airport allowed the legal entity to rent the hangar, with an individual personally guaranteeing payment, and if they would accept payment from the legal entity's bank account.

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Best Regards,



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Cc: Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant
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To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: N2060U - Pacific Skies Aviation

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Listen for yourself, right now. Below is the link to the video.

Also attached is a screenshot of how many loops he made.

Low and extremely loud. Past 7:30 p.m.

You think residents are going to put up with this much longer?

This is a public nuisance and it needs to stop.

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Valenciano, Isela
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:30 AM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment
Cc: Ramirez, Michelle; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: pubic comment--I support the Torrance Airport

From: Ilya Shchelokov <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:58 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: pubic comment--I support the Torrance Airport

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Good morning,

My name is Ilya Shchelokov. I am a tenant at Torrance municipal airport and also a resident in our beautiful city of Torrance.

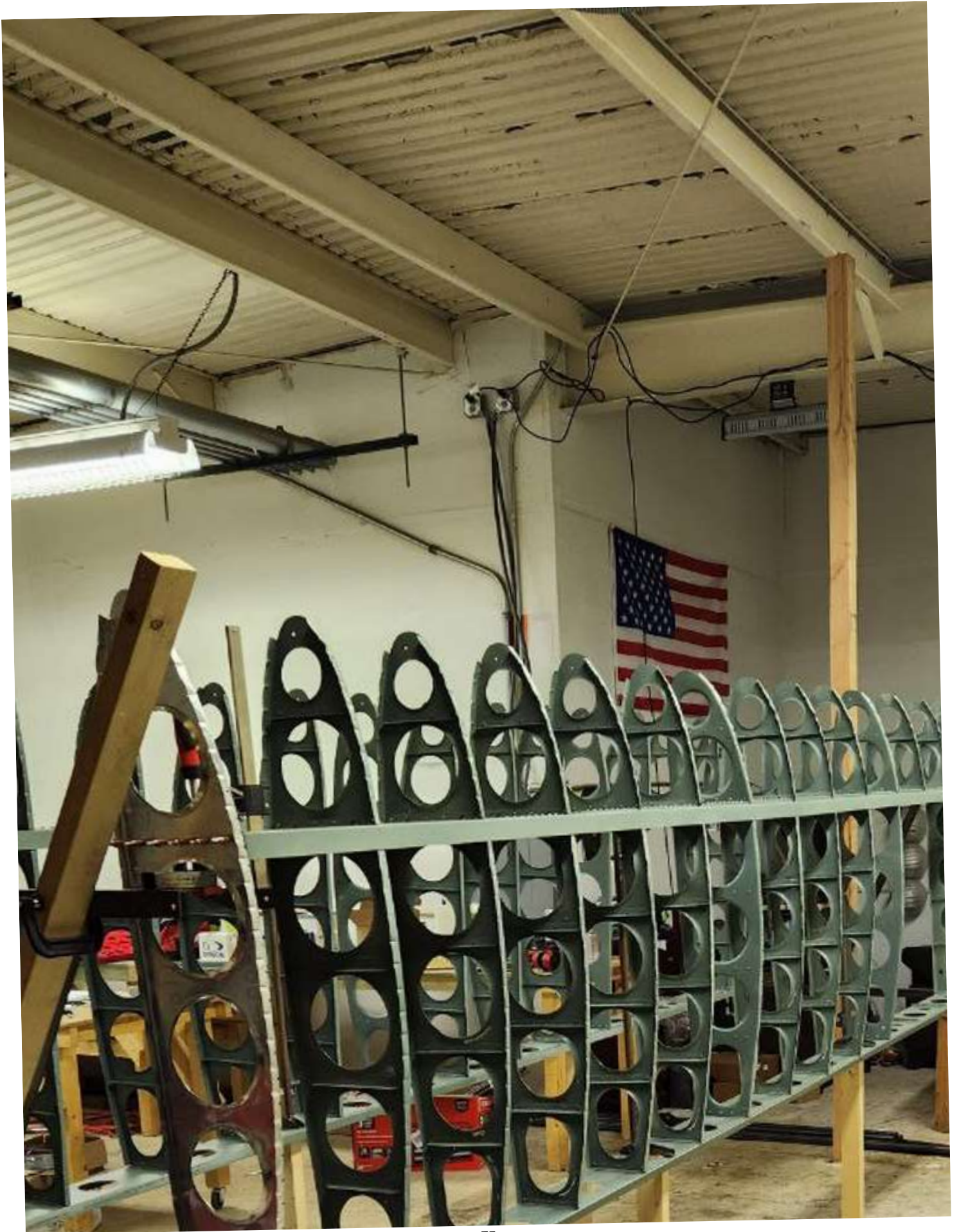
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Don't destroy our valuable airport with landing fees.

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From: Santana, Danny
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:38 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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DANNY E. SANTANA, MPA

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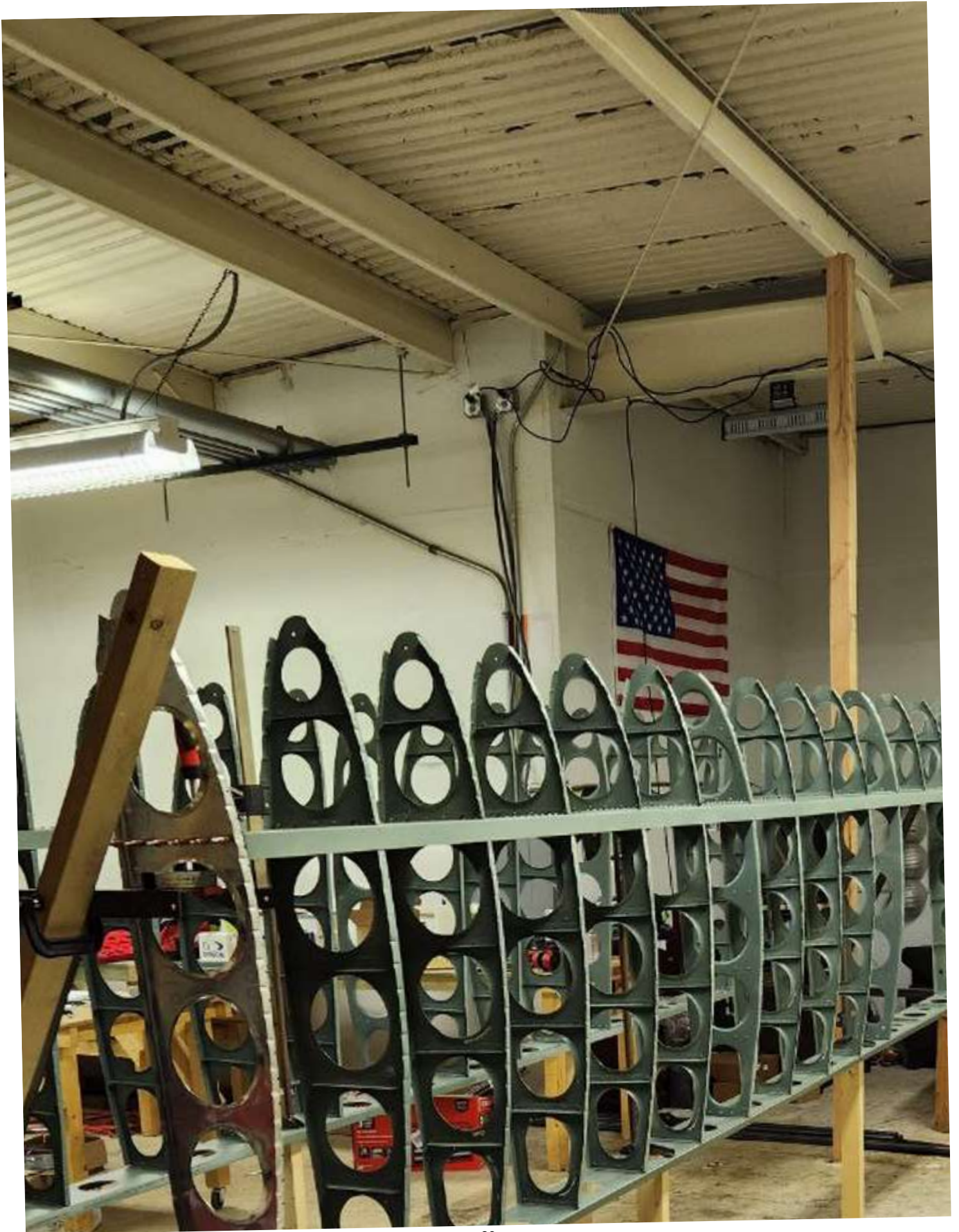
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To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: SMO Aircraft at TOA Excessive Noise - 3/17/2023

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From: Mary Silva <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4:28 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>
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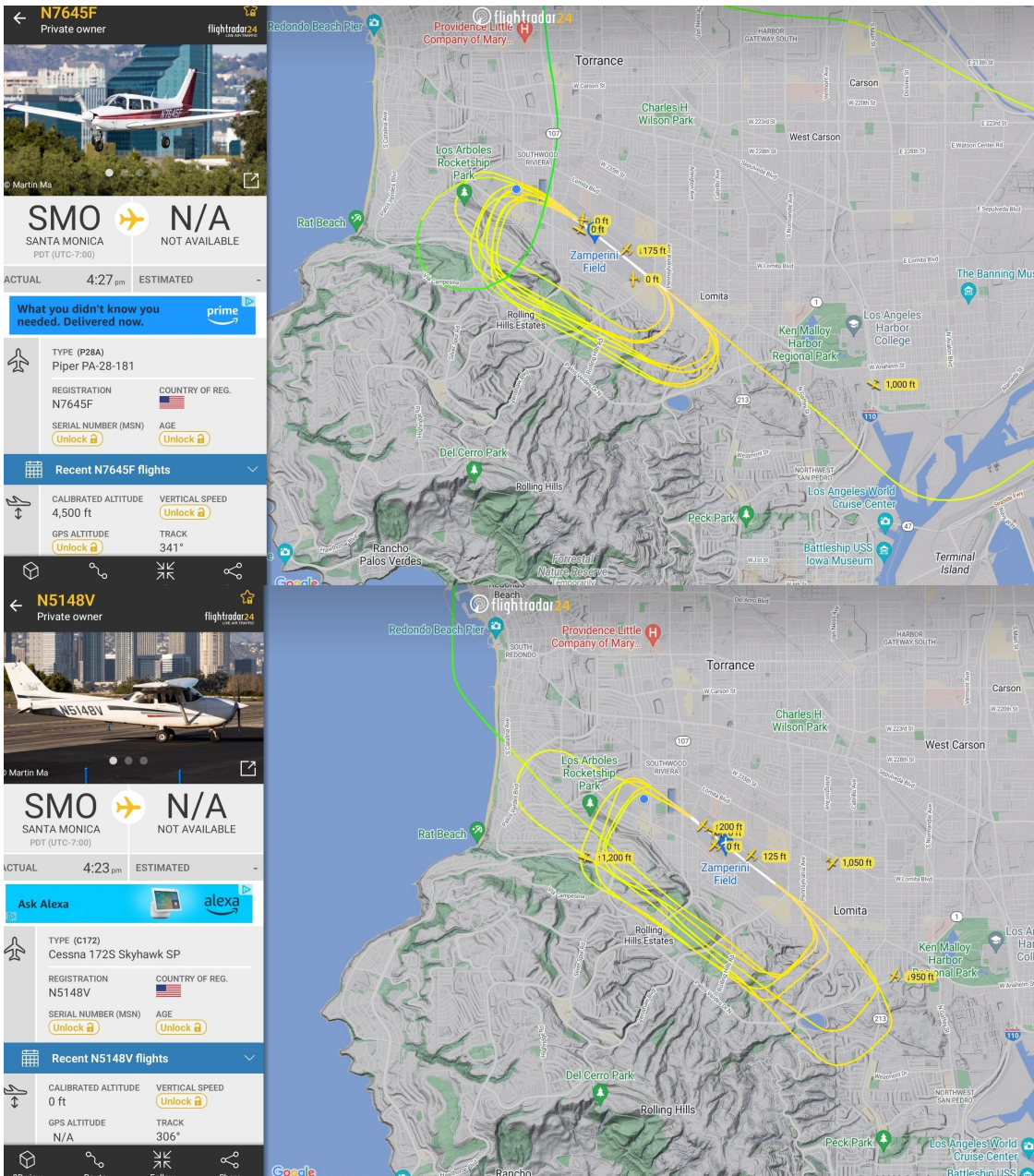
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Mayor Chen, City Councilmembers, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Chaparyan and Mr. Megerdichian,

On Friday, March 17, 2023 two separate aircraft from Santa Monica airport terrorized our neighborhood for several hours. See the details below. This is in addition to all of the other personal aircraft and flight schools. I want to again reiterate how the staggering increase in aircraft and more recently bad pilot behavior has destroyed the quality of life for me and my neighbors.

The City Council needs to ban the use of the airport by outside aircraft. This is just additional noise and air pollution being spewed into our homes. I also support the position and suggestions provided by the Riviera Homeowners Association.

Definition: Terrorize - create and maintain a state of extreme fear and distress in (someone);



Thank you for your consideration.

Mary



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:01 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N733WM-LGB
Attachments: Screenshot_20230328_172518_Chrome.jpg

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To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: N733WM-LGB

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More out-of-town pilots doing touch-and-go training at TOA.

Right as people get home from work and try and enjoy their dinners.

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From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:59 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N724SP - LGB
Attachments: Screenshot_20230328_175420_Chrome.jpg

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From: Don T <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: N724SP - LGB

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Another one. Also from LGB.

Zero benefit to Torrance. Nothing but noise and pollution.

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From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:58 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N796WW
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To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Re: N796WW

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One round in a day wasn't enough.

On Tue, Mar 28, 2023, 3:52 PM Don T <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Look how many loops this is. For over an hour. One aircraft. One flight school.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:57 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N724SP - LGB
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To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Re: N724SP - LGB

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20 loops later.

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:57 AM
To: Briseno, Isela; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: Water tours

Good morning and I'm not aware of any Isela.

Thank you.

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From: Briseno, Isela <IBriseno@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 7:16 PM
To: Gent, Zulma <ZGent@TorranceCA.gov>; Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>
Subject: FW: Water tours

Good evening,

Do you know of any upcoming conferences that Council may be attending later this year? Chuck Shaich is planning an MWD tour and wants to make sure there are no conflicts.

Thank you,
Isela

ISELA BRISEÑO

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From: Schaich, Chuck <CSCHAICH@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:33 PM
To: Fulton, Fran <FFulton@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: Schaich, Chuck <CSCHAICH@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: FW: Water tours

Chuck Schaich

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Hi Fran,

MWD just opened up its Inspection Tour bookings for 2023. They will offer tours on both the State Water Project (SWP) facilities in Northern California, as well as tours of the Colorado River system. However, we only allowed to book one 2 or 3 day tour, and we may have to share this with another member agency due to budget cuts in the program. This happened on our November 2023 tour to the SWP that we shared with West Basin Municipal Water District. Our MWD director, Russ Lefevre, and I will be contacting MWD for additional clarification.

On all MWD tours, City Council members are always offered the first opportunity to reserve a spot. Last year our tour date conflicted with a conference that most of the Council attended. Could you please provide dates for conferences that the Council is likely to attend and we will schedule a tour date that does not conflict.

Chuck Schaich

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From: Fulton, Fran <FFulton@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 11:51 AM
To: Schaich, Chuck <CSCHAICH@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Water tours

Hi Chuck,

Great presentation at the COG Assembly!

Wondering if MWD is still offering the in-person tours of the CO River aqueduct and Northern CA?

Fran

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:56 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N2060U-Touch-and-go after 7 p.m.
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Time to barrage with the neighborhoods with noise before bedtime.

When is this going to end?

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:56 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N2060U - Pacific Skies Aviation
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To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N5301H-LGB
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To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: N5301H-LGB

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Subject: FW: N796WW

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fwd: Illegal Early Left Turn 3/27/23 12:00pm

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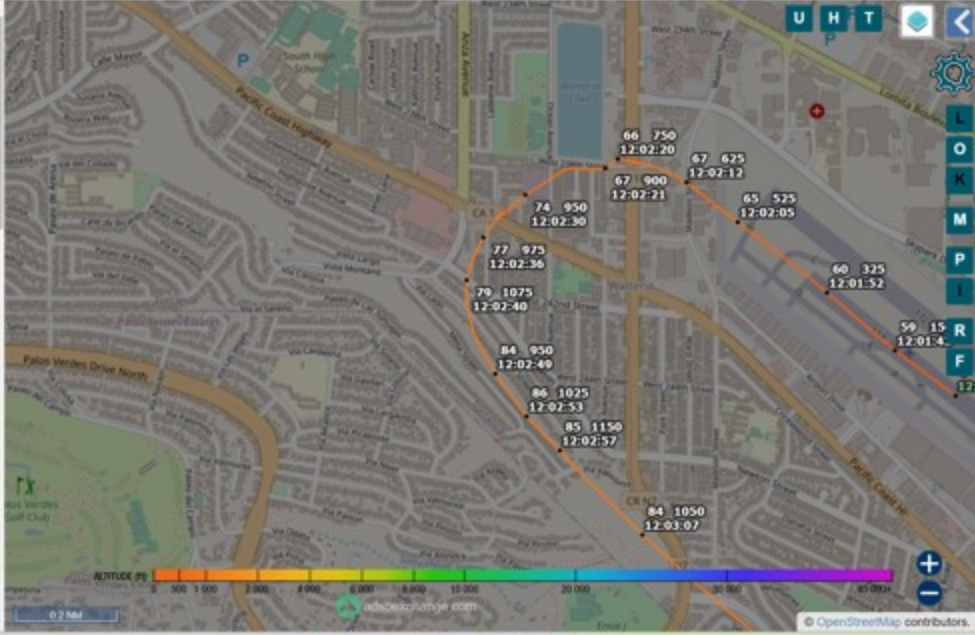
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Track: 132.2°
Pos.: 33.783°, -118.332°
Distance: n/a



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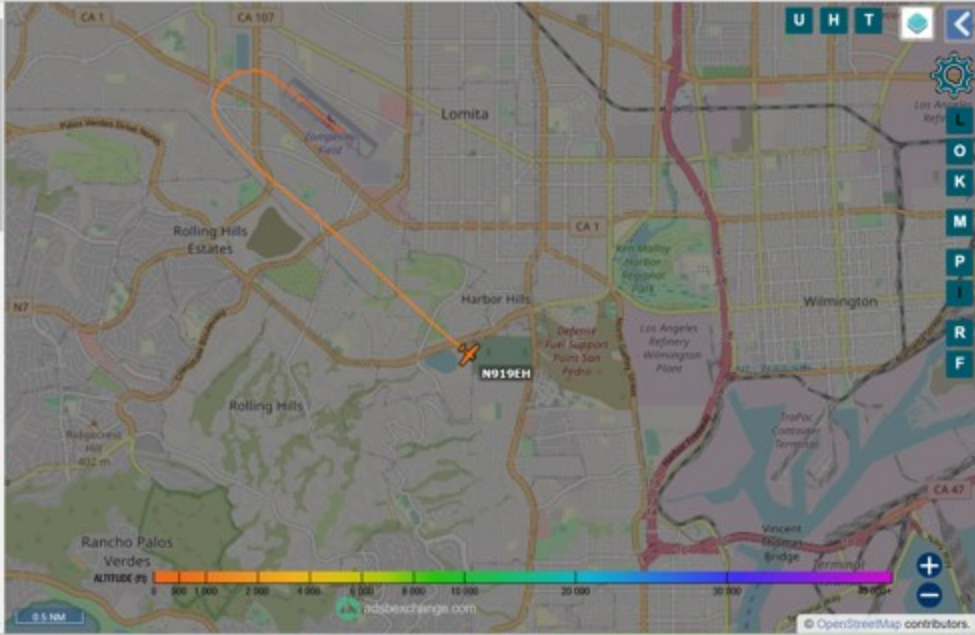
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Distance: n/a



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Breaking news 12:04 PM 3/28/2023

Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 4:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina; Megerdichian, Shant; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: Aircraft over residences at RHCC

Good Afternoon Mr. Ordenez ~

The City is in receipt of your below email. For information on the Torrance Municipal Airport, please visit <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-departments/general-services/torrance-airport/noise-abatement-information>. Regarding your request for a no fly zone, you would need to contact the FAA Long Beach Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at (562) 377-5400 or via email at 7-AWP-LAX-FSDO@faa.gov, as they oversee aircraft that are in flight and would be best suited to explain that process to you.

Additionally, please know that the Transportation Committee will be meeting on April 12th, 6:00 pm, at the LeRoy J. Jackson Council Chambers (located at Torrance City Hall) to discuss options to minimize noise impacts on the City's residential neighborhoods from aircraft operating at and from the Torrance Municipal Airport. This meeting will be opened to the public and there will be time allotted for public comments. The agenda for this meeting will be posted and available by Friday, April 7, 2023. Once posted, the agenda can be viewed at <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/council-committees/transportation>. Your below email will be added as a supplemental to the agenda item. For your awareness, all comments emailed by 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, will be included as a "Supplemental" on the City's website prior to the meeting. Comments received after 5:30 p.m., but prior to the end of the meeting will be added to the record. Lastly updates regarding the City's progress in addressing airport noise can be found on our Trending in Torrance website at <https://www.trendingintorrance.com/>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Community Development Director – Community Development Department



From: sarah hwang shim <[REDACTED]>
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To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Aircraft over residences at RHCC

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Hello,

I live in the residences at the Rolling Hills Country Club (RHCC) and would like to submit a complaint.

There have been an increase in the number of aircrafts flying over our community, and I have observed a few airplanes hovering quite low.

I wanted to inquire what the rules and regulations are to fly near our community. Are there zoning criteria? And if possible, can we request to have the residences at RHCC a no-flying zone.

Thank you for your time and we would appreciate your assistance on this matter.

Sarah

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 6:55 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23. 6:50pm
Attachments: 4B45FD5A-3B9A-4911-A08A-D020EF32BF5C.png; 3F281480-D652-41E0-8FD4-0C022CC96D9C.png; 71885762-84FC-471B-BF6A-E375E8512384.png

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
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Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 6:02 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Sling Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9am

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Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 9:23 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Sling Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9am

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Reg.: N866SL

United States

DB flags: none

Type: SLG4

2021 AIRPLANE FACTORY

Sling 4

AIRPLANE FACTORY INC

Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History

UTC day:

2023-03-26

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Time: 2023-03-26





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2021 AIRPLANE FACTORY

Sling 4

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Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History

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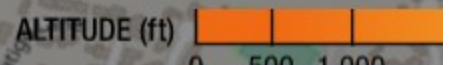
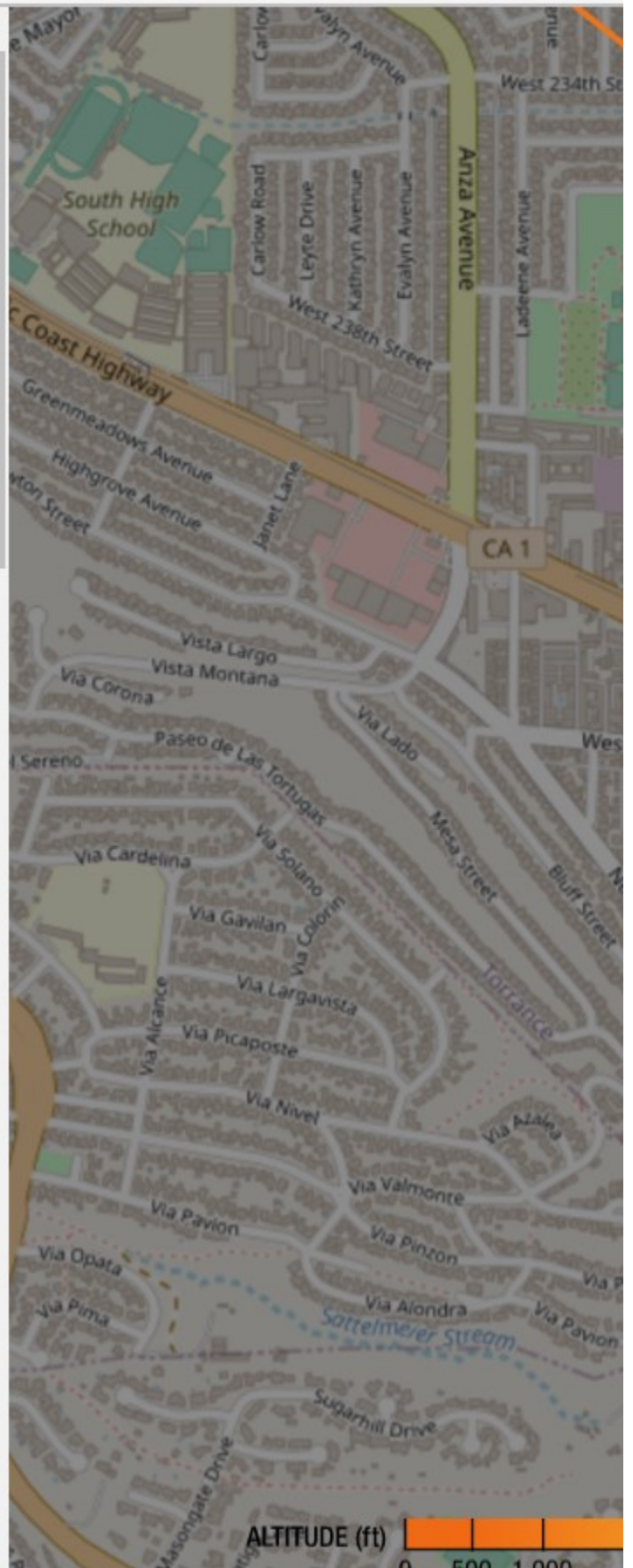
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Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
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To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Out of Town Pilot Training after 8pm 3/24/23 9:40pm
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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Out of Town Pilot Training after 8pm 3/24/23 9:40pm

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 6:00 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Sling Training on Saturday before 10am 3/25/23 8:30am

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 8:45 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Sling Training on Saturday before 10am 3/25/23 8:30am

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United States

DB flags: none

Type: SLG4

2019 AIRPLANE FACTORY

Sling 4

AVIATION FINANCIAL CORP

Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History



SPATIAL

Groundspeed: 58 kt

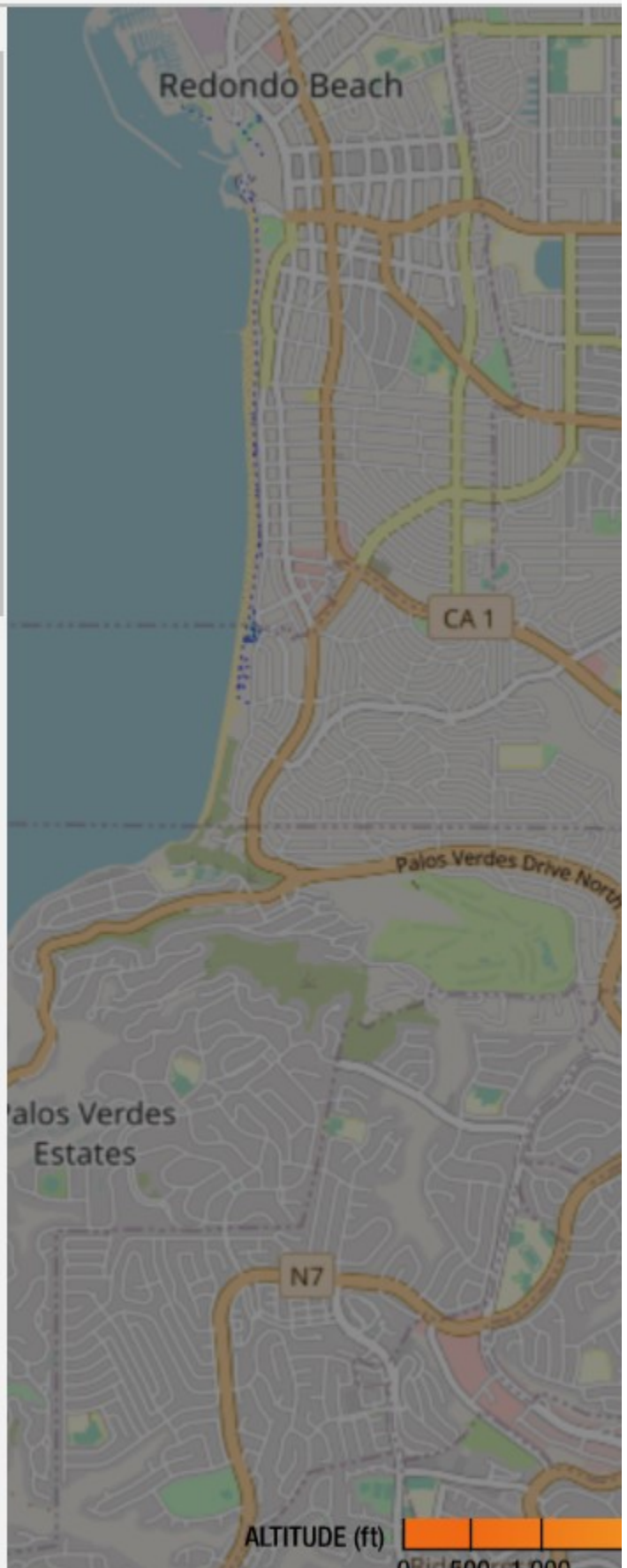
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WGS84 altitude: ▼ 25 ft

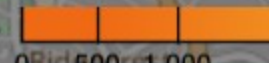
Vert. Rate: -512 ft/min

Track: 310.1°

Pos: 33.700° -118.333°



ALTITUDE (ft)



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Reg.: N863SL

United States

DB flags: none

Type: SLG4

2019 AIRPLANE FACTORY

Sling 4

AVIATION FINANCIAL CORP

Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History



SPATIAL

Groundspeed: 73 kt

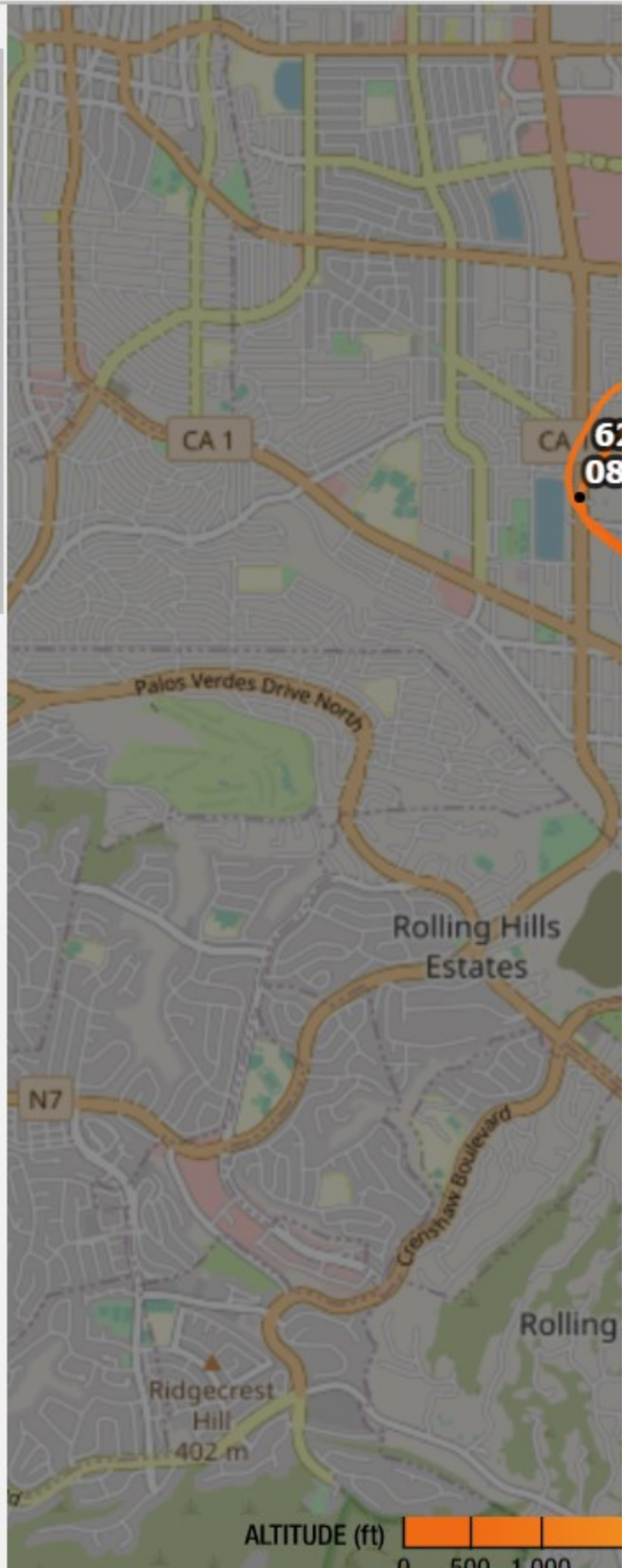
Baro. Altitude: 725 ft

WGS84 altitude: 725 ft

Vert. Rate: -64 ft/min

Track: 125.0°

Pos: 33.788° -118.283°



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To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
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To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Training on Saturday before 10am 3/25/23 9am

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Reg.: N293J

United States



DB flags: none



Type: n/a

n/a



Type Desc.: n/a

Squawk: 1200



History



SPATIAL



Groundspeed: 89 kt



Baro. Altitude: ▼ 825 ft



WGS84 altitude: 825 ft



Vert. Rate: -320 ft/min



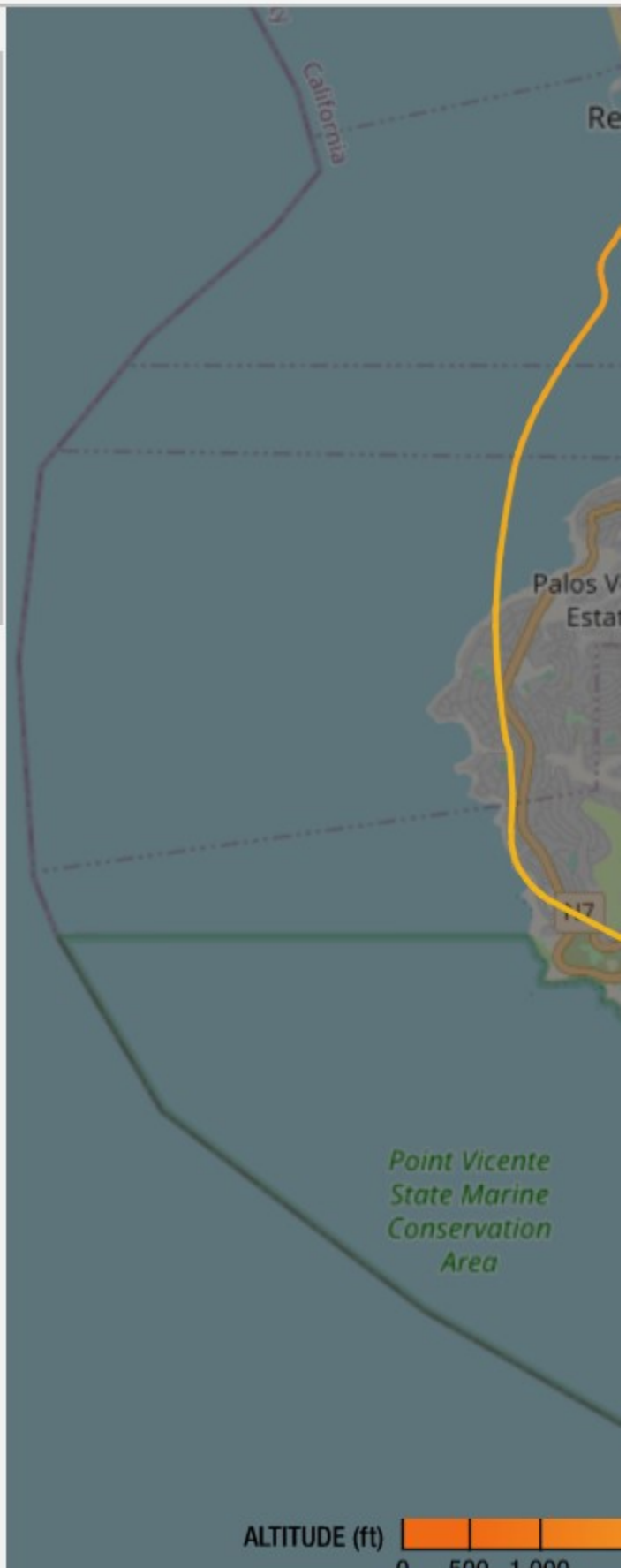
Track: 119.7°



Pos.: 33.806°, -118.320°



Distance: n/a





N293J



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Reg.: N293J

United States



DB flags: none



Type: n/a

n/a



Type Desc.: n/a



Squawk: 1200

History



SPATIAL



Groundspeed: 77 kt



Baro. Altitude: ▲ 725 ft



WGS84 altitude: 750 ft



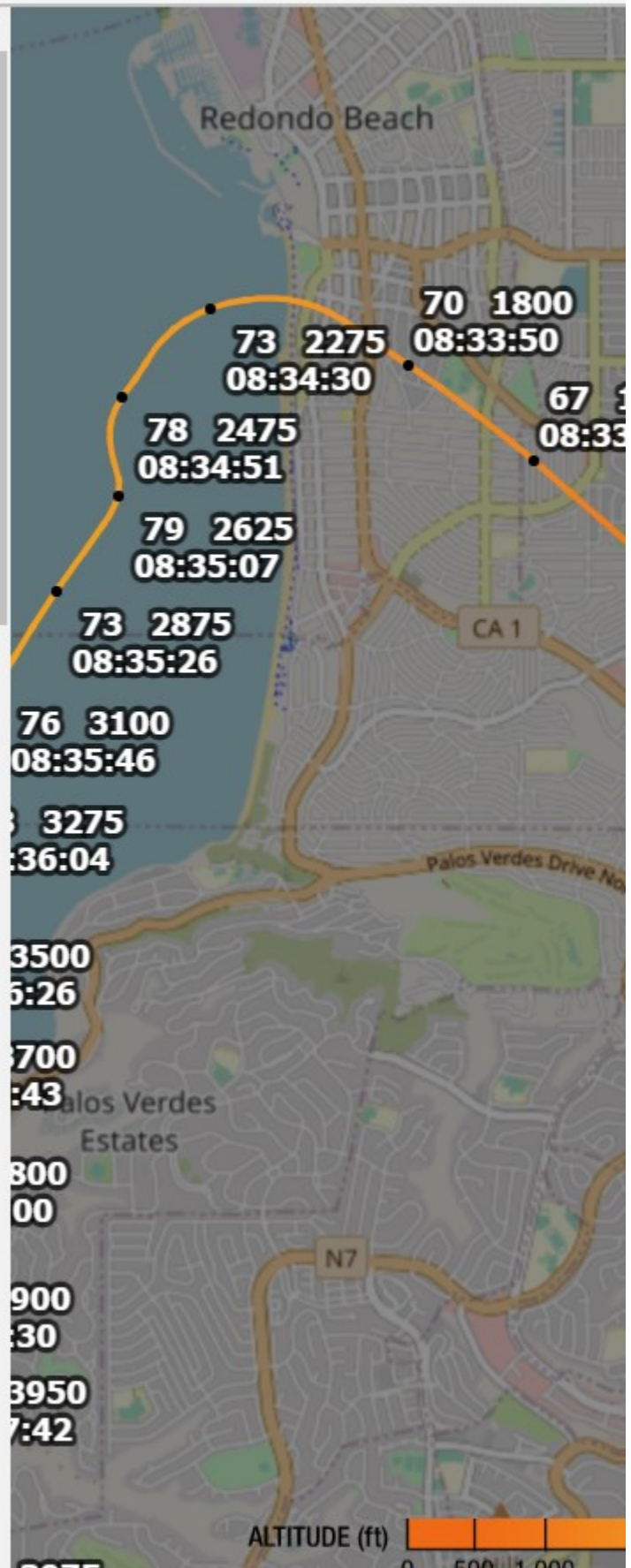
Vert. Rate: 640 ft/min



Track: 340.1°

Pos.: 33.815°, -118.358°

Distance: n/a



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 6:00 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Today

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From: Don T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 11:00 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Today

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This is unacceptable.

This needs to stop.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:58 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Aircraft over residences at RHCC

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From: sarah hwang shim <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 3:25 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Aircraft over residences at RHCC

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Hello,

I live in the residences at the Rolling Hills Country Club (RHCC) and would like to submit a complaint.

There have been an increase in the number of aircrafts flying over our community, and I have observed a few airplanes hovering quite low.

I wanted to inquire what the rules and regulations are to fly near our community. Are there zoning criteria? And if possible, can we request to have the residences at RHCC a no-flying zone.

Thank you for your time and we would appreciate your assistance on this matter.

Sarah

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:58 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23 8:30am

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 8:41 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23 8:30am

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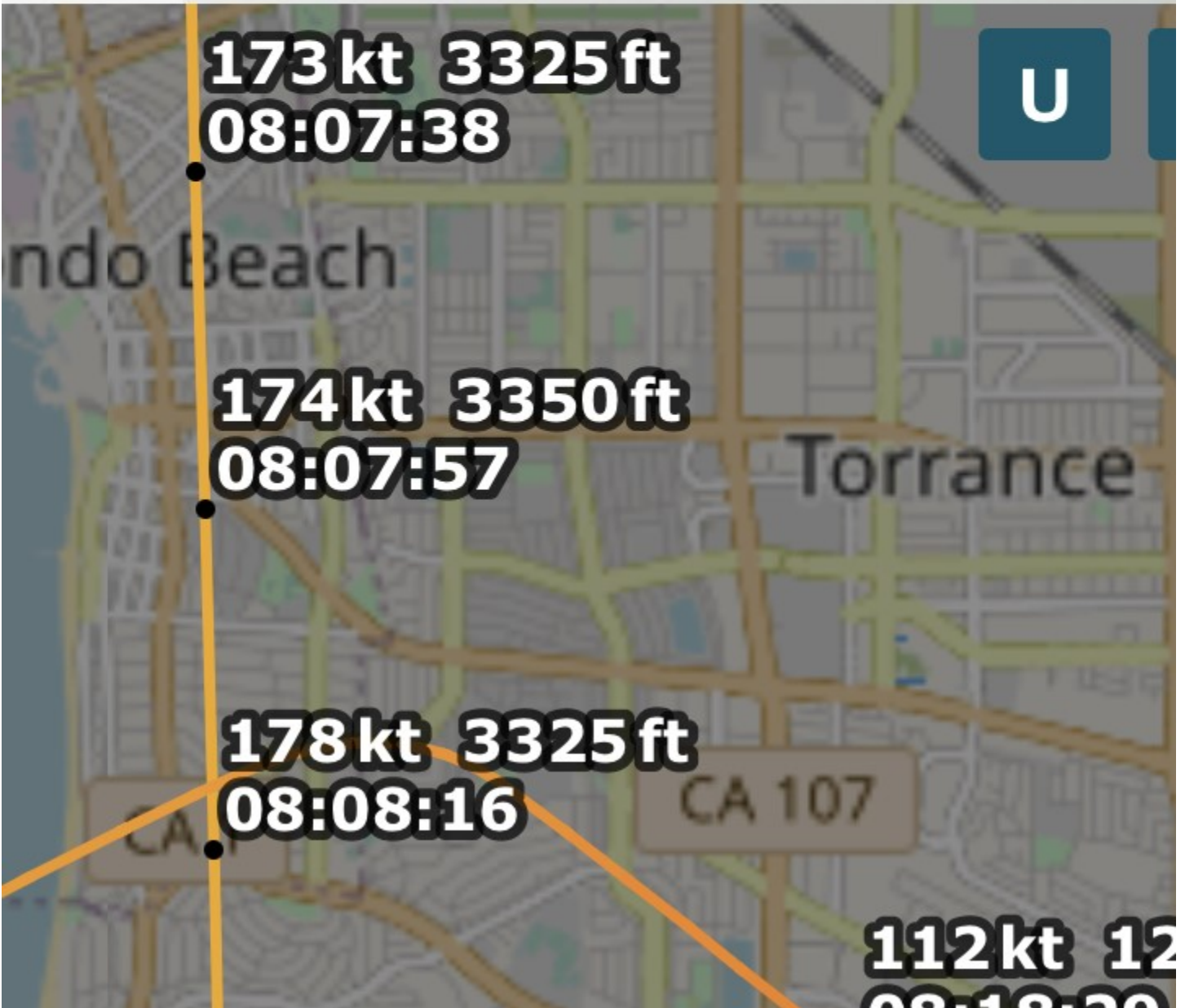
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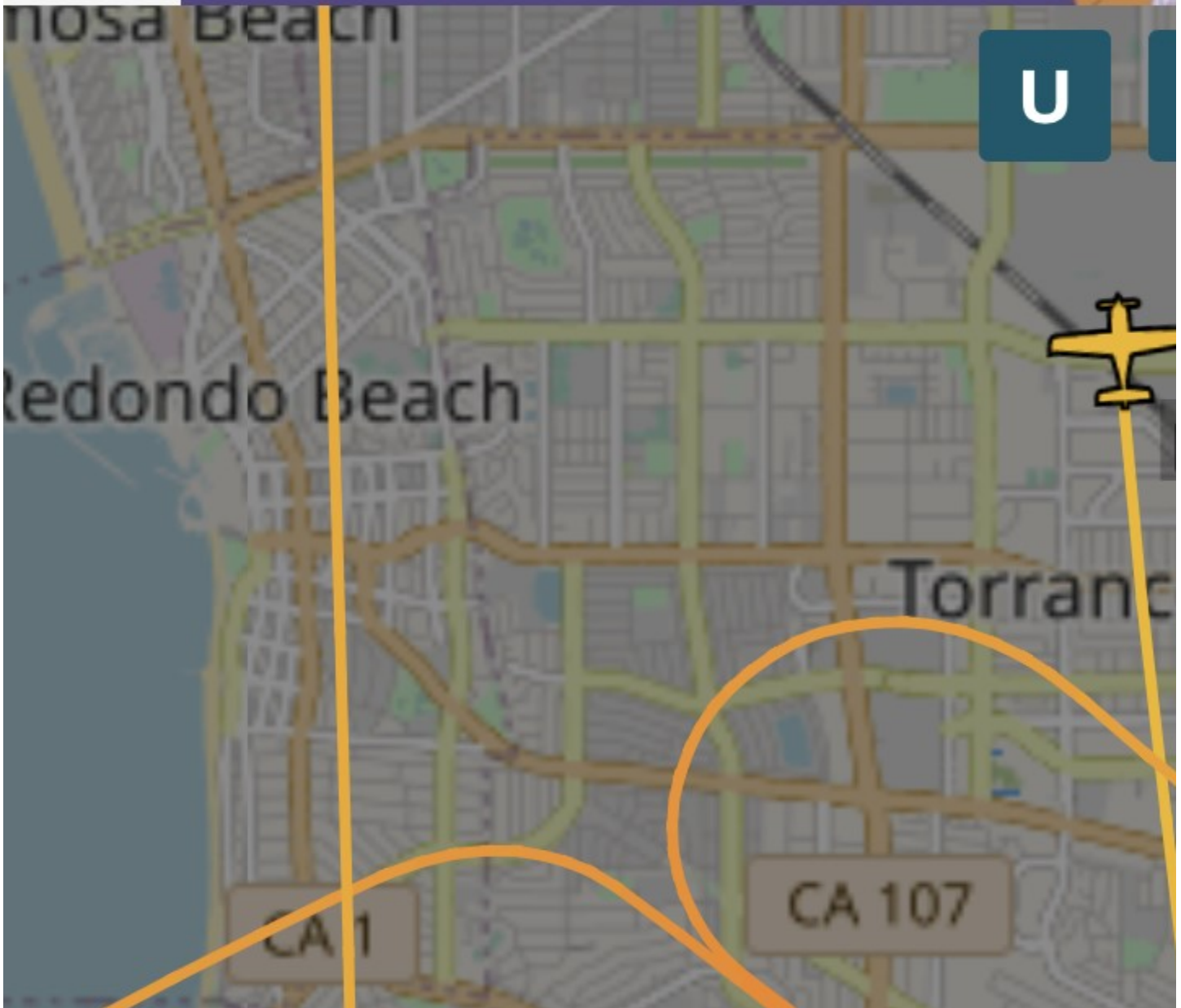
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From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:58 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23 8:52am

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 9:03 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23 8:52am

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Reg.: N6278G

United States

DB flags: none

Type: C172

1979 CESSNA 172 Skyhawk

AVILA SARAH

Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History

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2023-03-26

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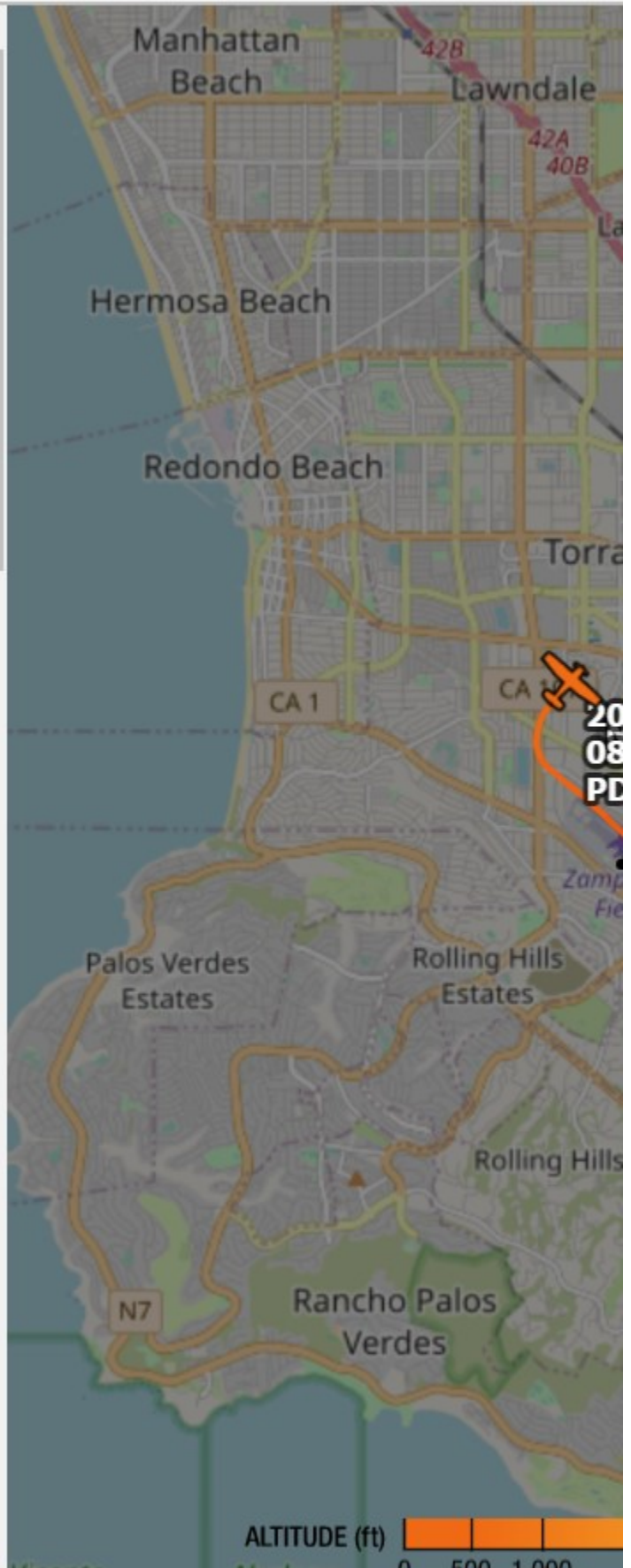
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Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:57 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9am

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Reg.: N126NG

United States

DB flags: none

Type: DA42

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Guardian

FJR CONSULTING INC

Type Desc.: L2P

Squawk: 0276

History



SPATIAL

Groundspeed: 138 kt

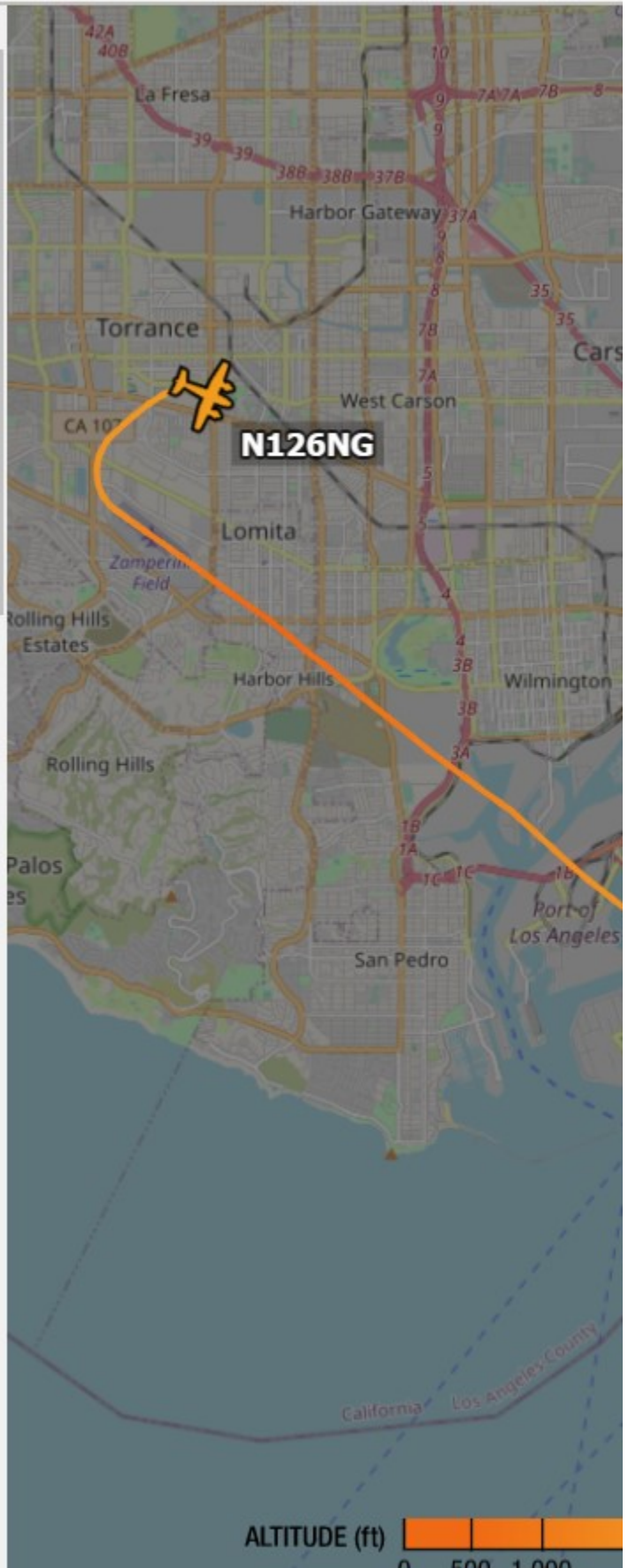
Baro. Altitude: ▲ 2650 ft

WGS84 altitude: ▲ 2750 ft

Vert. Rate: 704 ft/min

Track: 114.0°

Pos: 33.825° -118.329°



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:57 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9:28 am

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
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To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9:28 am

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Reg.: N881SC

United States

DB flags: none

Type: SLG4

2019 AIRPLANE FACTORY

Sling 4

NAKAMURA HAJIME

TRUSTEE

Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History

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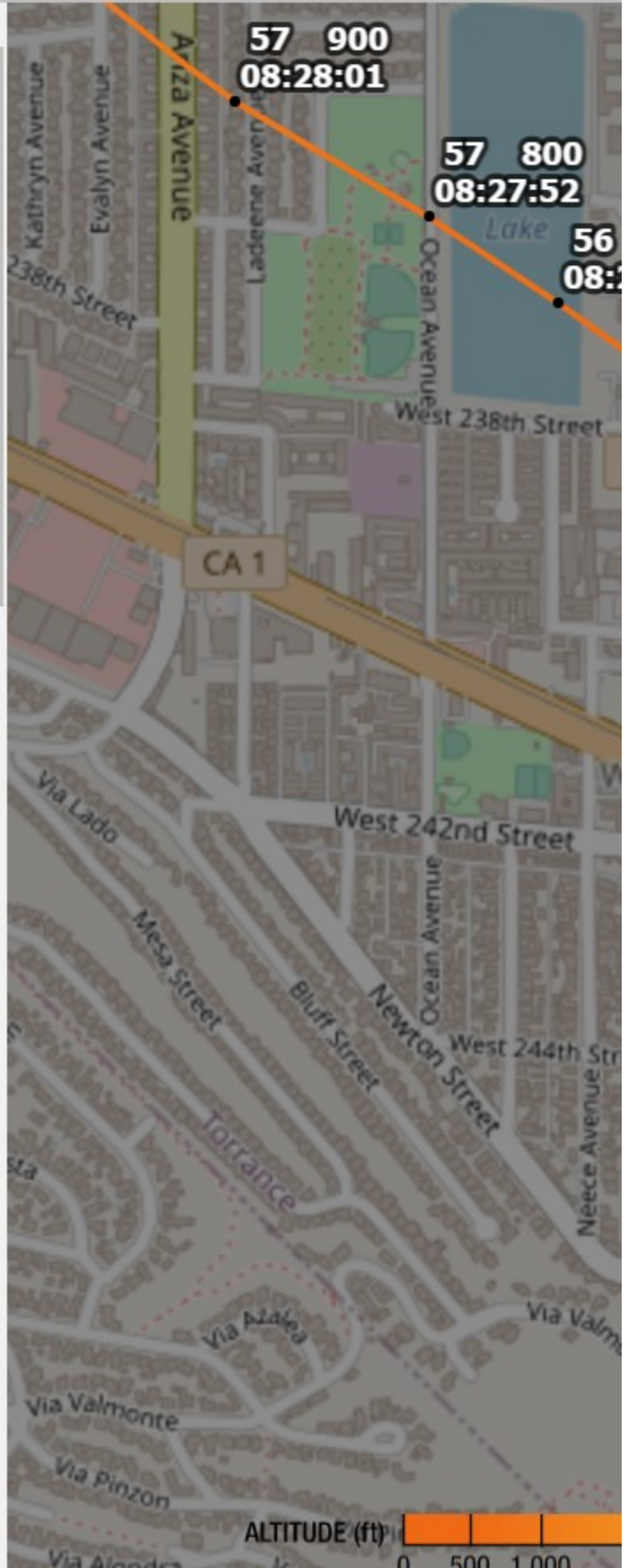
Groundspeed: 47 kt

Baro. Altitude: ▲ 725 ft

WGS84 altitude: ▲ 775 ft

Vert. Rate: 704 ft/min

Track: 301.0°





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United States

DB flags: none

Type: SLG4

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TRUSTEE

Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History +

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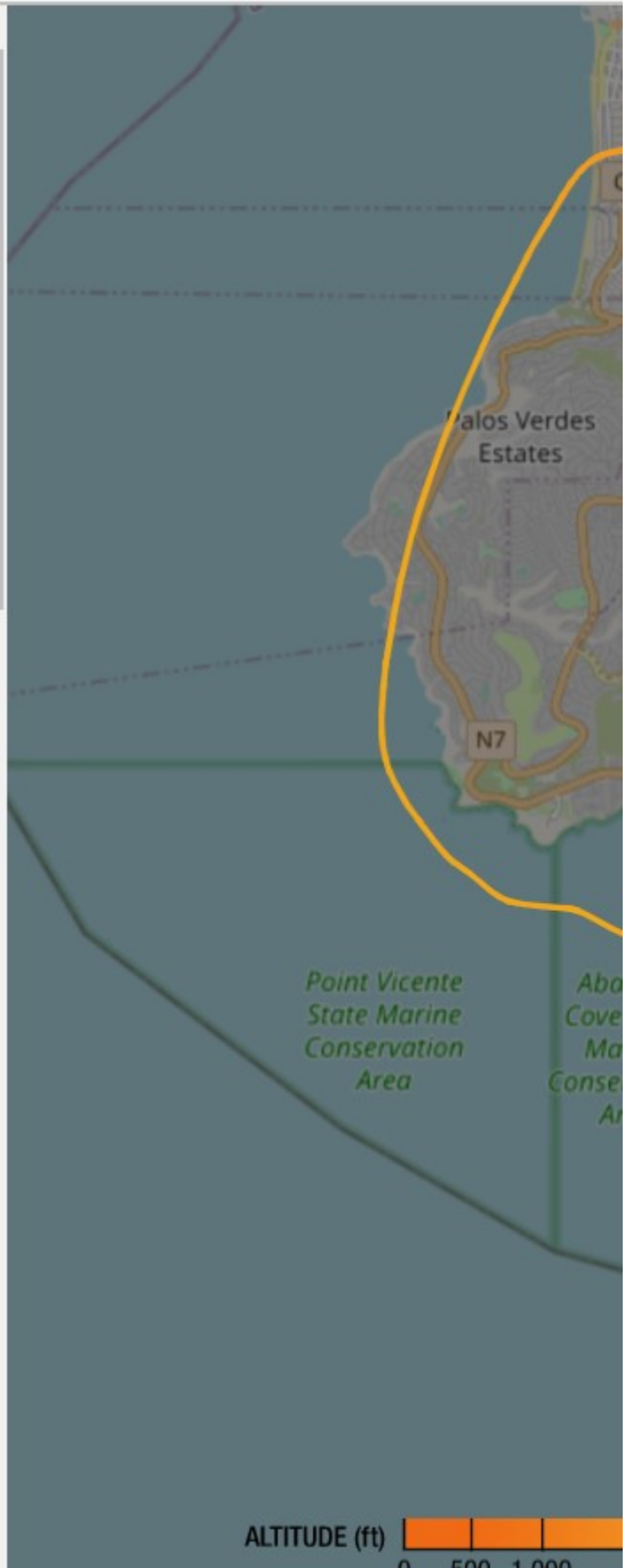
Groundspeed: 52 kt

Baro. Altitude: ▲ 1100 ft

WGS84 altitude: ▲ 1125 ft

Vert. Rate: 896 ft/min

Track: 308.0°



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:57 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9:25am

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Out of Town Pilot Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9:25am

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Reg.: N48340

United States

DB flags: none

Type: C152

1979 CESSNA 152

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Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: n/a

History



SPATIAL

Groundspeed: 59 kt

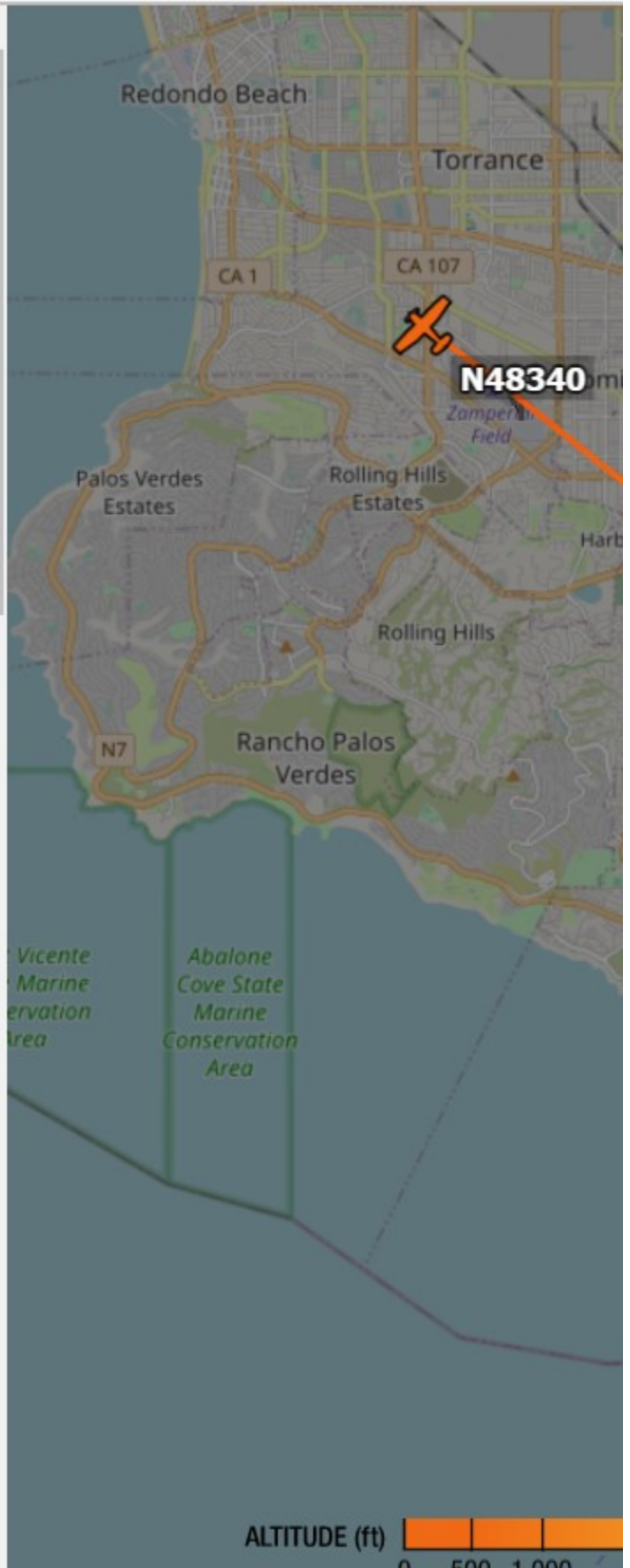
Baro. Altitude: ▲ 400 ft

WGS84 altitude: ▲ 375 ft

Vert. Rate: 320 ft/min

Track: 314.3°

Pos: 33.811° -118.352°





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Reg.: N48340

United States

DB flags: none

Type: C152

1979 CESSNA 152

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Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: n/a

History



SPATIAL

Groundspeed: 61 kt

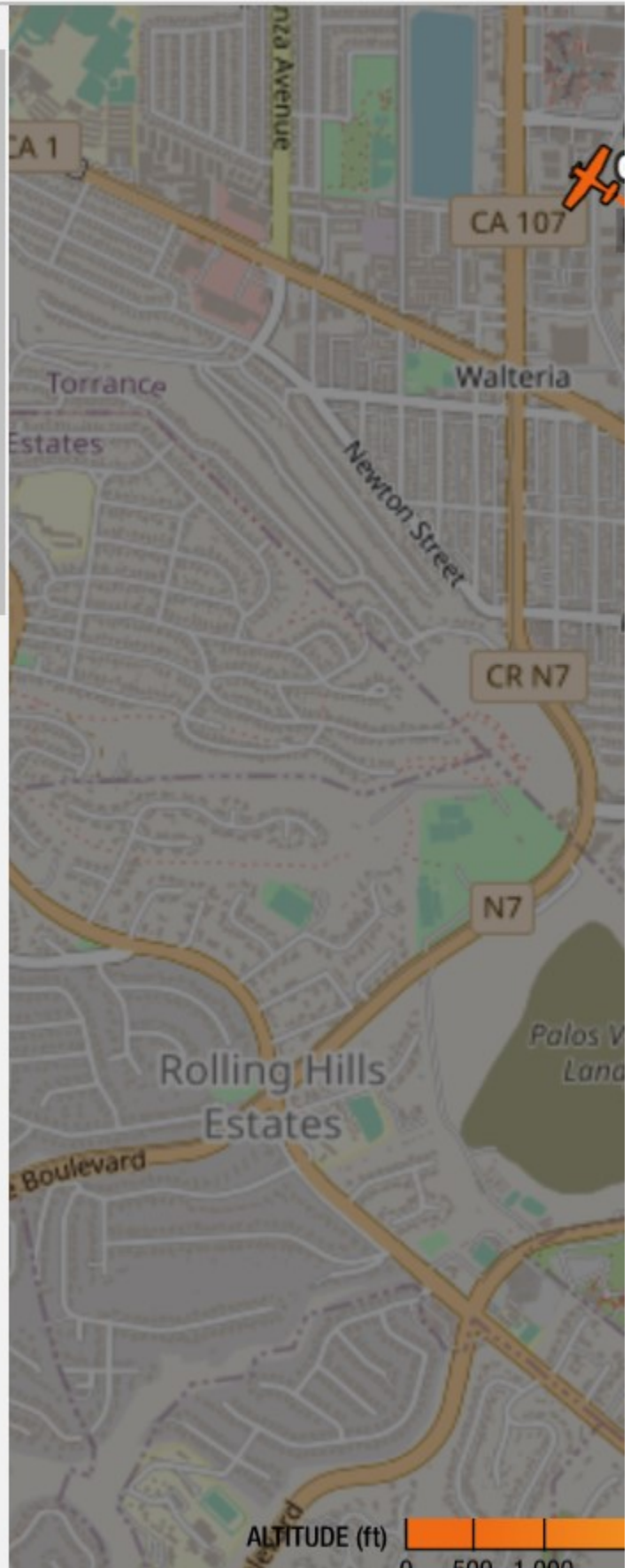
Baro. Altitude: ▲ 300 ft

WGS84 altitude: ▲ 375 ft

Vert. Rate: 448 ft/min

Track: 303.7°

Pos: 33.810° -118.340°



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:56 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: City of Torrance Learn the Municipal Code

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 9:47 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: City of Torrance Learn the Municipal Code

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 5:56 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Training on Sunday 3/26/23 9:45am

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To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
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Reg.: N881SC

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DB flags: none

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2019 AIRPLANE FACTORY

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Type Desc.: L1P

Squawk: 1200

History +

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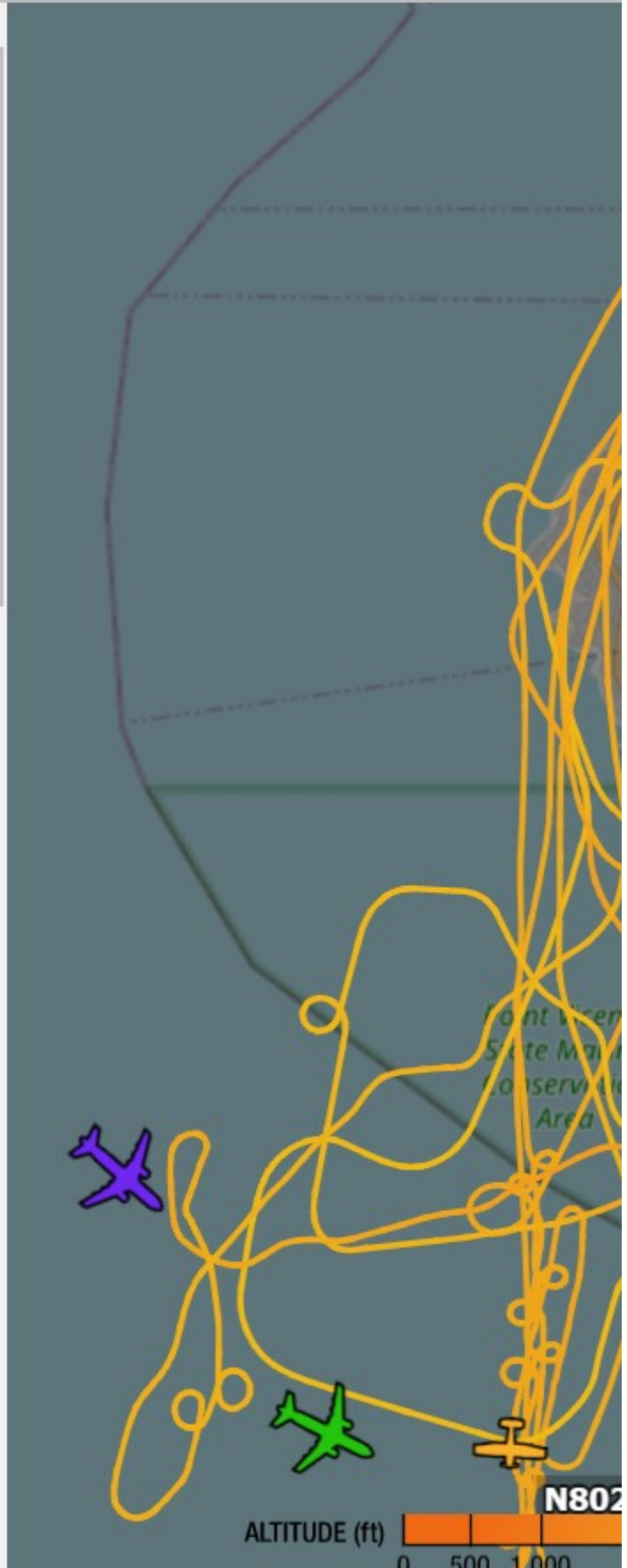
Groundspeed: 102 kt

Baro. Altitude: ▼ 3900 ft

WGS84 altitude: ▼ 3850 ft

Vert. Rate: -256 ft/min

Track: 90.0°



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 7:49 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fwd: N51594 - LGB

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Don T <[REDACTED]>
Date: March 24, 2023 at 4:36:21 PM PDT
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@torranceca.gov>, CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: N51594 - LGB


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Still a problem. Out-of-town pilot doing touch-and-go training. Zero benefit to Torrance.

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N51594
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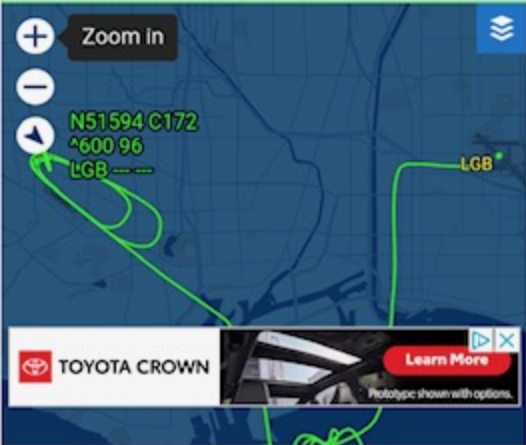
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From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fw: Illegal Early Left Turn 3/24/23 1:30pm
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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 1:38 PM
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Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 4:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina; Megerdichian, Shant; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: Torrance Airport

Good Afternoon Mr. Hammond ~

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From: Don Hammond <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:17 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Torrance Airport

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Dear Council,

Thank you for providing a forum for input into local issues. I am a Torrance resident and a Torrance business owner. I am active with the Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Kiwanis Club, among other local organizations.

I write today to discuss two items with respect to Torrance Airport.

As a pilot with flight instructor ratings, I have completed nearly all of my training out of Torrance Airport. That airport has been an important part of my life since I became a Civil Air Patrol cadet in 1993. It is a valuable local resource for a wide variety of activities, including flight training (in a time of pilot shortage at the airlines), youth aviation programs, business travel, and networking & community meetings.

The first issue is that I've heard rumblings about possible changes to the noise abatement procedures and possible landing fees. Any such changes will have a chilling effect on the activities and commerce at the airport. Several other local airports, including Long Beach and Santa Monica have recently taken steps to curtail flight activities. Adding Torrance to this list will further denigrate the local community's contributions to the aviation industry. Public service organizations, such as Civil Air Patrol, EAA Young Eagles, and Angel Flight rely on volunteer pilots, who will not use an airport with fees and restrictions. I have flown a variety of high performance aircraft out of the Torrance Airport, and I have always been receptive to any communications regarding noise. An outreach campaign to pilots regarding noise and use of the South pattern would be highly effective. It would also be helpful for ATC to be mindful of the community's concerns. I know that the FAA and ATC say that they will not get involved, but they can at least be mindful when they direct a pilot to the South pattern during a noise sensitive time. On a Sunday, after I was made aware of this ongoing issue, I was flying a 310-hp Cirrus. While on approach to land, I had to go around due to a plane still on the runway, and I was shocked when ATC directed me to make "left traffic" - meaning to use the South pattern. One issue is that Torrance is a training tower, with new air traffic controllers assigned regularly, so they are not aware of the concerns and they often get overwhelmed by the amount of traffic, which leads them to direct traffic to unusual routes over the local community. People who complain about the airport bought homes near the airport - the airport was there first. Possible noise was (or should have been) taken into account when they made the decision to purchase a home near the airport.

The second issue relates to hangar rentals at the airport. The airport staff has an underground rule prohibiting legal entities from renting a hangar. They require that each hangar be rented by a single individual, they will only accept payment from that individual, and they will only communicate with that individual. Many aircraft are owned by LLCs or other corporate entities for a variety of legal, liability, and business purposes. When an individual person rents the hangar, it risks commingling assets, jeopardizing the purpose of the legal entity that owns the aircraft that is stored in the hangar. It would make a lot more legal sense if the airport allowed the legal entity to rent the hangar, with an individual personally guaranteeing payment, and if they would accept payment from the legal entity's bank account.

Thank you for your kind attention to these issues. I would be happy to discuss them with you at greater length.

Best Regards,



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Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:38 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: FW: Unleaded Fuel and Noise Abatement Brochure
Attachments: old noise abatement.jpg

H Carlos ~

I forgot to include the attachment Mr. Palmer included as part of his below email.

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To: Gary Palmer <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: RE: Unleaded Fuel and Noise Abatement Brochure

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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina; Duncan, Nora; Noise Abatement; Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: RE: TOA

Good Afternoon Ms. Tippie ~

The City is in receipt of your below email. The noted complaint will be reviewed by the Noise Abatement staff. If a violation is determined, then it will be handled according. You will only be notified if there is a violation. In the future, please know that you can file any complaints related to noise and/or curfew within the City's noise system (Noise Lab) at <https://toa.noiselab.casper.aero/>. All complaints received are reviewed by staff.

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From: Monique Tippie <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:28 PM

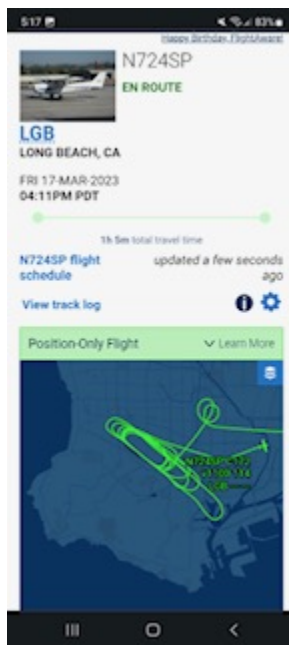
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From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 2:38 PM
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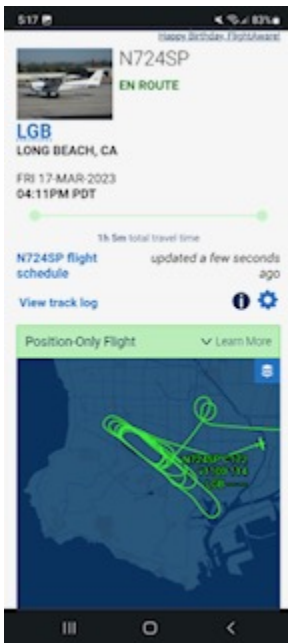
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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 9:59 AM
To: Pinela, Gerardo
Subject: FW: 3 planes circling in the south pattern at 444 PM on 3.17!!

Dear Commissioners,

Below you will find an email to the Airport Commission from a community member.

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

EOC Donations Coordinator, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

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Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 4:53 PM
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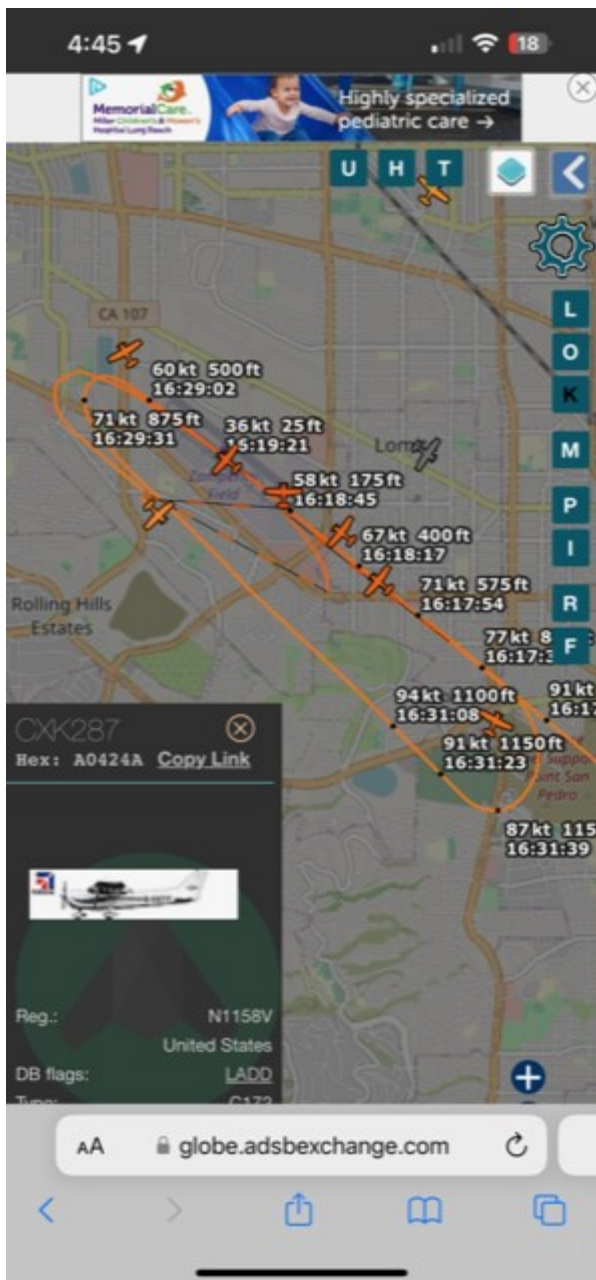
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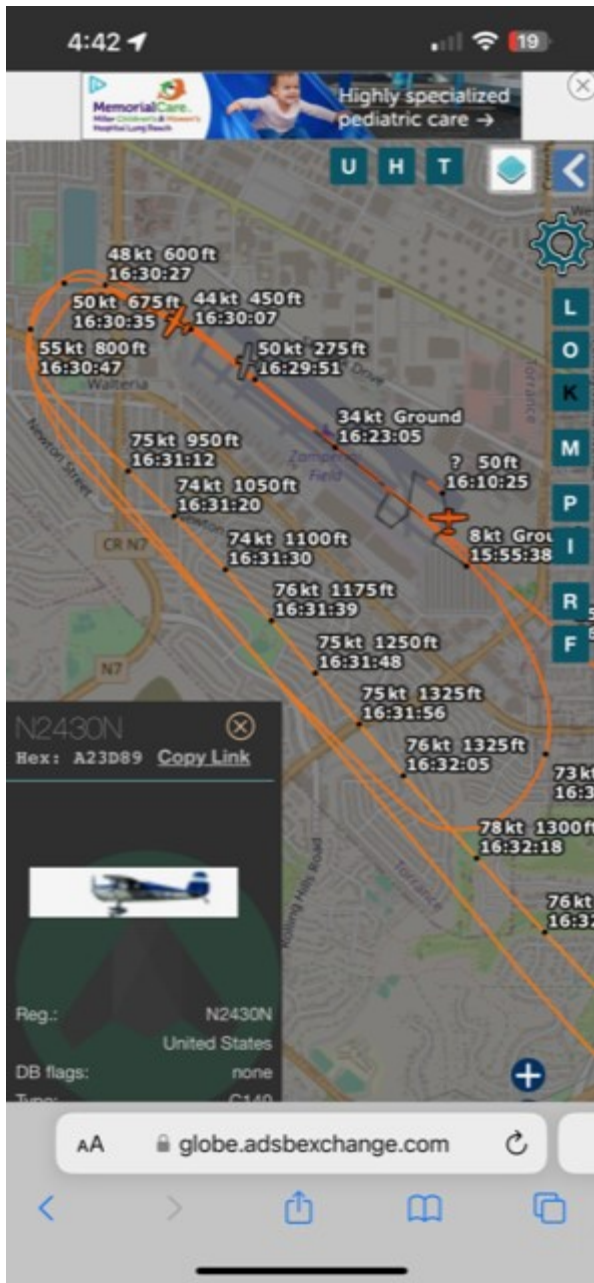
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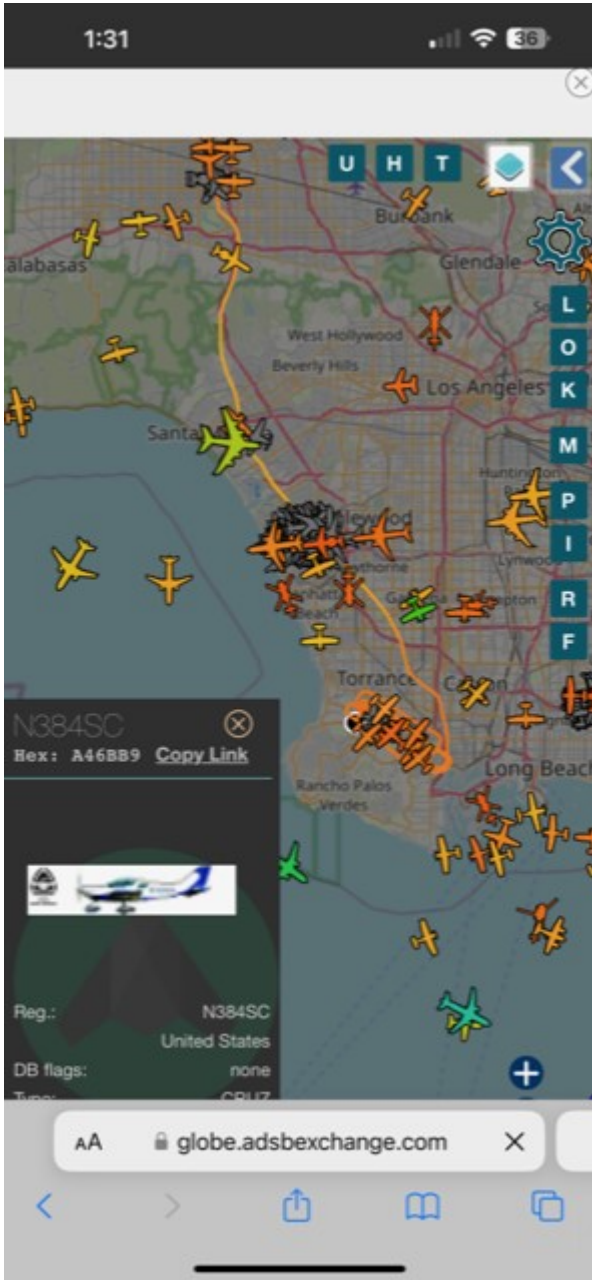
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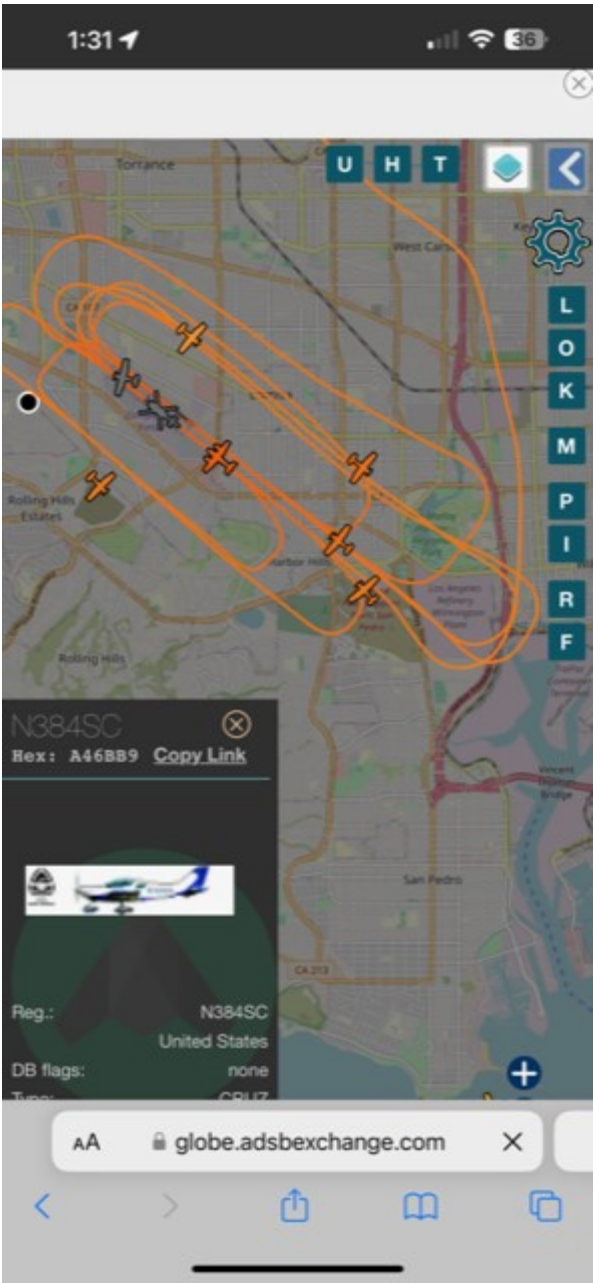
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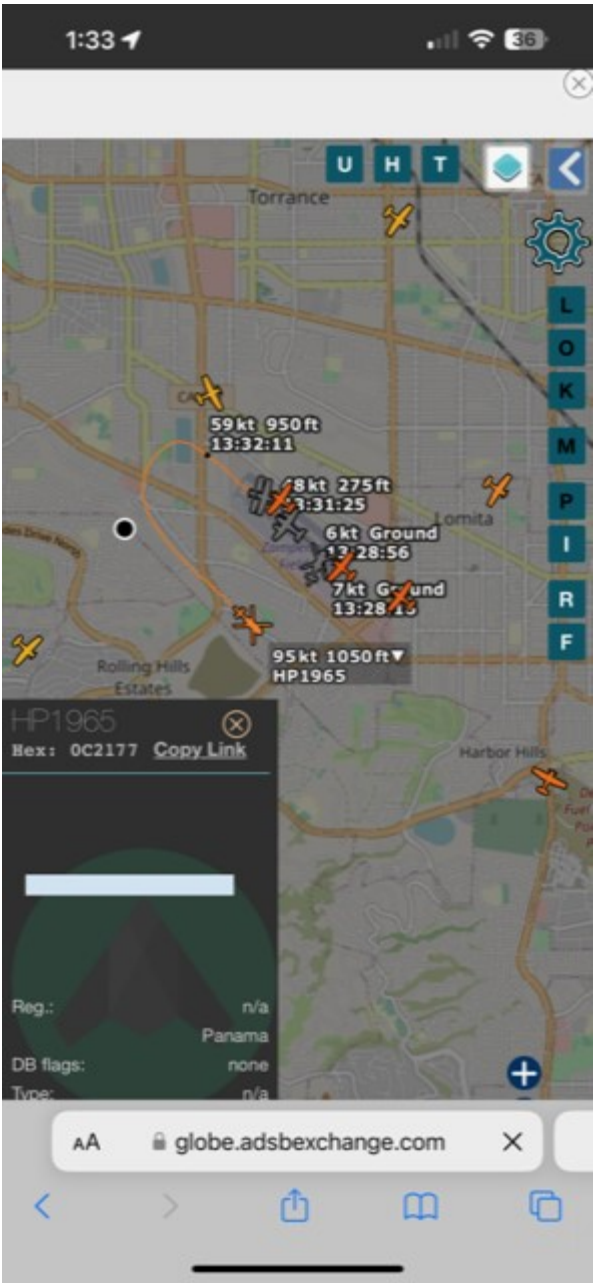
N384SC - came from a far away airport to train at Torrance - in both patterns!
HP1965 - now helicopters are taking early left turns!?!
N174GF - as soon as N384SC left, this one showed up and started training in the south partern
N724SC - this one replaced N174GF - notice how low this one is to the 400' elevation on the hill

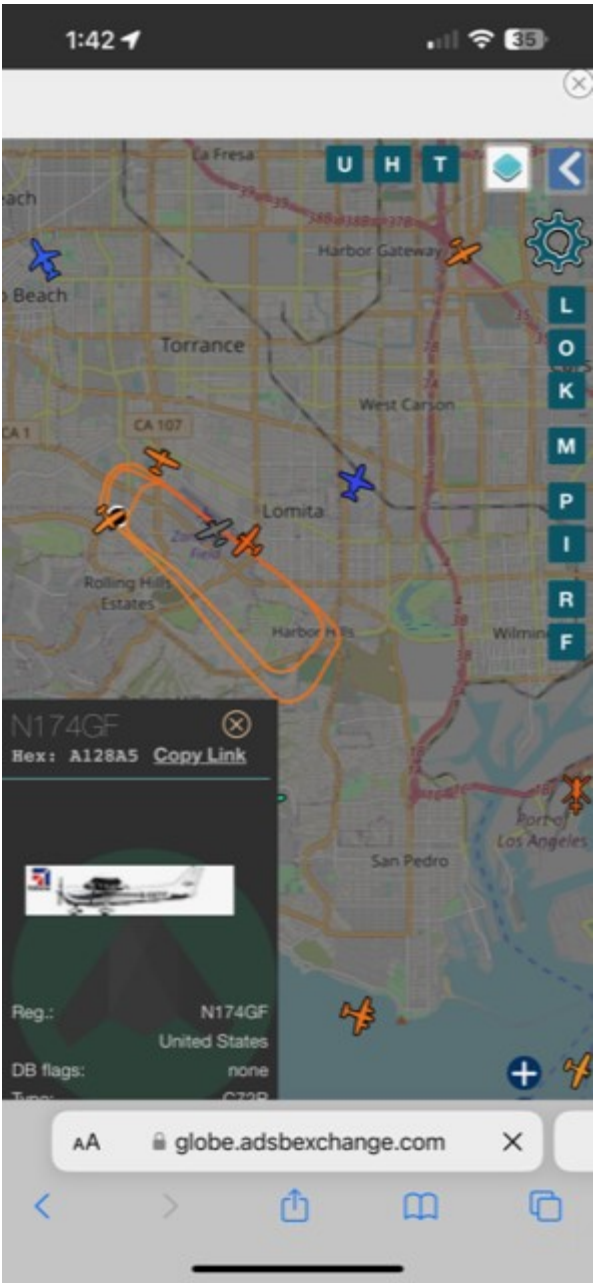
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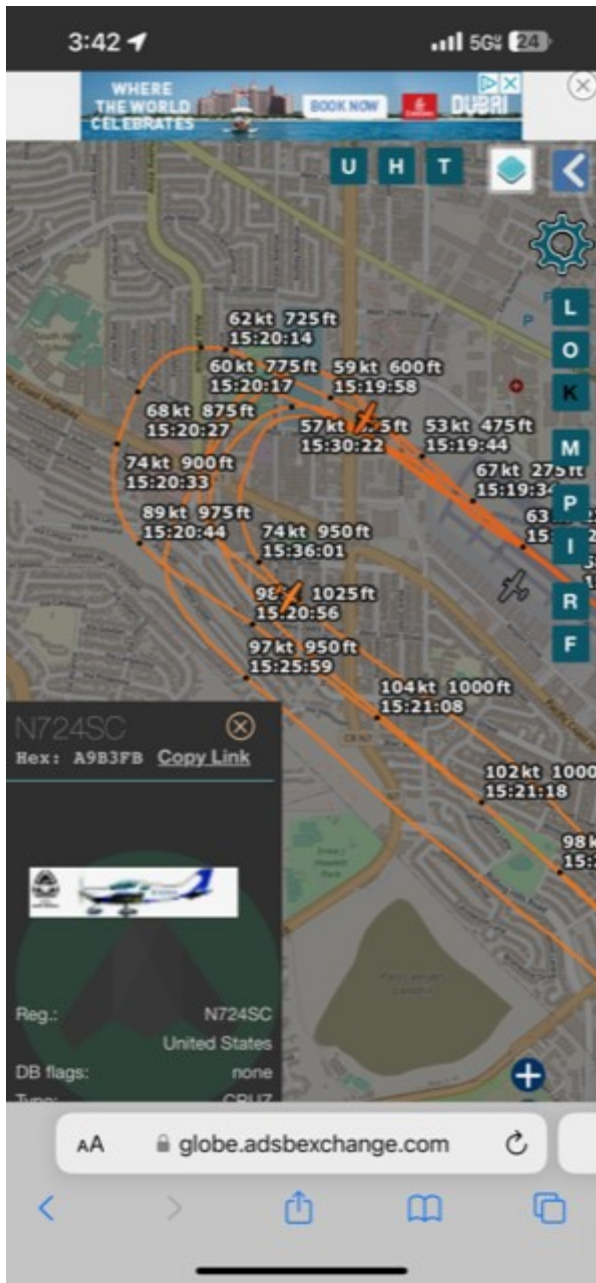
You need to enforce the left turn rule and stop this south training pattern now!

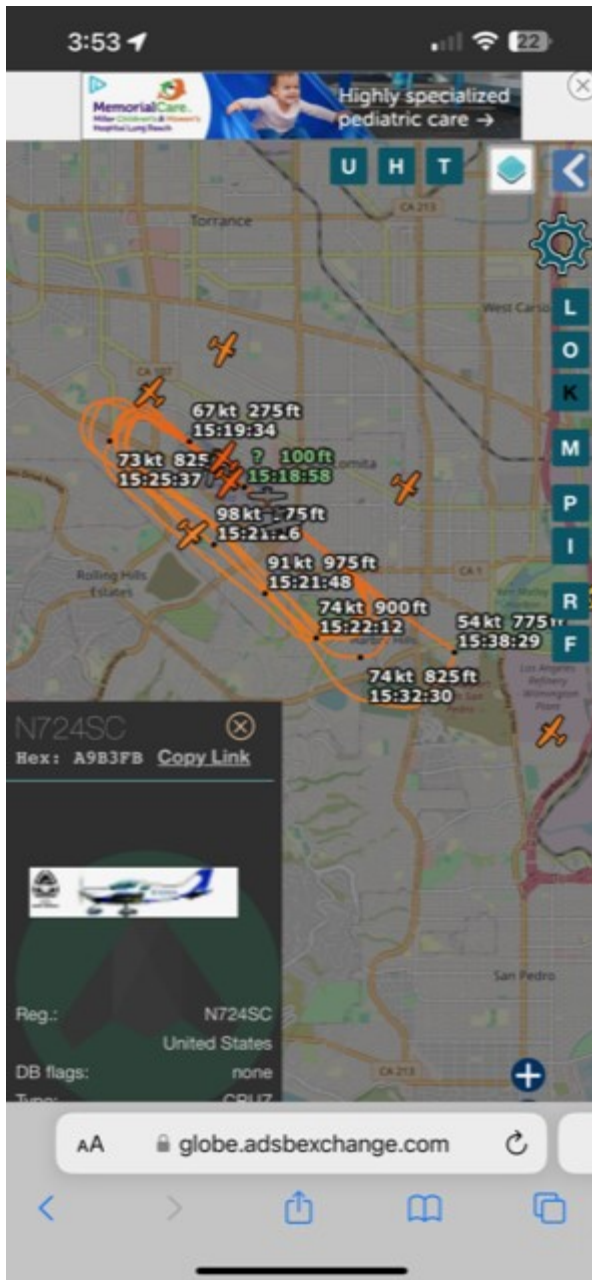












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Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 7:37 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Mysterious data

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Date: March 18, 2023 at 7:15:47 AM PDT
To: "Ramirez, Michelle" <MRamirez@torranceca.gov>
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Ms Ramirez:

There are many questionable items in the Casper Noise Monitor web page:

1. What is the parameter ACNE?
2. How is ACNE defined??
3. How are ACNEs in the report qualified--i. e., not a motorcycle or loud automobile or trash truck; not a bird landing on the microphone; not two or more aircraft being recorded simultaneously by the microphone
4. Why does the graph of ACNE vs altitude record aircraft up to 10,000 feet? Those above 2,000 feet MSL are not operating into or out of Torrance Airport.
5. Are these aircraft above 2,000 MSL counted in the statistics for the noise monitors?
6. If so, why?
7. What is the definition of the parameter AV?
8. What does the graph of ACNE vs AV tell us?
9. Are the number of complaints shown on the website generated by any means not using the complaint forms on the Casper website?
10. If so, please describe the process.

Torrance taxpayers paid \$627,078 for this system. We need to know what it is telling us! We need responses to each of these questions above--please provide.

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Jim Gates



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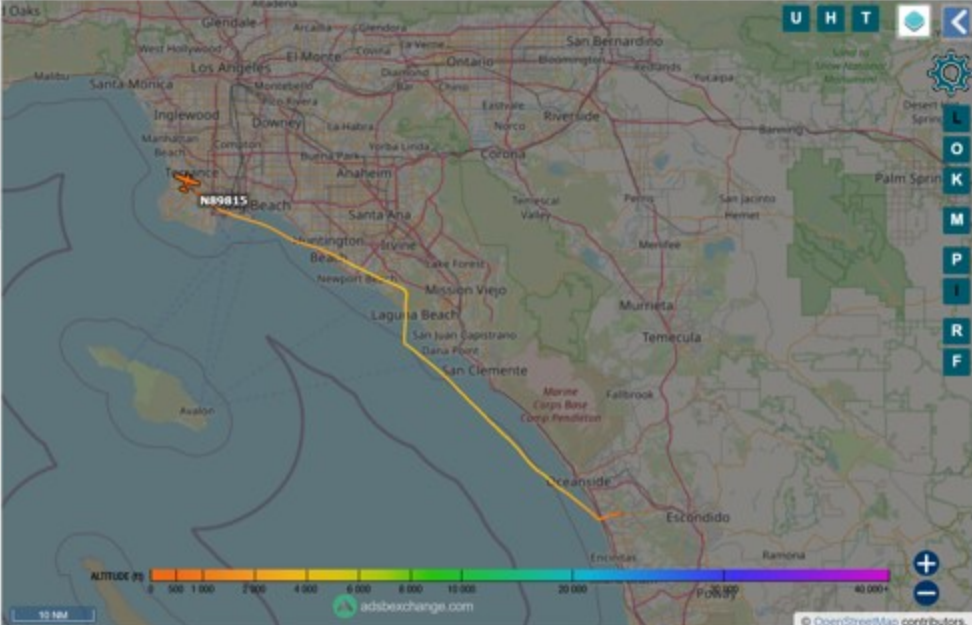


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1978 CESSNA 152
PINNACLE AVIATION SERVICES INC
Type Desc.: L1P
Squawk: 0231

History

SPATIAL

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Baro. Altitude: ▲ 700 ft
WGS84 altitude: ▲ 675 ft
Vert. Rate: 640 ft/min
Track: 19.9°
Pos.: 33.819°, -118.354°
Distance: n/a




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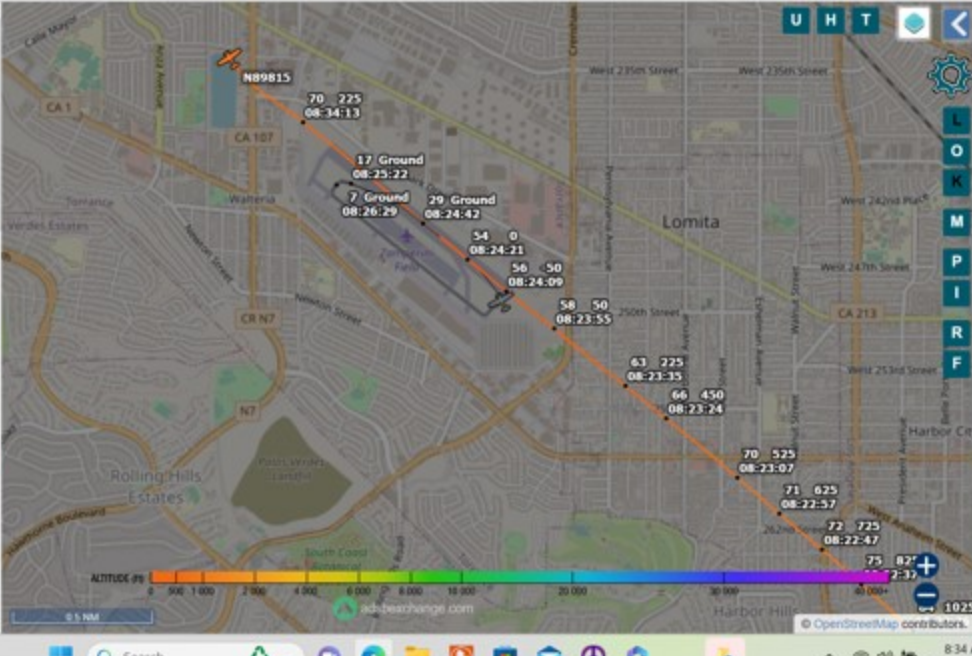


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History

SPATIAL

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Baro. Altitude: ▲ 500 ft
WGS84 altitude: ▲ 500 ft
Vert. Rate: 576 ft/min
Track: 326.8°
Pos.: 33.813°, -118.353°
Distance: n/a



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7 Ground 08:26:29
29 Ground 08:24:42
54 0 08:24:21
56 50 08:24:09
58 50 08:23:55
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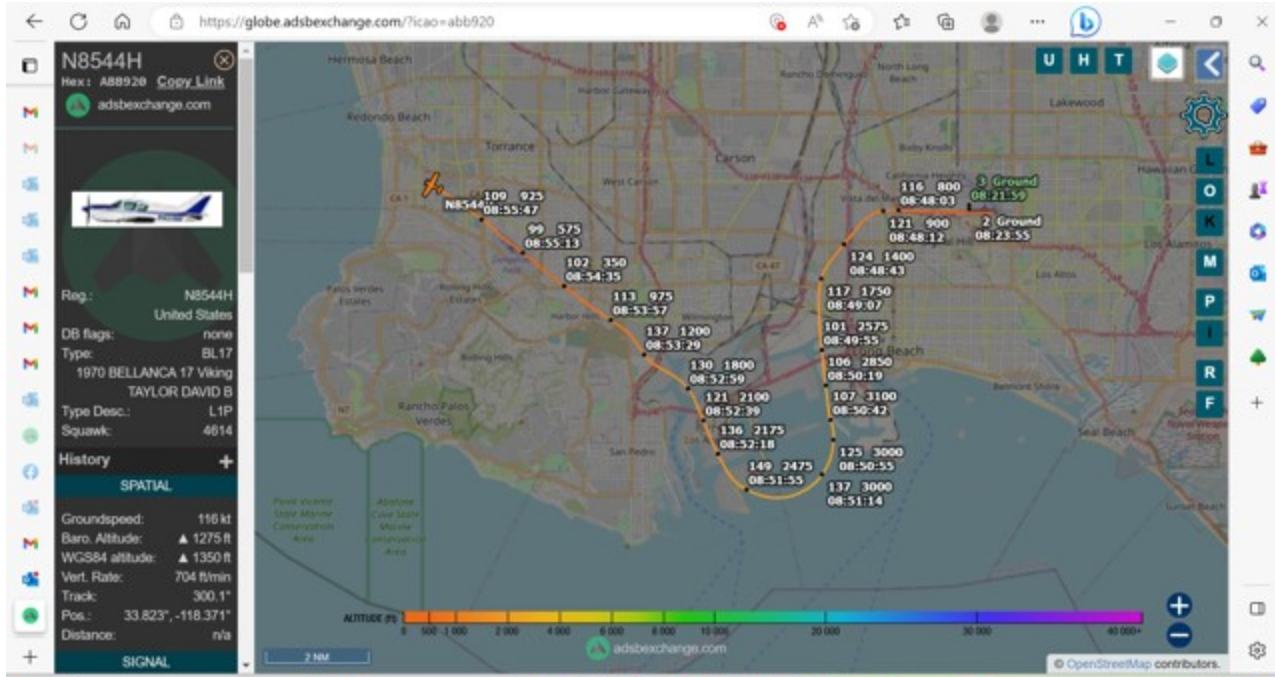
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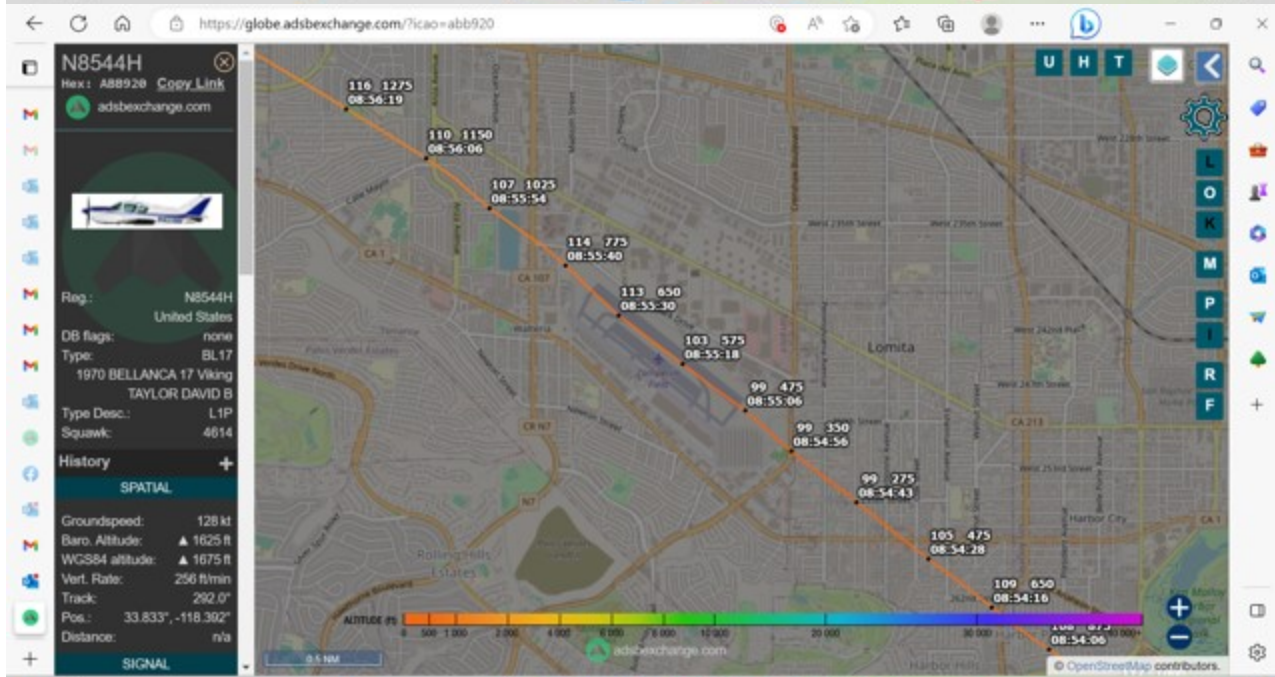
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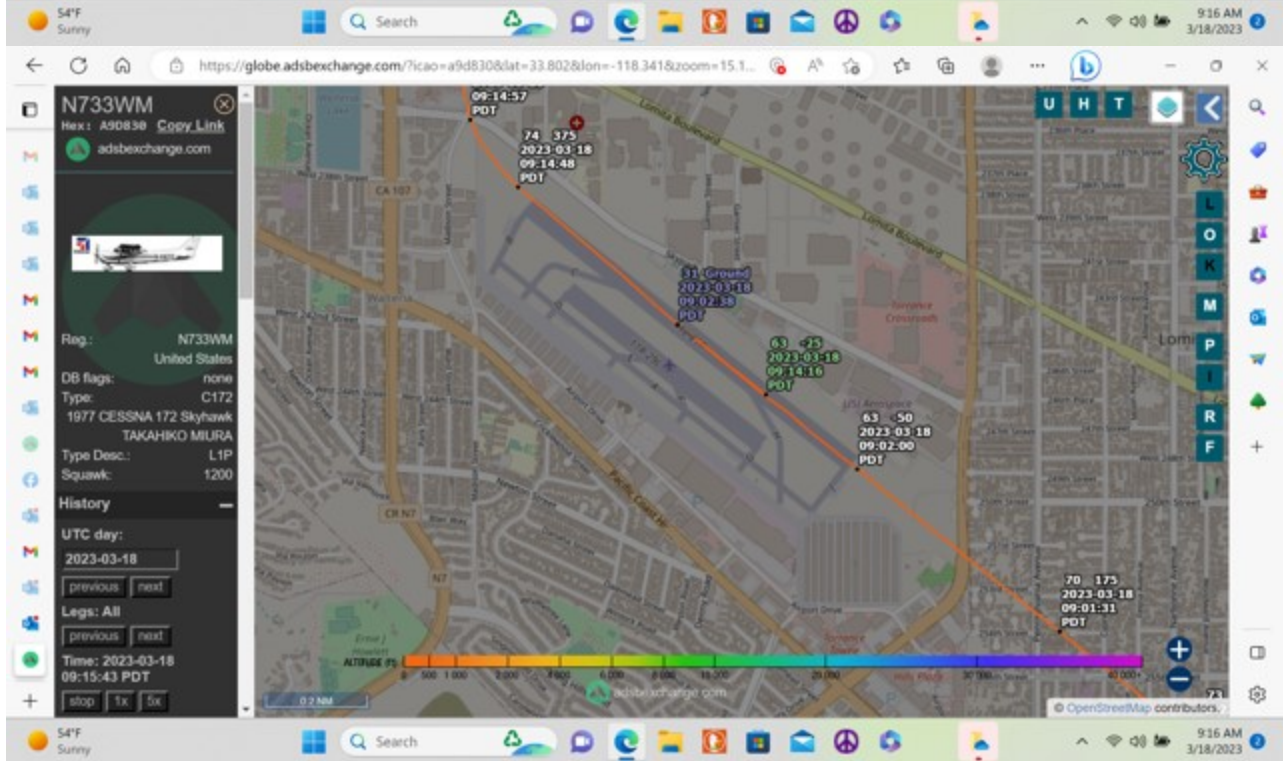
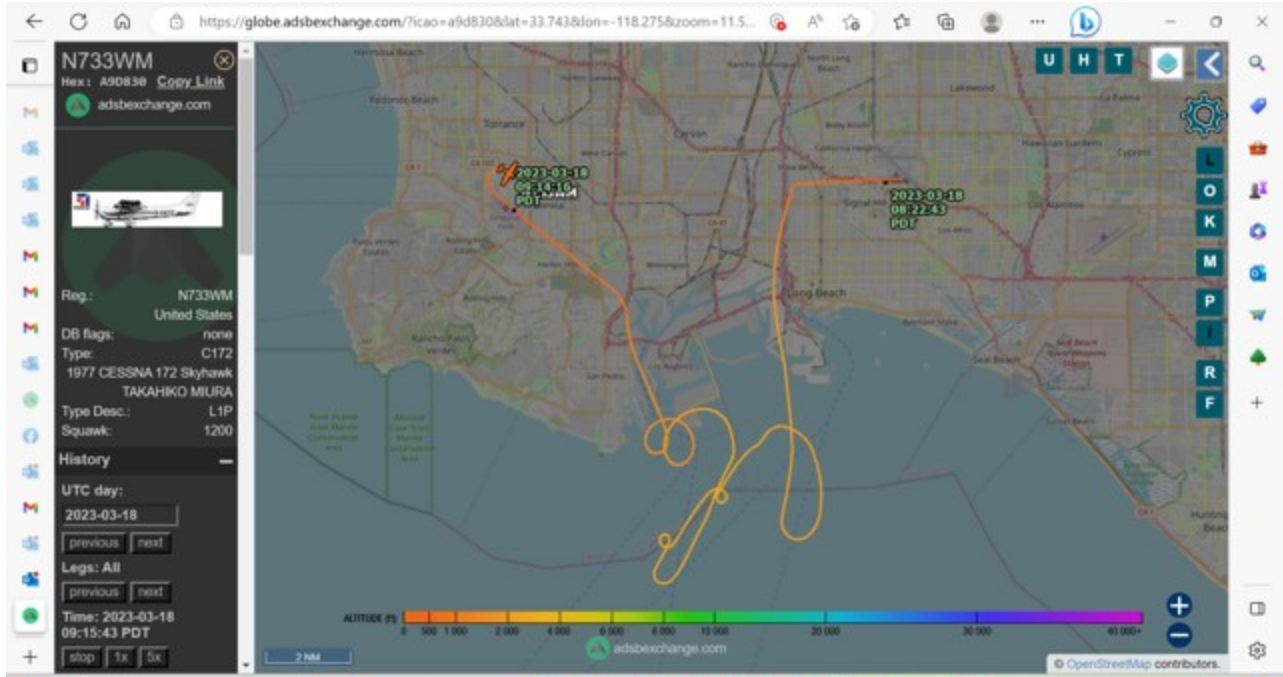
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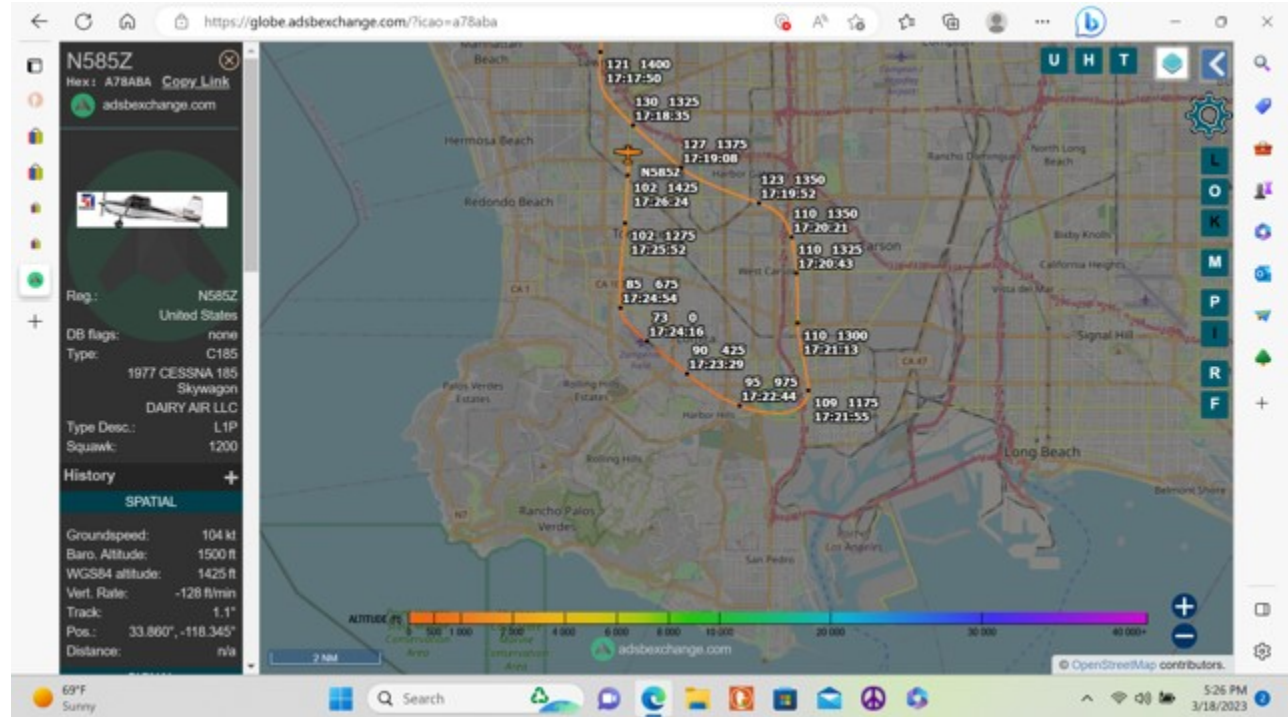
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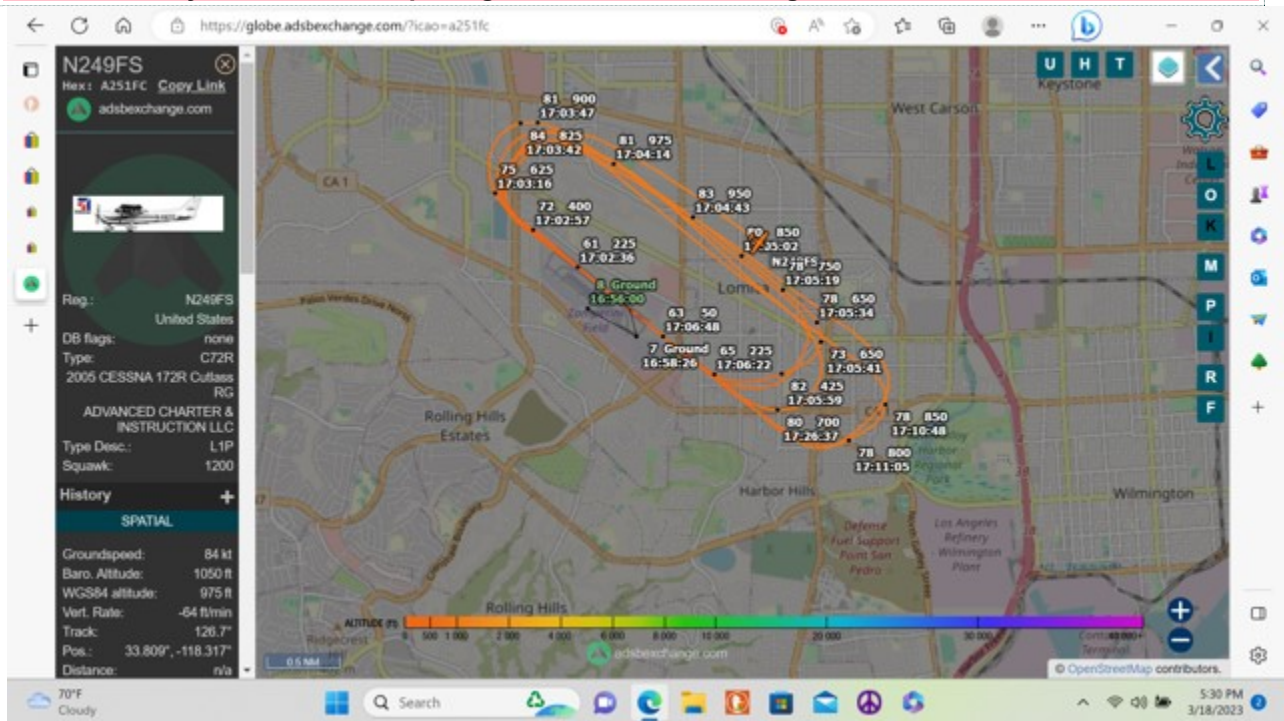
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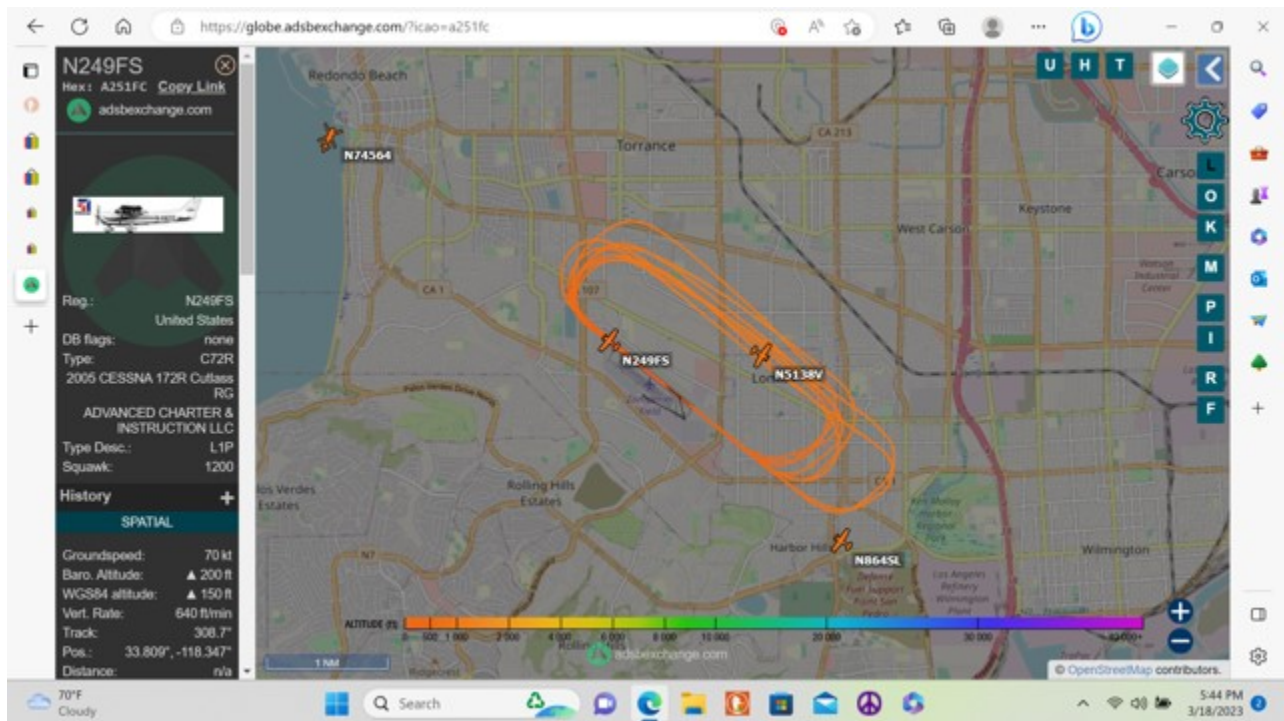
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The screenshot displays a flight tracking interface for aircraft N5138V. On the left, a sidebar provides the following information:

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- United States**
- DB flags:** none
- Type:** C172
- 2001 CESSNA 172 Skyhawk**
- ADVANCED CHARTER & INSTRUCTION LLC**
- Type Desc.:** L1P
- Squawk:** n/a

The **History** section shows:

- UTC day:** 2023-03-18
- Legs: All**
- Time:** 2023-03-18 16:24-13 PDT

The main map area shows a flight path in Southern California, with two specific flight events highlighted:

- 2023-03-18 15:56:52 PDT**
- 2023-03-18 13:40:27 PDT**

The map includes a color-coded altitude scale at the bottom, ranging from 0 to 30,000 feet. The interface also features a search bar, a taskbar with system icons, and a weather widget showing 70°F and Cloudy conditions.

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Huizar, Carlos

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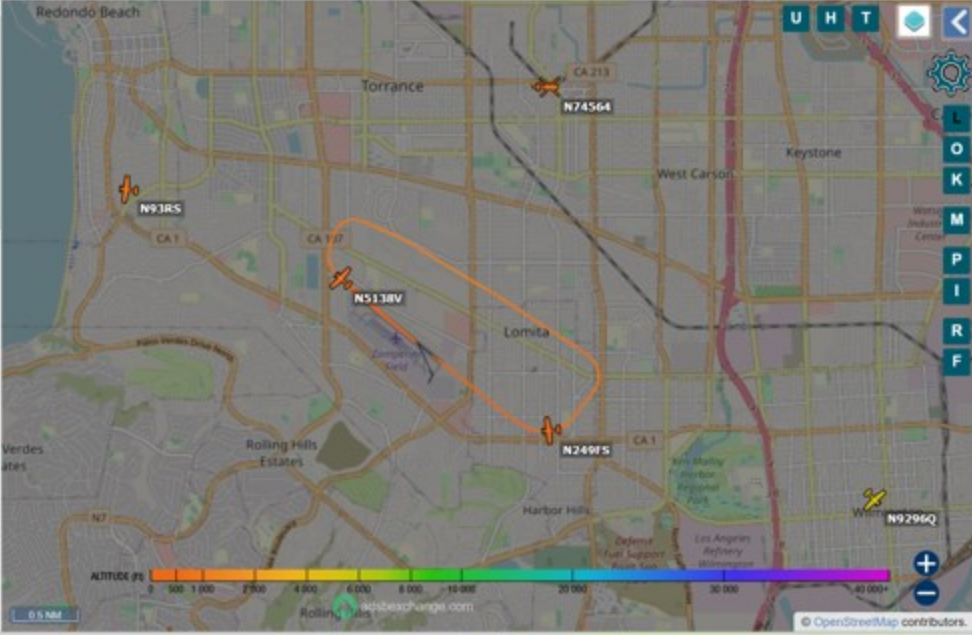


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Type: C172
2001 CESSNA 172 Skyhawk
ADVANCED CHARTER & INSTRUCTION LLC
Type Desc.: L1P
Squawk: 1200

History +

SPATIAL

Groundspeed: 70 kt
Baro. Altitude: ▲ 400 ft
WGS84 altitude: ▲ 325 ft
Vert. Rate: 832 ft/min
Track: 313.4°
Pos.: 33.811°, -118.369°
Distance: n/a




Map showing flight path of N513BV in the Los Angeles area. The path is a simple loop starting near N93RS, going north to N74564, east to N249FS, and south back to N513BV.

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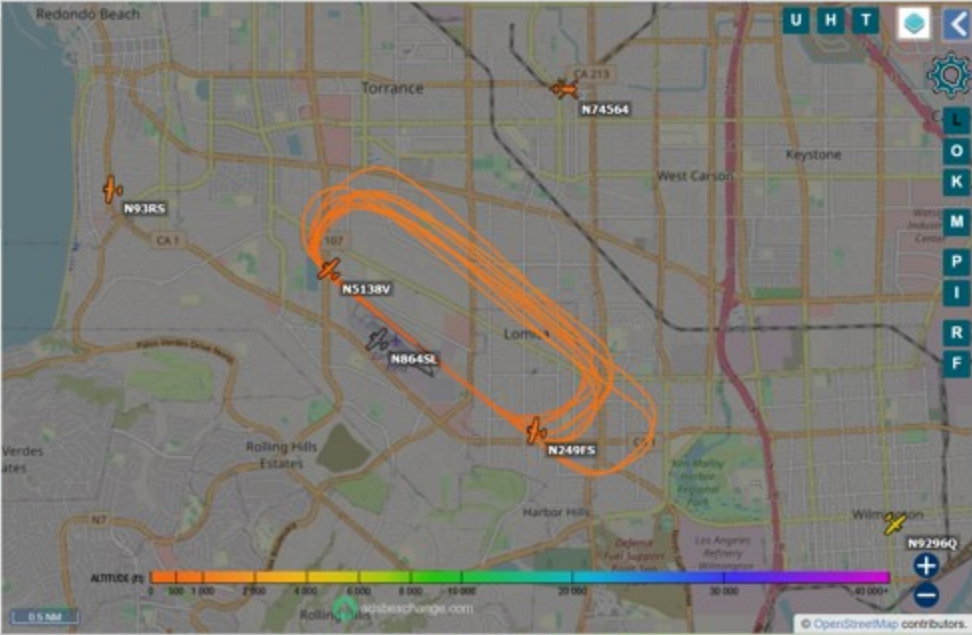


Reg.: N249FS
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DB flags: none
Type: C72R
2005 CESSNA 172R Outback RG
ADVANCED CHARTER & INSTRUCTION LLC
Type Desc.: L1P
Squawk: 1200

History +

SPATIAL

Groundspeed: 68 kt
Baro. Altitude: ▼ 500 ft
WGS84 altitude: ▼ 425 ft
Vert. Rate: -512 ft/min
Track: 285.3°
Pos.: 33.791°, -118.318°
Distance: n/a



Map showing flight path of N249FS in the Los Angeles area. The path is a large, complex loop starting near N93RS, going north to N74564, east to N249FS, south to N864SL, and back to N513BV.

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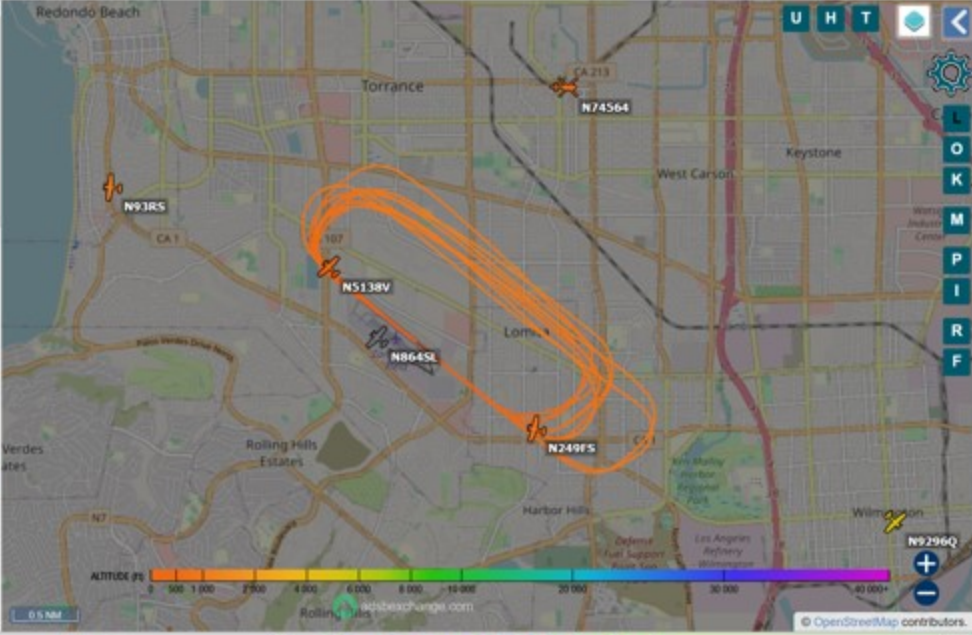


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Altitude scale: 0 500 1000 2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 20000 30000 40000+

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N-NUMBER ENTERED: 249FS



AIRCRAFT DESCRIPTION



Serial Number 17281249



Manufacturer Name CESSNA



Model 172R



Type Aircraft Fixed Wing Single-1



Pending Number Change None



Date Change Authorized None

MFR Year 2005

Type Registration LLC

REGISTERED OWNER

Name ADVANCED CHAR

Street 1006 POPPY CIR

City COSTA MESA

County ORANGE

Huizar, Carlos

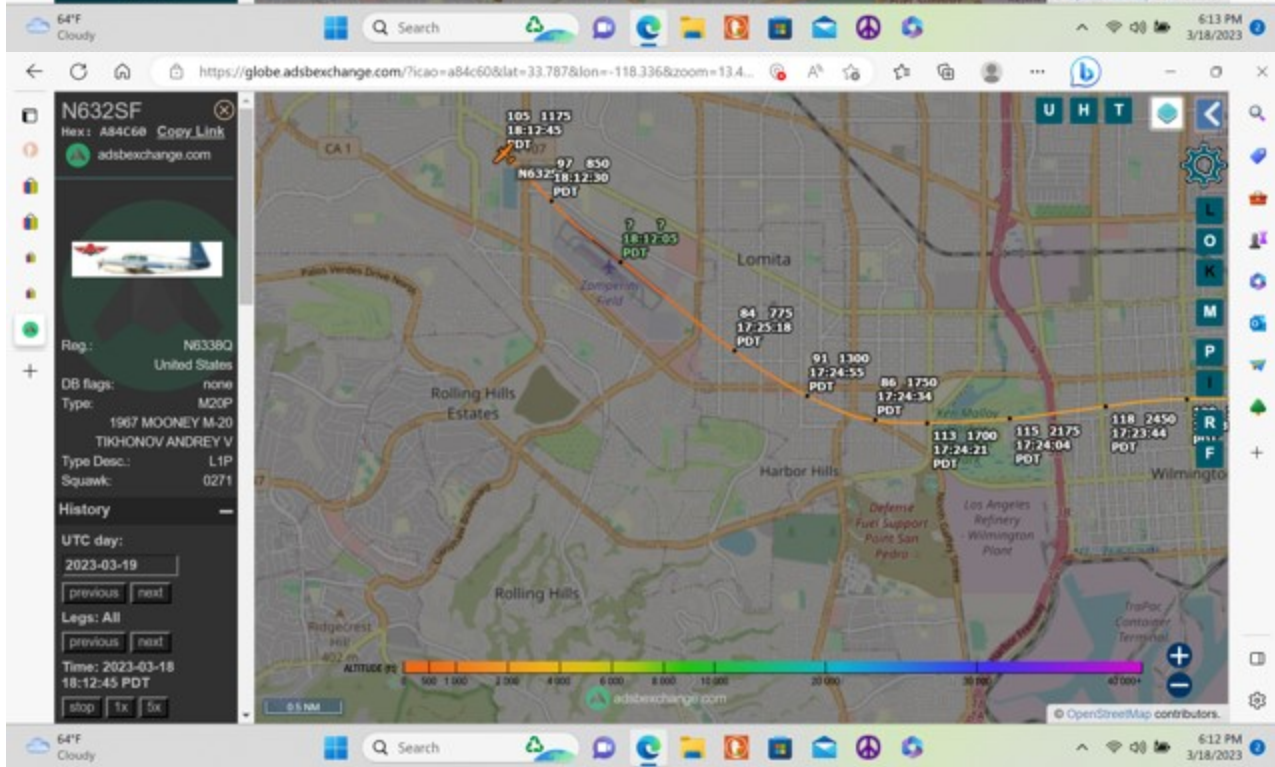
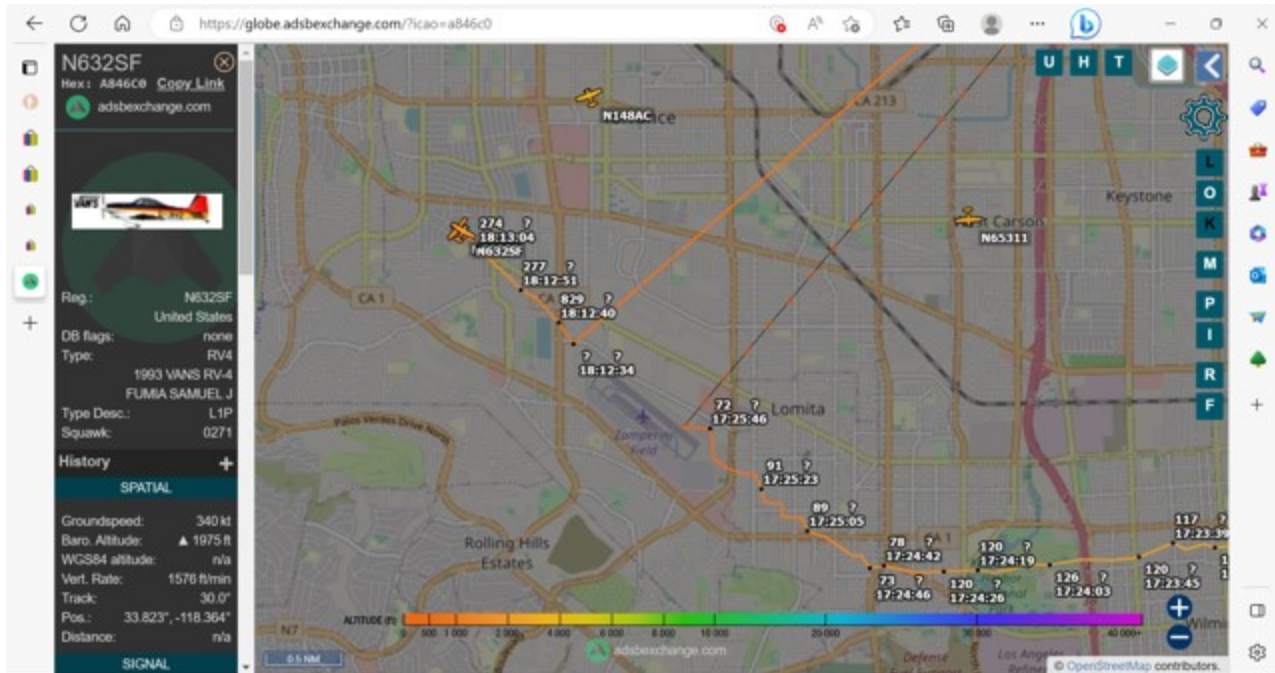
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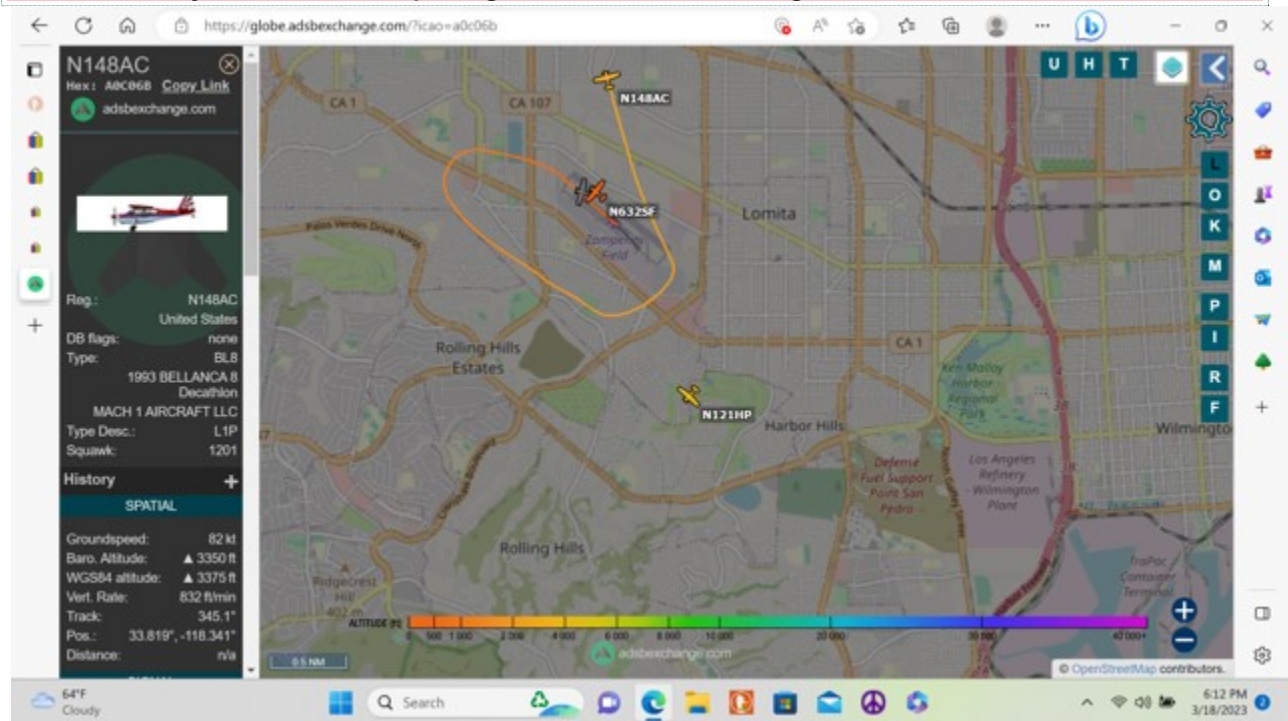
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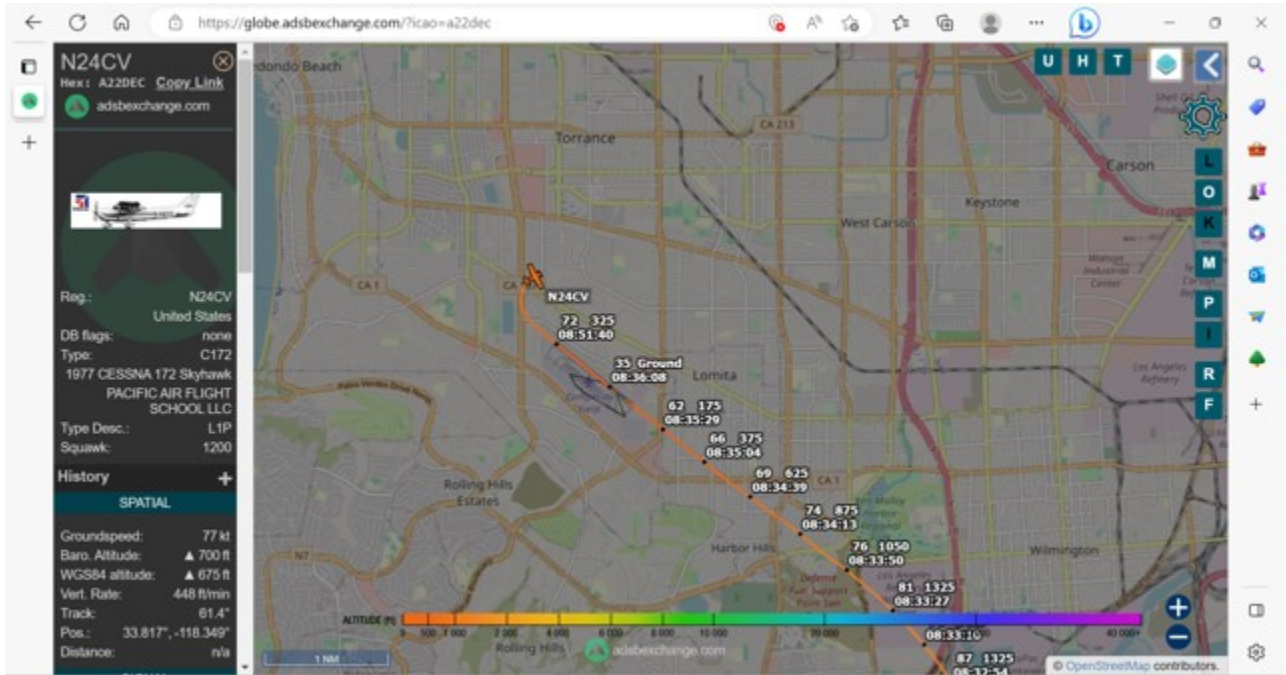
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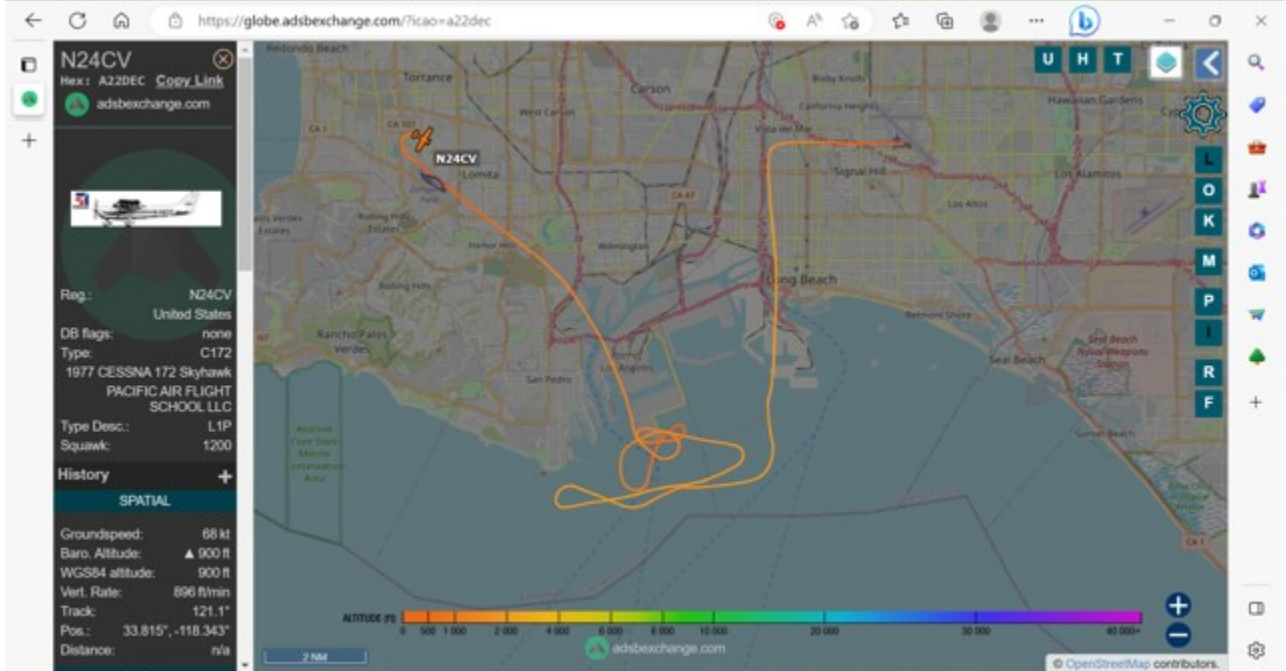
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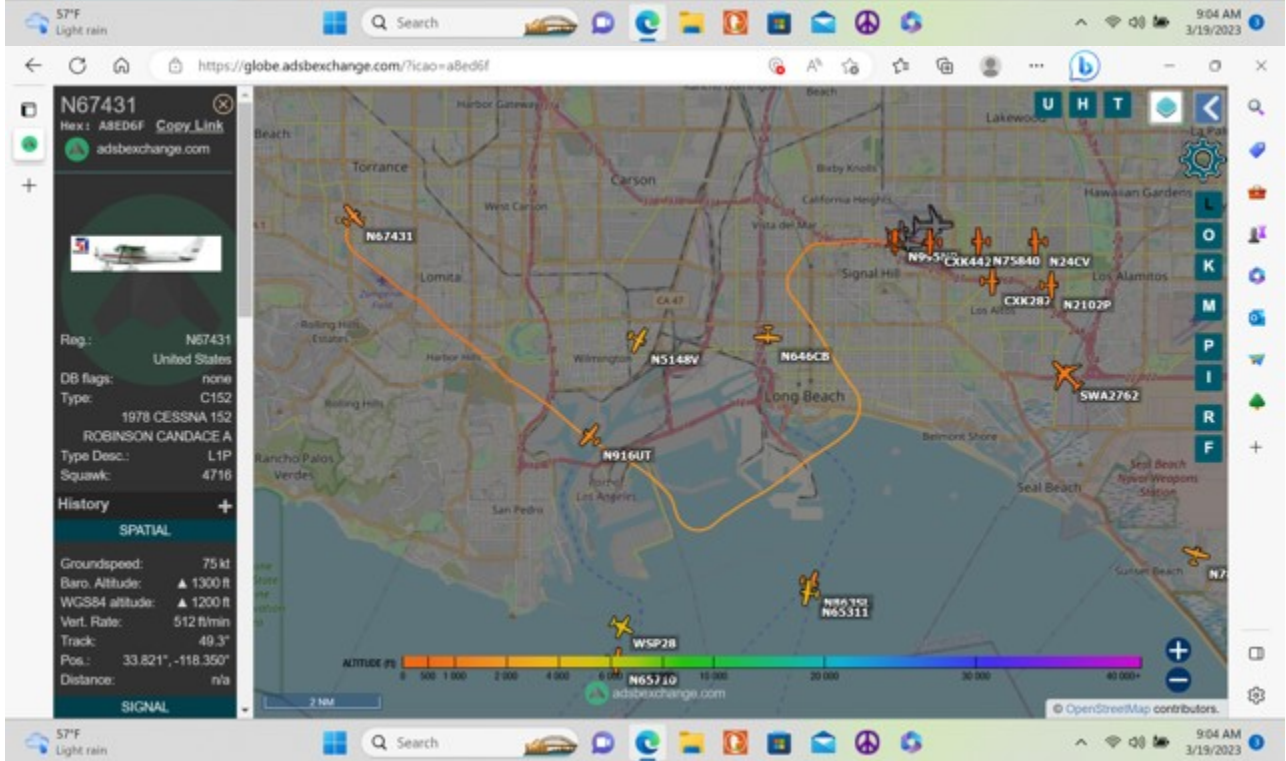
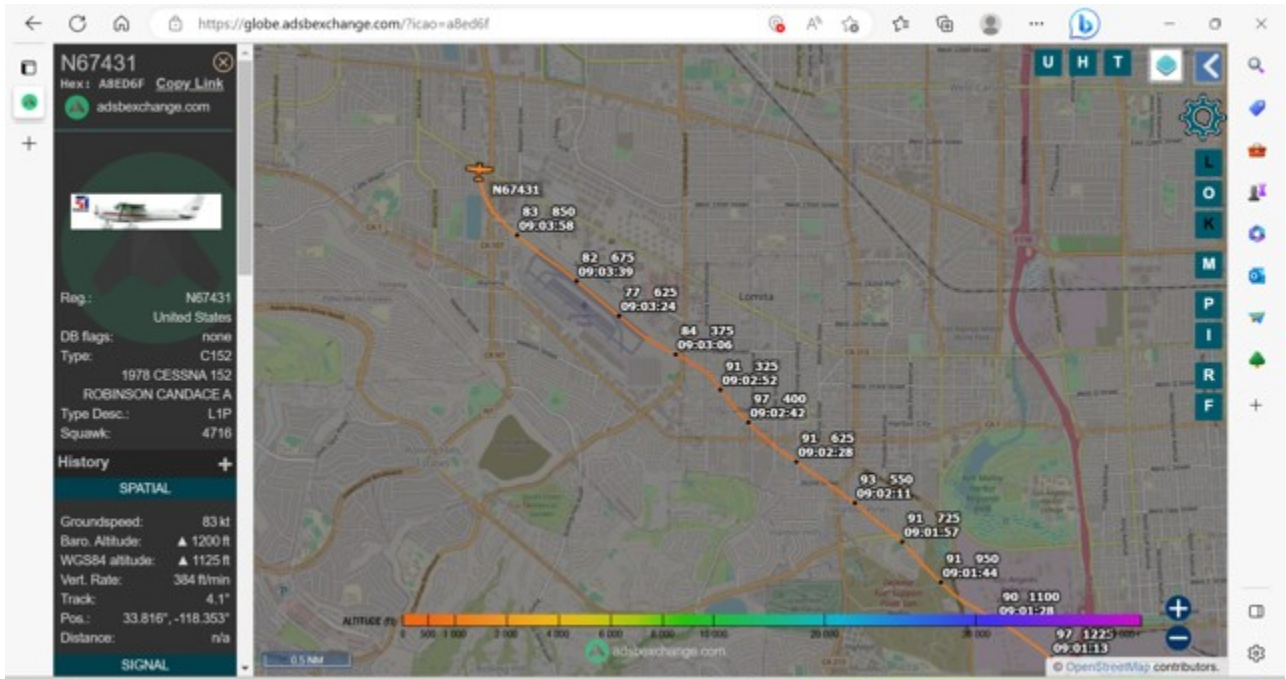
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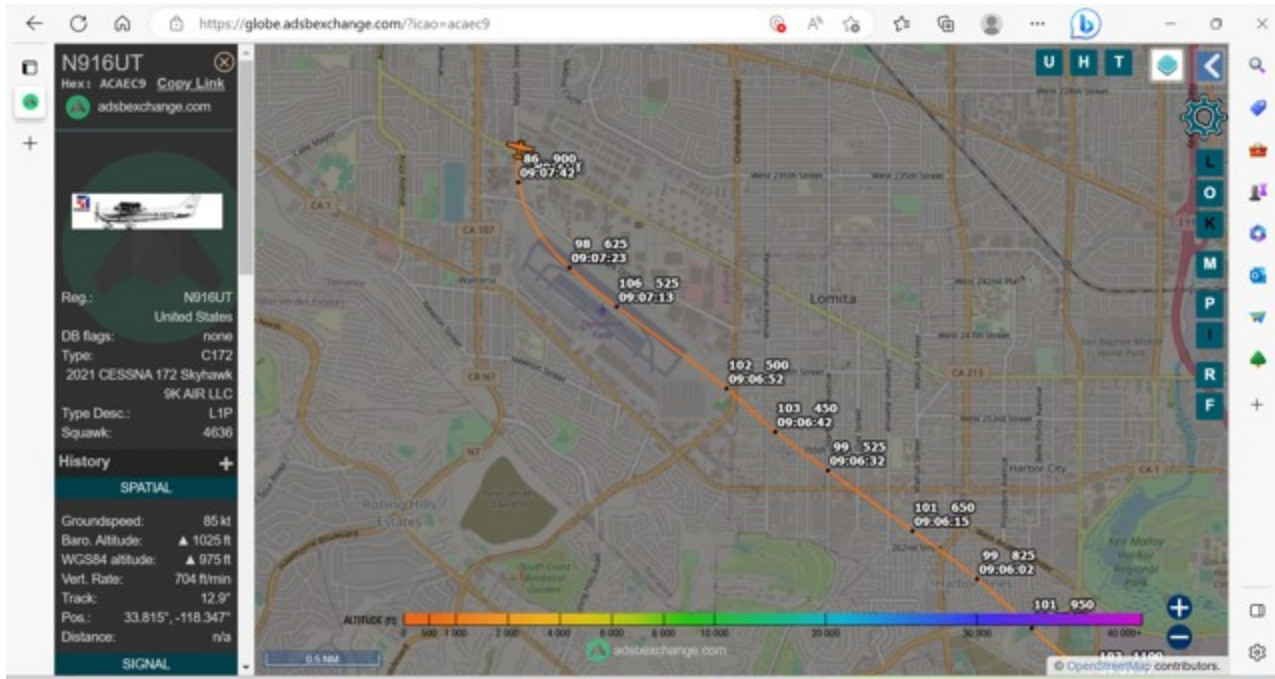
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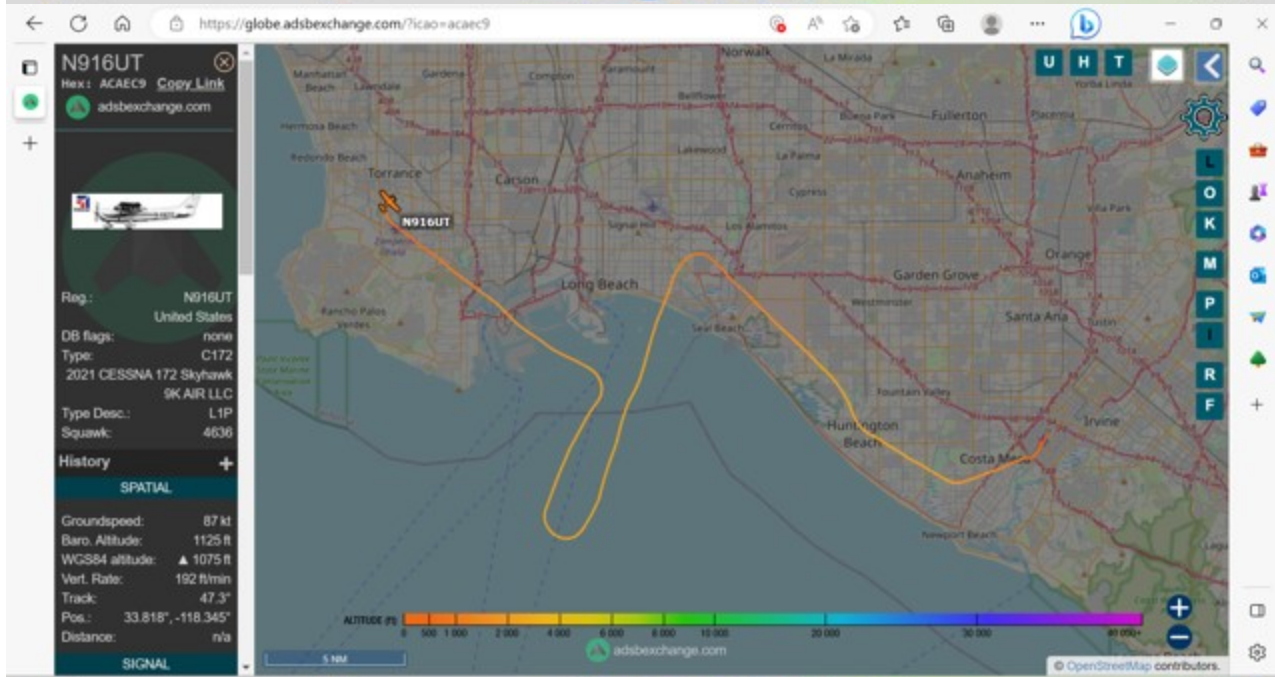
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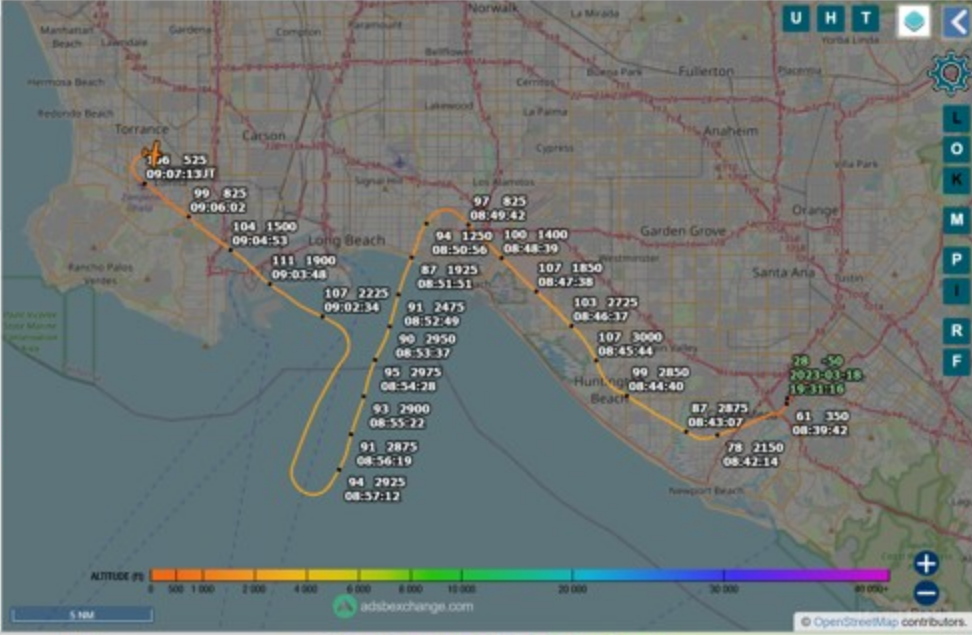
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SPATIAL

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WGS84 altitude: ▲ 1350 ft
Vert. Rate: 768 ft/min
Track: 98.6°
Pos.: 33.821°, -118.332°
Distance: n/a

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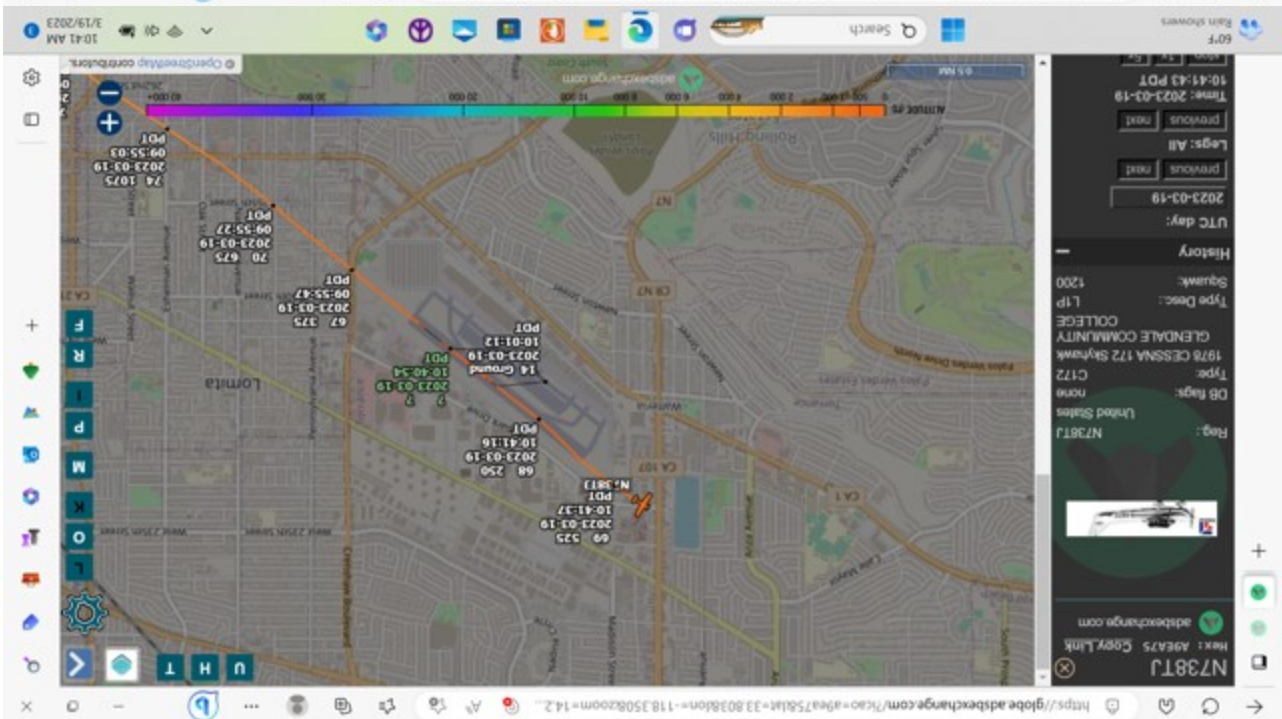
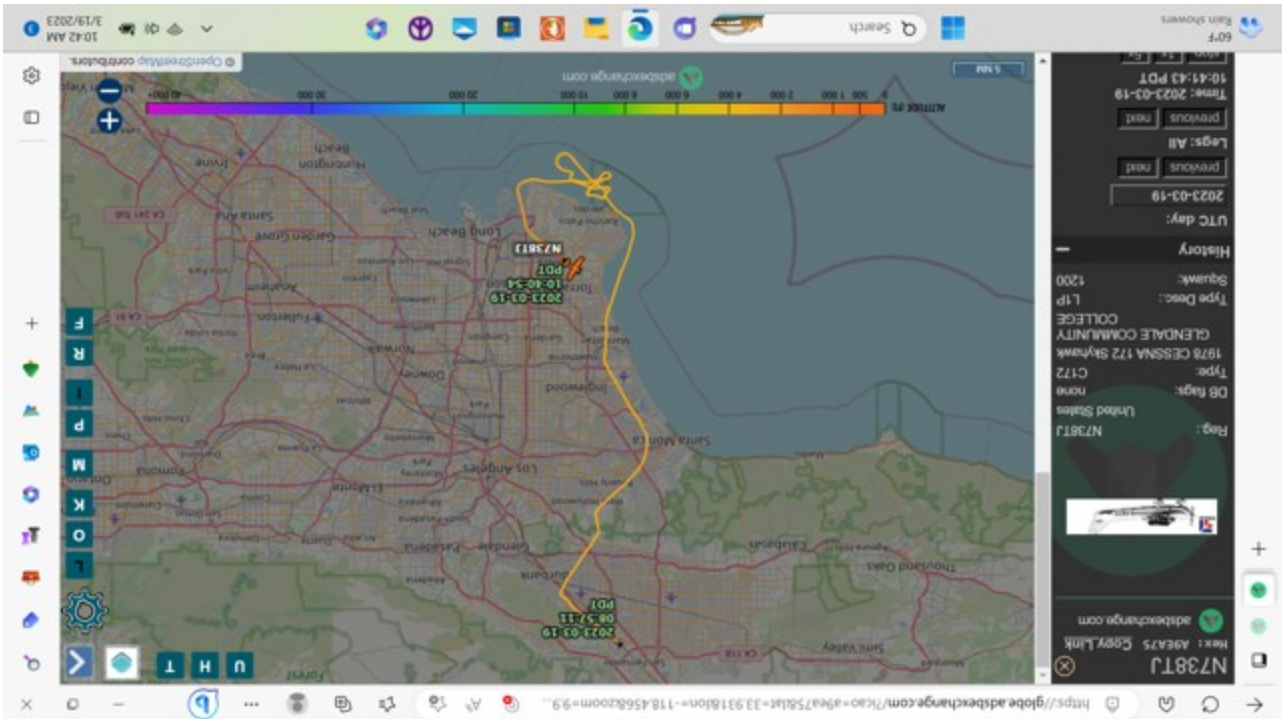
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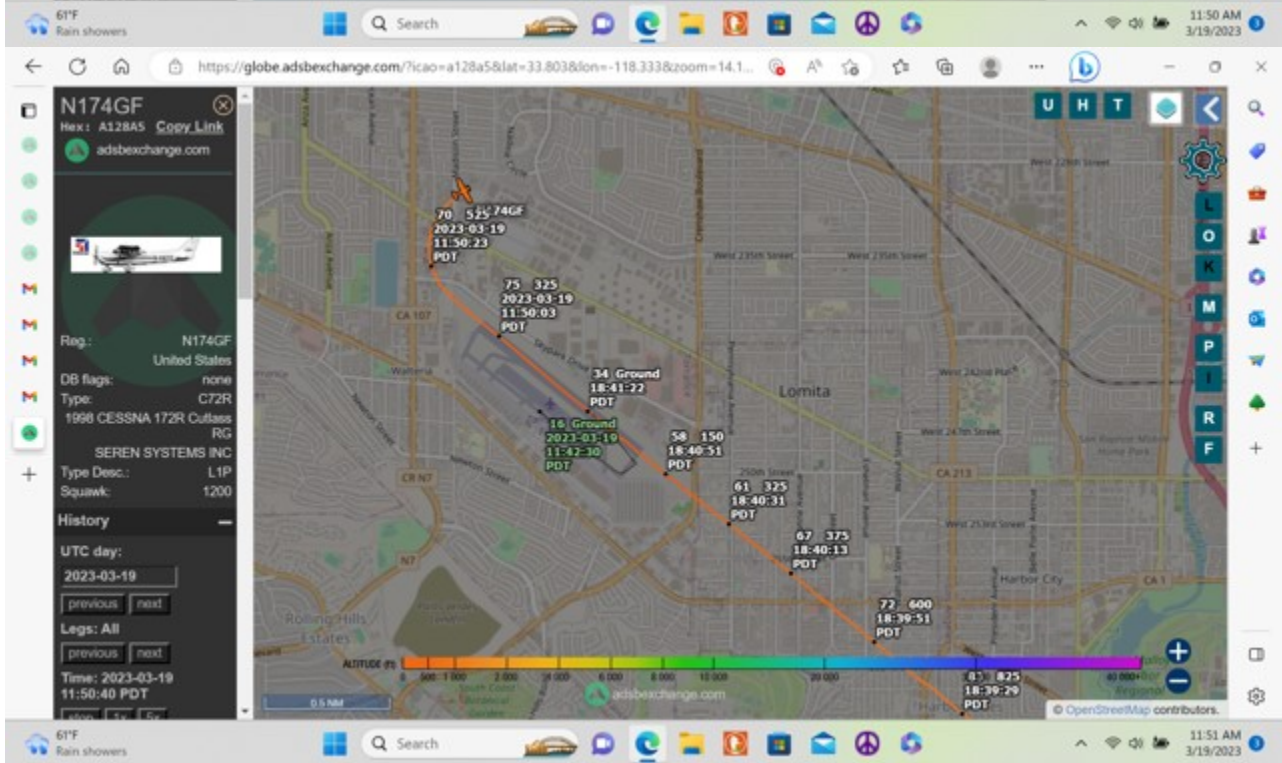
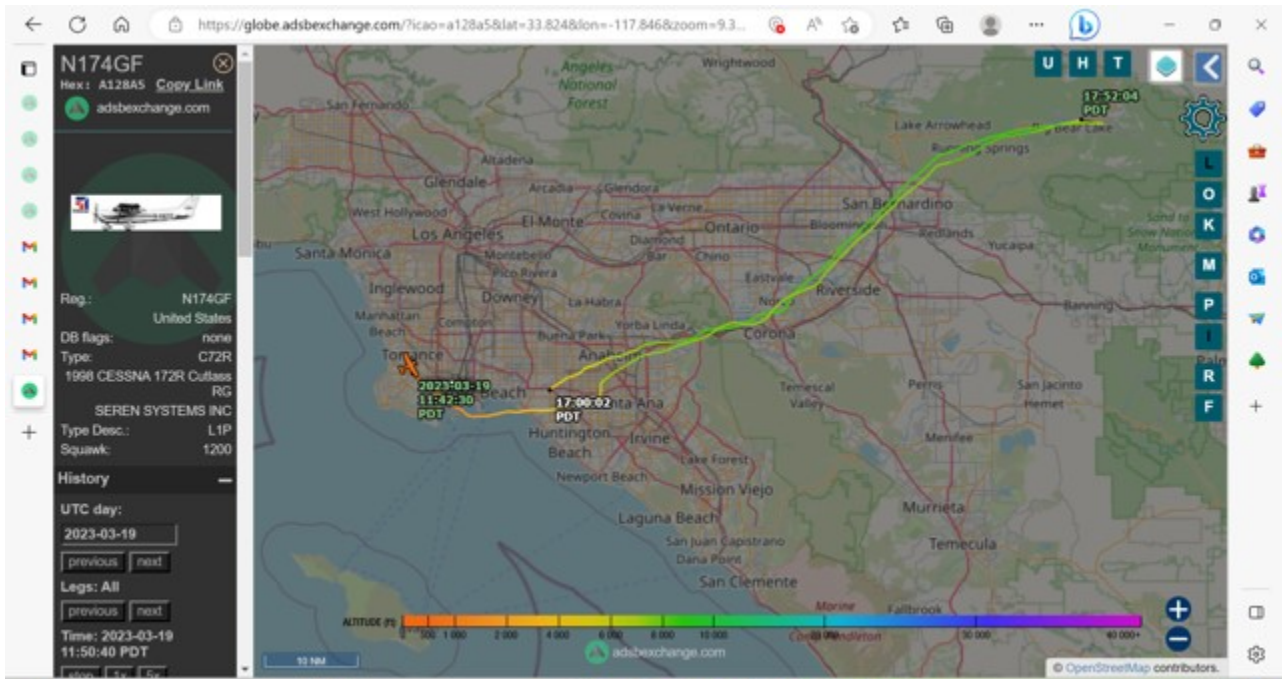
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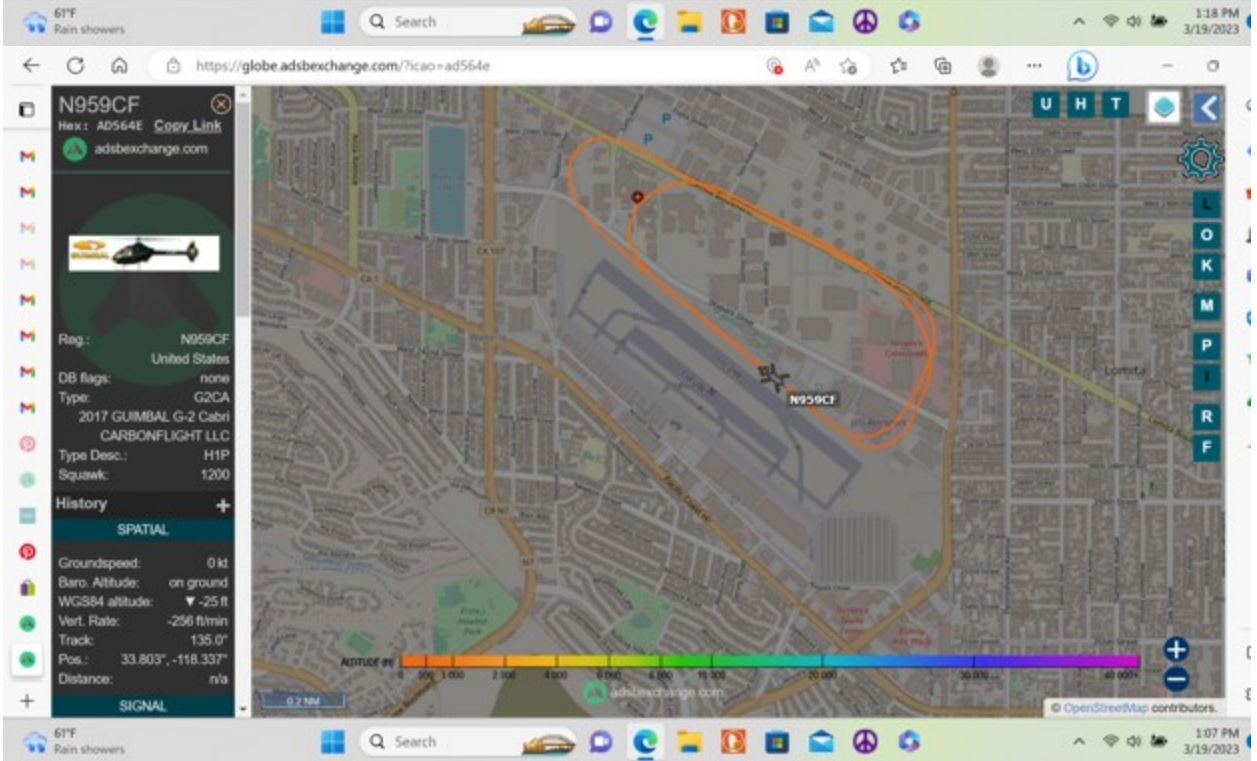
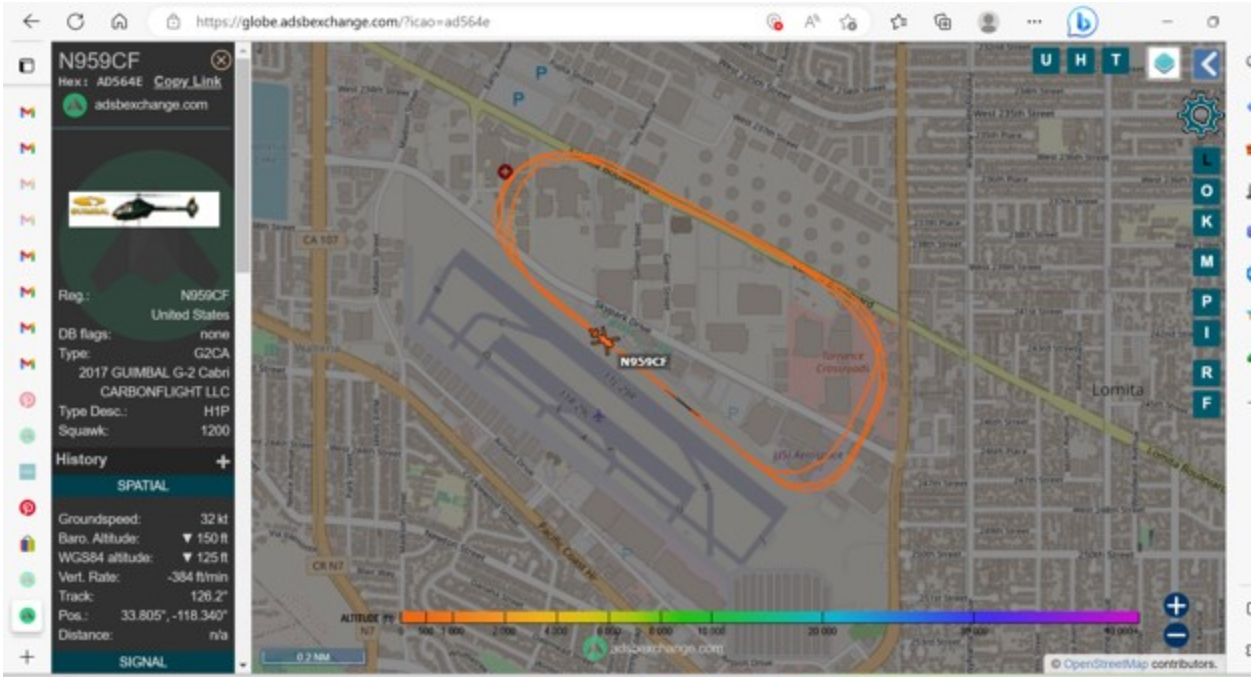
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- Rick Taylor 3/19/23 1pm



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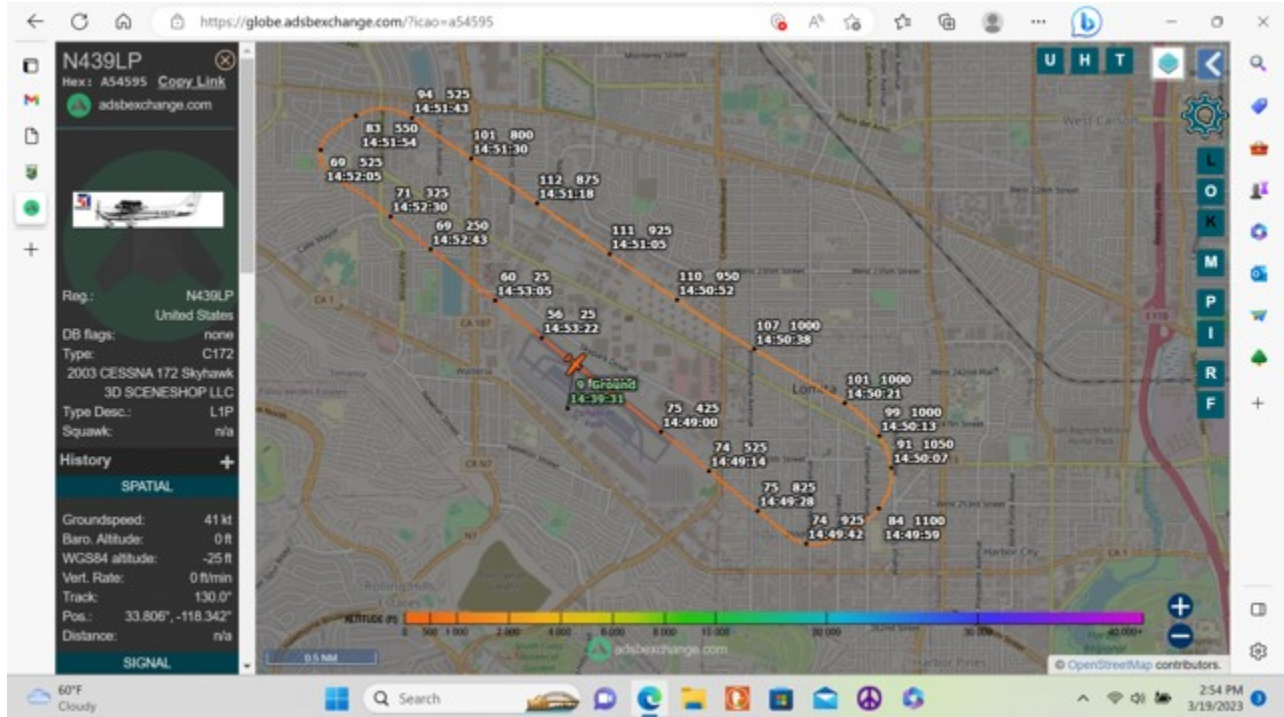
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From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 6:31 PM
To: Elizabeth Spatz
Cc: [REDACTED] Megerdichian, Shant; Huizar, Carlos; Gonzaque, Alina; Valenciano, Isela; Noise Abatement
Subject: RE: Today's TOA South Pattern Flights

Good Afternoon Ms. Spatz ~

The City is in receipt of your below emails. The noted complaints will be reviewed by the Noise Abatement staff. If a violation is determined, then it will be handled according. You will only be notified if there is a violation. In the future, please know that you can file any complaints related to noise and/or curfew either within the City's noise system (Noise Lab) at <https://toa.noiselab.casper.aero/>. All complaints received are reviewed by staff.

Additionally, please know that your email will be included as a supplemental to the item that will be presented to the Transportation Committee in the near future, as it has not been scheduled as of yet. You will be notified, under a separate email, once this meeting has been scheduled. Please know that it will be opened to the public and there will be time allotted for public comments.

Regarding any concerns related to flight paths, altitude, or aircraft flying in a dangerous manner should be directed to the FAA Long Beach Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at (562) 377-5400 or via email at 7-AWP-LAX-FSDO@faa.gov, as they oversee aircraft that are in flight.

Please know that the City continues to be committed to enforcing noise and curfew violations, and pursuing those that violate it. Updates regarding the City's progress in addressing airport noise can be found on our Trending in Torrance website at <https://www.trendingintorrance.com/>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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From: Elizabeth Spatz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2023 2:01 PM
To: Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>; Herrera, Rafael <RafaelHerrera@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Lewis, Bridgett <BLewis@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>; Sheikh, Asam <ASheikh@TorranceCA.gov>; Kaji, Jon <JKaji@TorranceCA.gov>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>; Kalani, Sharon <SKalani@TorranceCA.gov>; Kaji, Jon <JKaji@TorranceCA.gov>; Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>
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Dear Mayor Chen, City Council Members, Transportation Committee Members and TOA Management Associates, Yesterday (Friday, 3/17/23) was an exceptionally abusive day of training taking place in our Torrance Airport's south runway pattern. Please see the email below that I sent to Michelle Ramirez and her Noiseabatement team about this situation.

As you are all well aware, our TOA-based flight schools have taken the productive steps to avoid training in the south pattern, in their efforts to work towards a noise abatement solution for residents and pilots. Yesterday's activities demonstrated the need for further work needed towards addressing the issue of non-TOA-based flight schools being allowed to train in the south pattern. I, and my fellow Torrance residents, would appreciate knowing that attention is being directed towards identifying a solution to this issue.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Spatz

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Subject: Today's TOA South Pattern Flights
Date: Mar 17, 2023 at 7:18 PM
To: "Noiseabatement@torranceca.gov" <Noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>,
"mramirez@TorranceCA.gov" <mramirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Dear Michelle and Noiseabatement Staff,

I wanted you to understand that the abundance of airnoise.io complaints that I sent today was not as a result of my over-reactive button pressing for the flights using the south pattern today. Today was an exceptionally horrific day here in the Riviera, with dozens and dozens of non-TOA-based training flights using the south pattern. It made for an unbearable day of relentless noise at my home from 10am until 6pm. I recorded the information for 5 of the most offensive planes, and the start times of their training loops. I looked up each aircraft, saw the patterns they were flying as recorded by the TOA Flight Tracker and corroborated the information with FlightRadar24.

Please review the list of aircraft below, and try to escalate the handling of the problem of non-TOA-based training flights being allowed to take advantage of the progress we're making with alleviating the noise issues caused by flight schools training over our homes. Perhaps TOA management, Sling leadership and other TOA-based pilots could meet with the TOA Tower staff and share the importance of avoiding the south runway for training, so that all parties involved can work together towards a comprehensive solution.

Thank you for your time, and please let me know if I can provide any further information/input.

Elizabeth Spatz
(310) [REDACTED]

TOA South Runway Training Flights: Friday, 17 March 2023, from 10:10am – 5:41pm

Submitted by Elizabeth Spatz

5401 Paseo de Pablo, Torrance, 90505

Time: 10:10 am; repeatedly flew in south pattern

Aircraft ID: N1158V

Aircraft type: Cessna 172S

Operated by: ATP Aircraft 7 LLC; Tracking Blocked by Owner

Based in: Long Beach, CA

Time: 10:52 am; 11:08 am; 11:22 am + 6 more loops, every 10 minutes

Aircraft ID: N249FS

Aircraft type: Cessna 172R

Operated by: Advanced Charter & Instruction LLC

Based in: John Wayne SNA

Altitude: 980 ft; 1030 ft; 1005 ft.

Time: 3:52 pm; 4:04 pm

Aircraft ID: N724SC

Aircraft type: Czech Sport Aircraft A S Sportcruiser

Operated by: LA City Tech Inc.

Based in: Toluca Lake, CA

Altitude: 996 ft; 1521

Time: 4:42 pm; 4:58 pm; 5:09 pm + 6 more loops, every 10 minutes

Aircraft ID: N5148V

Aircraft type: Cessna 172S

Operated by: Ayres Aviation LLC

Based in: Santa Monica, CA

Altitude: 1221 ft; 1259 ft; 1184 ft.

Time: 5:16 pm; 5:27 pm; 5:41 pm + 8 more loops, every 10 minutes

Aircraft ID: N7645F

Aircraft type: Piper PA-28-181

Operated by: PoorRich Air LLC, Playa del Ray, CA

Based in: Santa Monica, CA

Altitude: 1159 ft; 1159 ft; 1150 ft.

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From: Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 5:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Re: TOA Nuisance Complaint / And for the Next Transportation Committee Meeting

Ms. Brecher:

You are heard. We've received your email expressing your thoughts with respect to TOA. City staff have them as part of the material for the next Transportation Committee meeting.

Voluntary changes/actions from all parties, such as those taken by Sling are part of the process to arrive to a balanced approach and we will continue working to address the concerns.

Thank you.

George Chen

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Natalie

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Subject: N724SP

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Another out-of-town pilot reaping the benefits of lax rules at TOA.

I can't make this stuff up.

When is the Mayor and the City Council going to get this situation under control?

Landing fees and no training!

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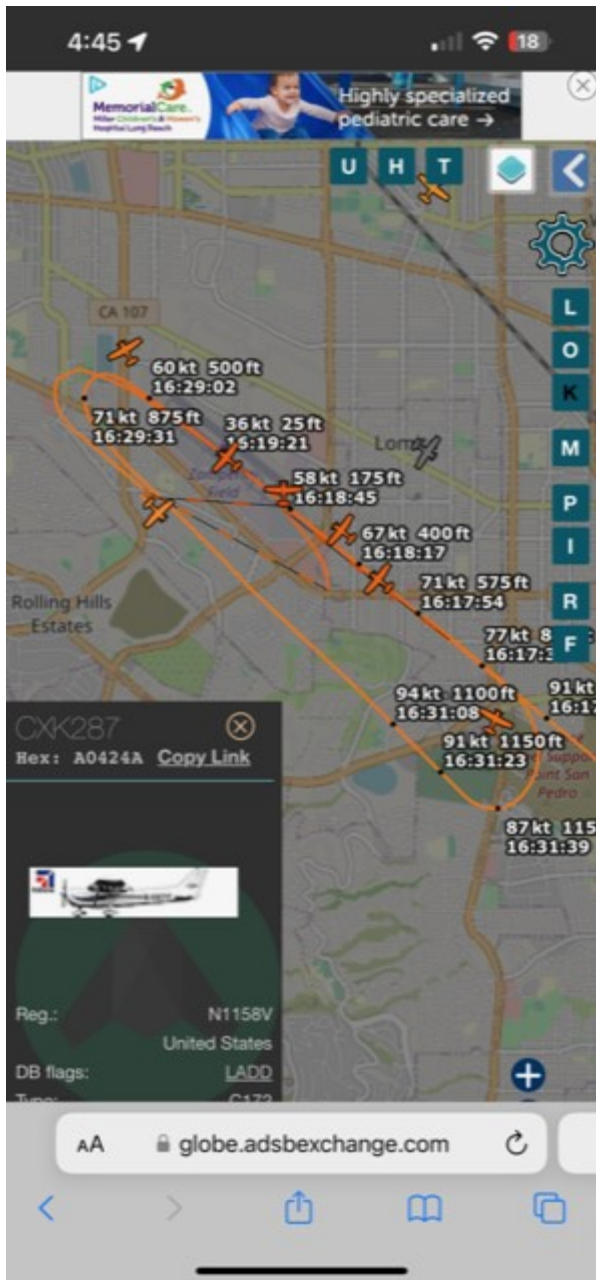
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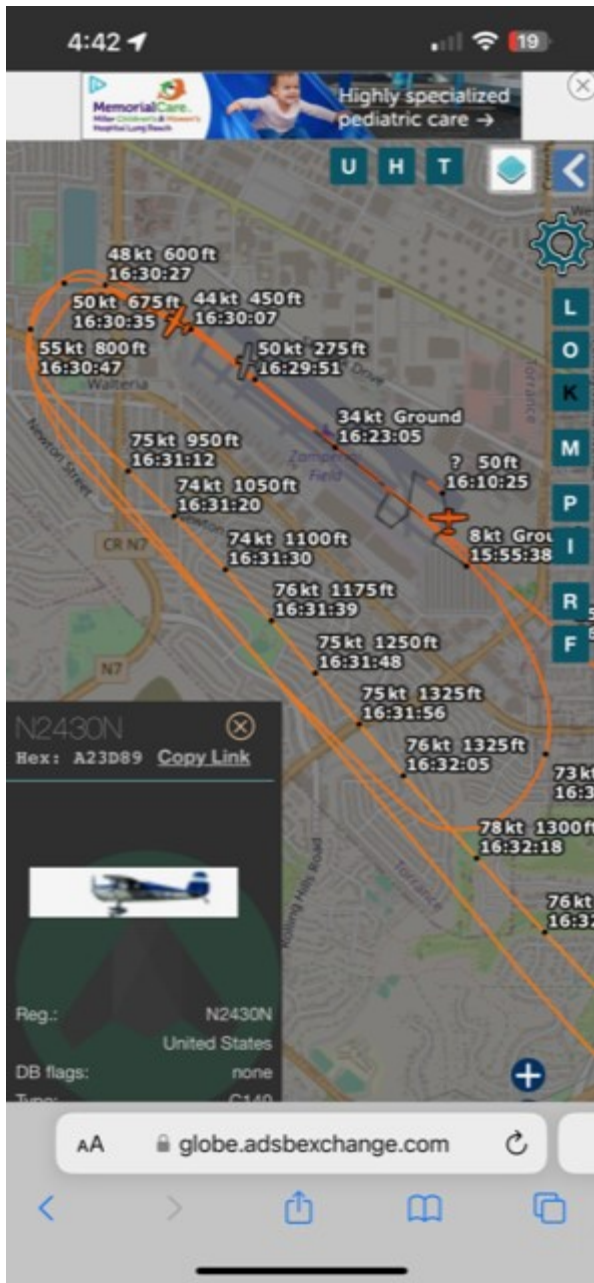
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Nonstop flights since 7:30 am this morning.

How is shifting flight north of the airport a solution?

This is not sustainable and resentment is growing with residents.

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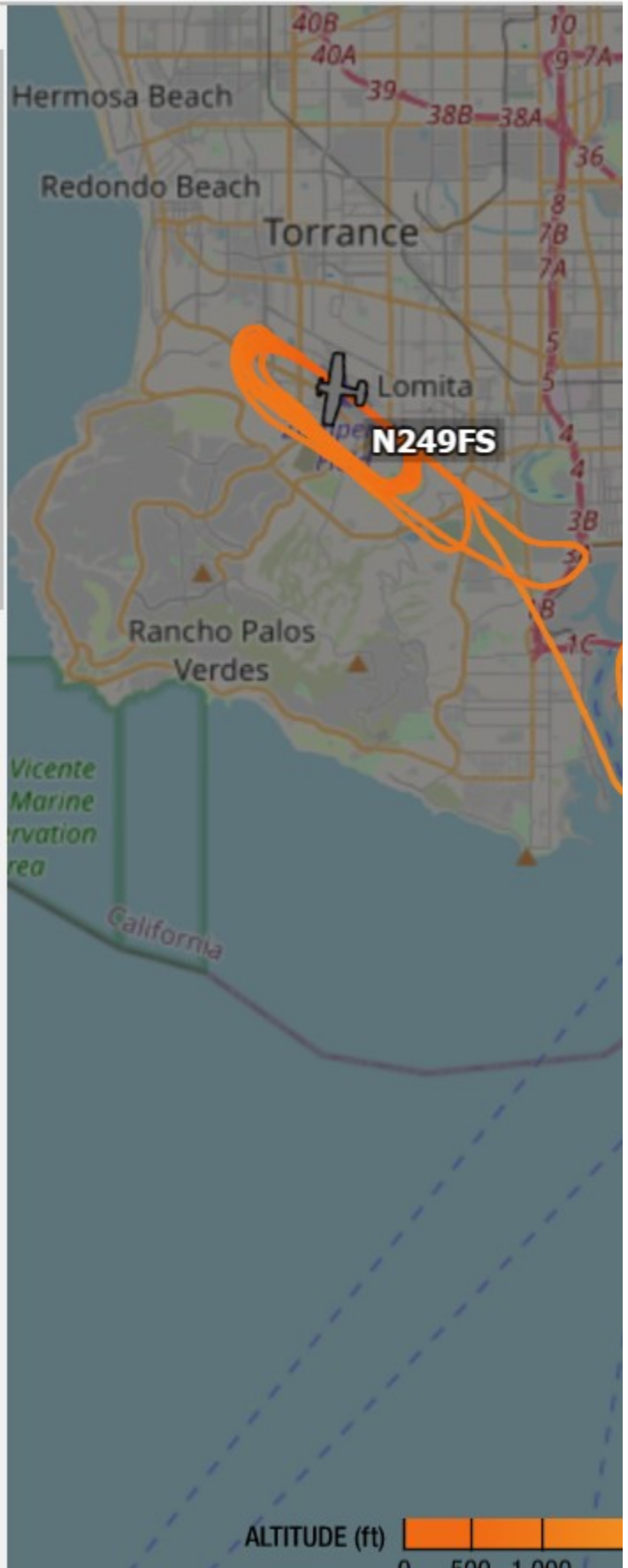
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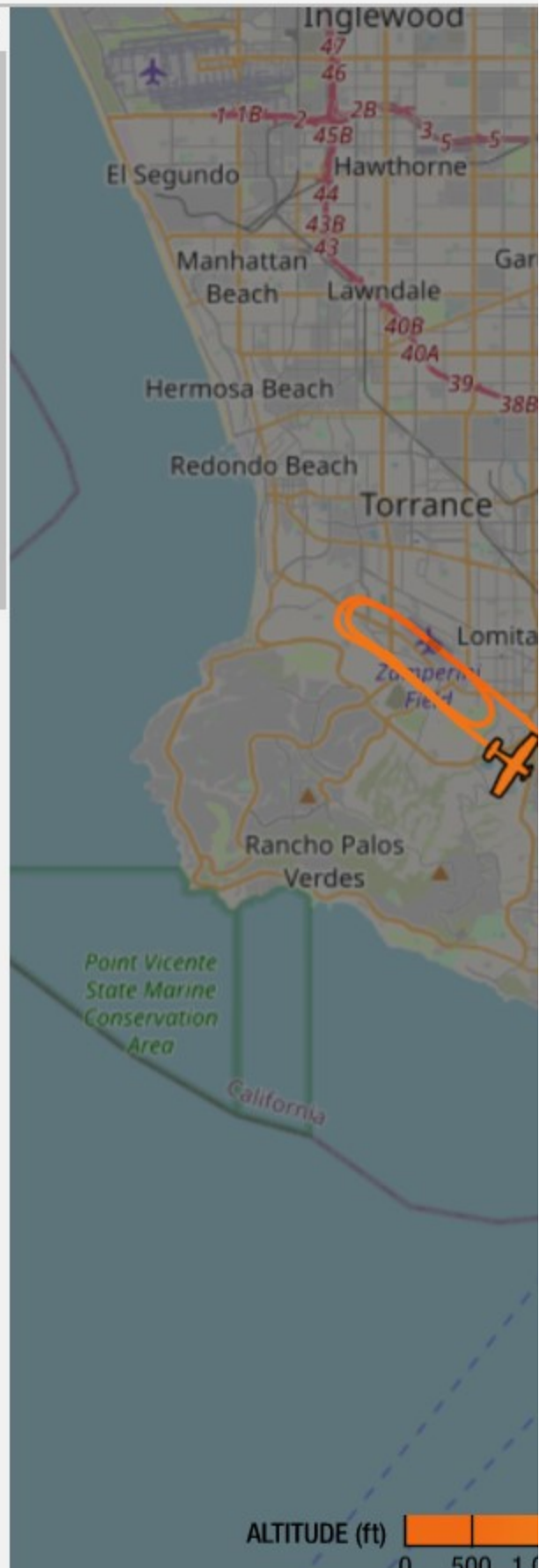
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Baro. Altitude: 950 ft

WGS84 altitude: 925 ft

Vert. Rate: -128 ft/min

Track: 124.4°



Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 11:49 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Pilot From Long Beach Training at Torrance 3/17/23 10am

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 10:48 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
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Reg.: **N1158V**

United States

DB flags: **LADD**

Type: **C172**

2006 CESSNA 172 Skyhawk

INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES INC TRUSTEE

Type Desc.: **L1P**

Squawk: **1200**

History



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Groundspeed: **84 kt**

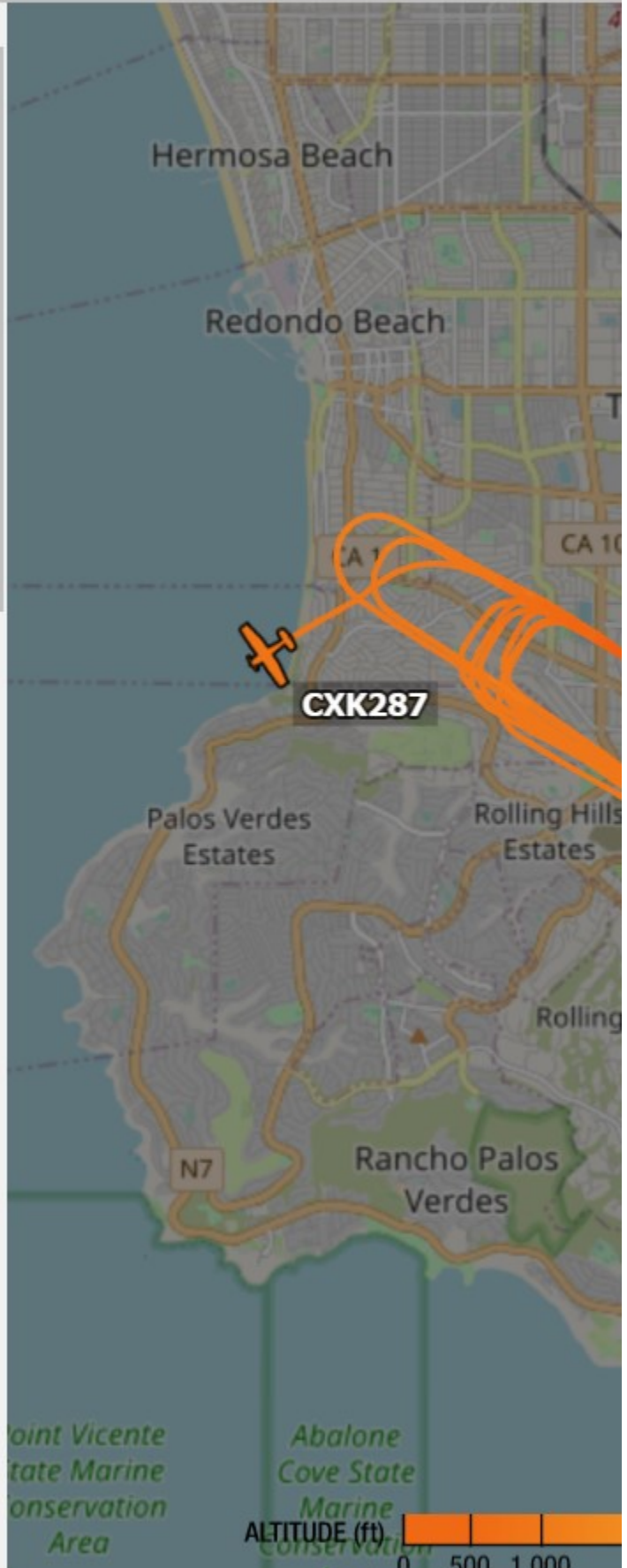
Baro. Altitude: **875 ft**

WGS84 altitude: **900 ft**

Vert. Rate: **64 ft/min**

Track: **235.2°**

Pos: **33.808° -118.397°**



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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:43 PM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Fw: Out Of Town Pilot Training After 8pm 3/16/23 9pm

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Sling Airplane Factory training after
8pm



N-NUMBER ENTERED: 295JD



AIRCRAFT DESCRIPTION



Serial Number 352



Manufacturer Name SLING AIRCRAFT (PTY)



Model SLING LSA



Type Aircraft Fixed Wing Single-Engine



Pending Number Change None



Date Change Authorized None



MFR Year 2022



Type Registration Non Citizen Corporation



REGISTERED OWNER



Name AIRPLANE FACTORY IN



Street 3401 AIRPORT DR



City TORRANCE



County LOS ANGELES

raining after 8pm

From: H T <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:10 PM

To: Noise Abatement <noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>

Subject: Out Of Town Pilot Training After 8pm 3/16/23 9pm



N295JD



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Reg.: N295JD

United States

DB flags: none

Type: n/a

n/a

Type Desc.: n/a

Squawk: 0274

History

UTC day:

2023-03-17

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Legs: All

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Time: 2023-03-16

21:05:23 PDT

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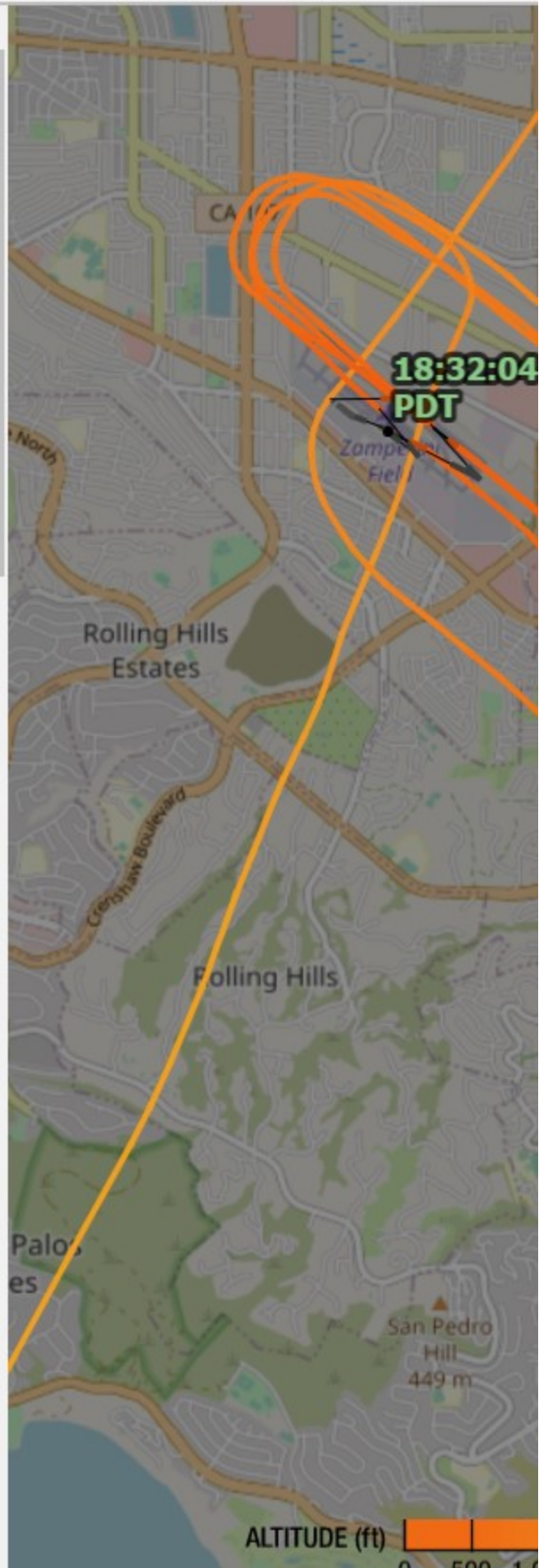
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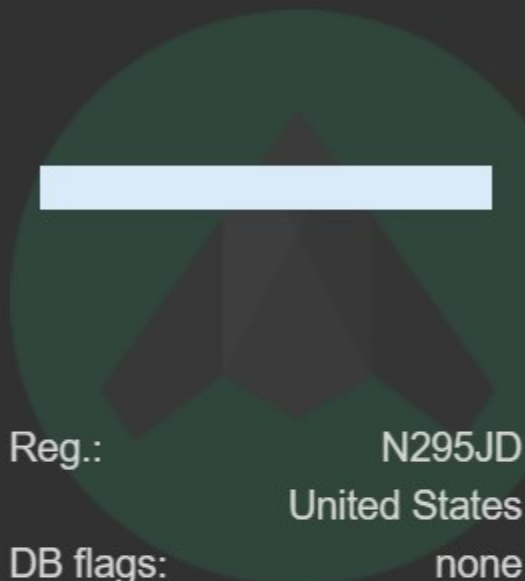
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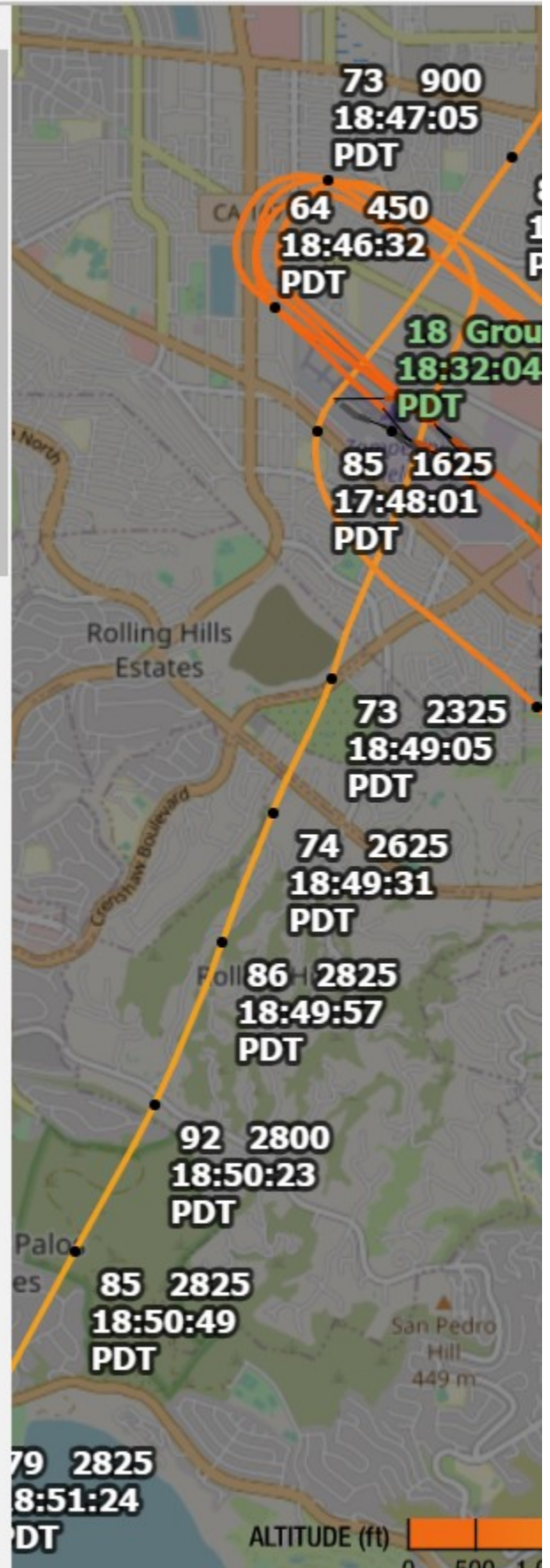
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Squawk: 0274

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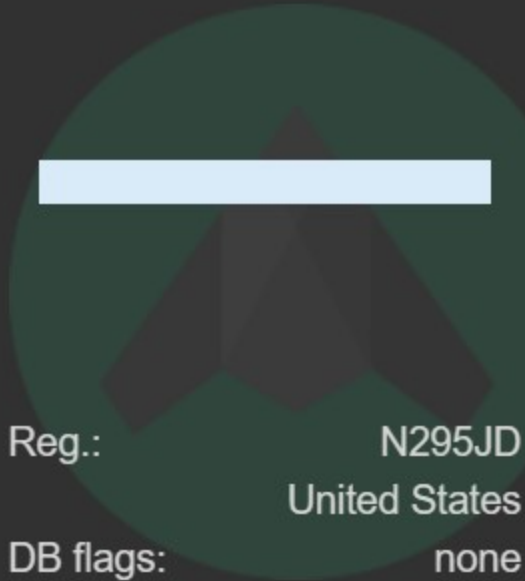
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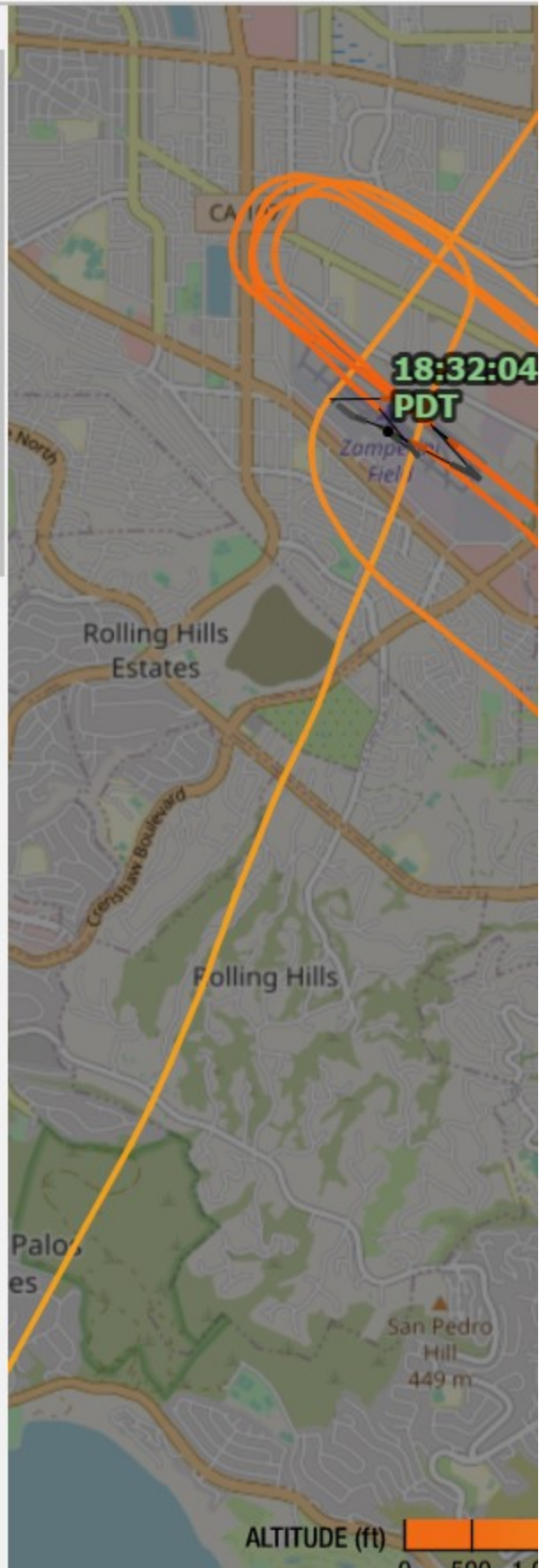
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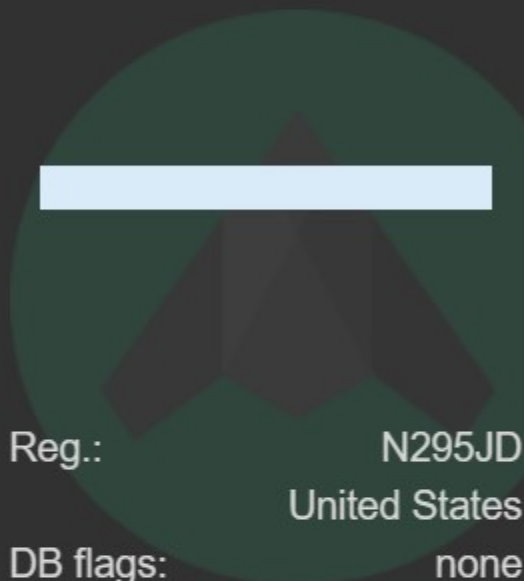
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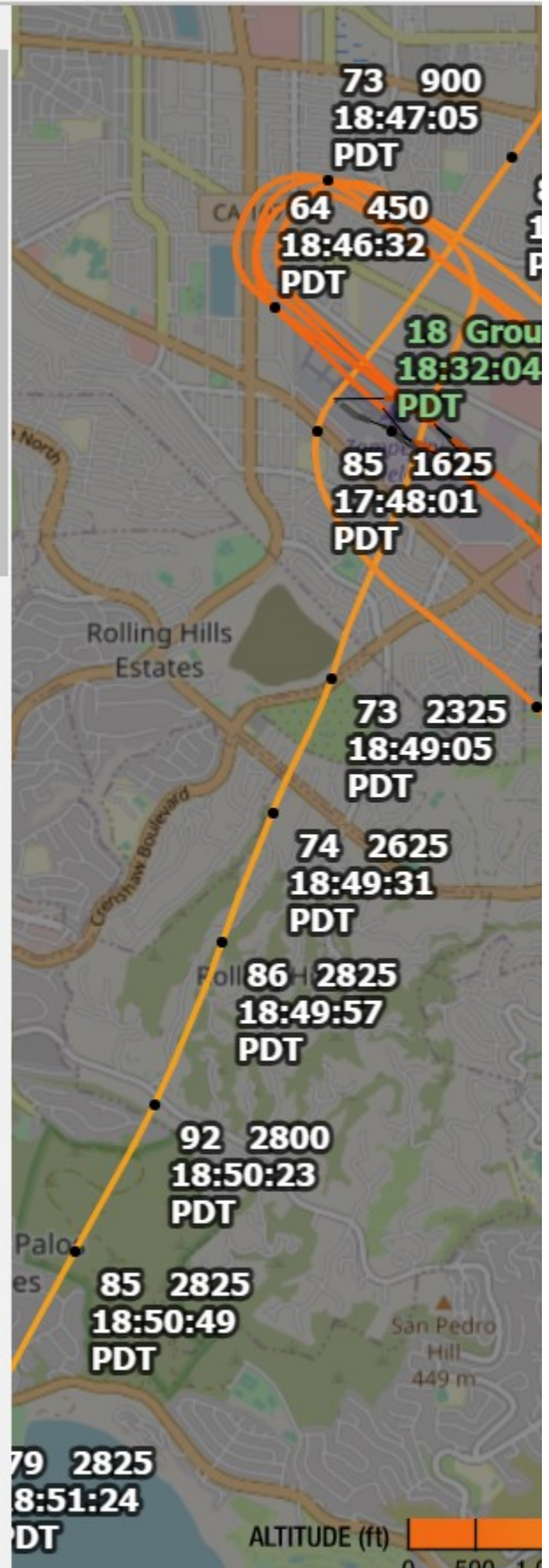
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- Rick Taylor Walteria

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 11:47 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N65710 - Hawthorne Airport
Attachments: Screenshot_20230316_193834_Chrome.jpg

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From: Don T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:42 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: N65710 - Hawthorne Airport

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Another out of town pilot taking advantage of the lax rules at TOA, resulting in more noise and pollution.

ZERO benefit to the City and its residents.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:20 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Robinson Copter Training in South Pattern 3/15/23 8:20am

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:14 AM
To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Robinson Copter Training in South Pattern 3/15/23 8:20am

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Reg.: N4031R

United States

DB flags: none

Type: n/a

n/a

ROBINSON HELICOPTER

CO

Type Desc.: n/a

Squawk: 1200

History

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Groundspeed: 43 kt

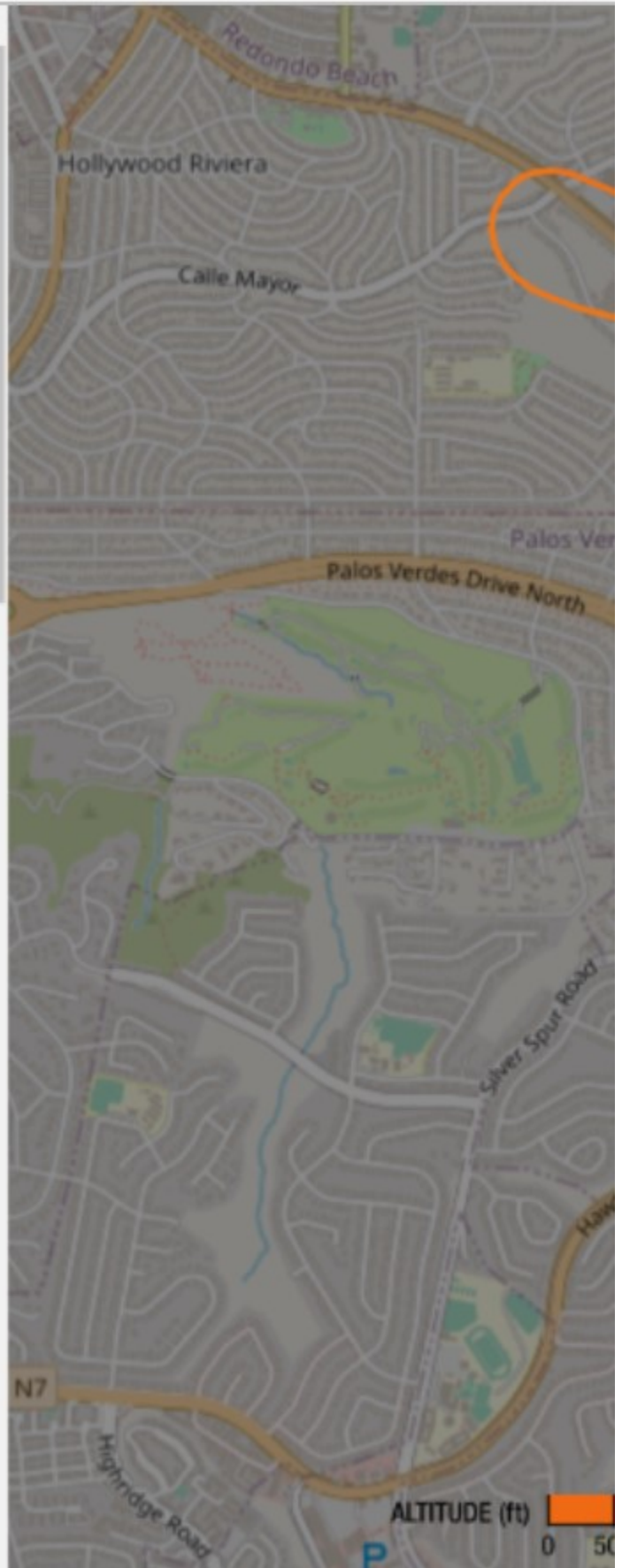
Baro. Altitude: 150 ft

WGS84 altitude: 0 ft

Vert. Rate: 64 ft/min

Track: 309.3°

Pos.: 33.800°, -118.336°



Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 5:21 PM
To: Judy B
Cc: Chaparyan, Aram; Santana, Danny; Megerdichian, Shant; Sandi Monda; [REDACTED] Julie Dojiri; Marianne Hamada; janhpayne; Pamela Popovich; Tricia Blanco; Love, Laurie; Laurie Craig; Marc Danziger; Marc Danziger; Marc Danziger; Karen Galvin; Melanie Dreike; Jacqueline (Jackie) Caro; Poirier, Rebecca; Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: Letter from Riviera HOA and members re TOA Environmental Issues
Attachments: Letter from Riviera HOA 3-9-23.pdf; Attachment 1 - TOA Env Issues Matrix 3-8-23.pdf; Attachment 2 - Politico Report on Leaded Aviation Fuel 2-20-23.pdf

Good Afternoon Ms. Brunetti ~

The City is in receipt of your below email and three attachments. It will be included as a supplemental to the item that will be presented to the Transportation Committee in the near future, as it has not been schedule as of yet. You will be notified, under a separate email, once this meeting has been scheduled. Please know that it will be opened to the public and there will be time allotted for public comments.

Regarding any concerns related to flight paths, altitude, or aircraft flying in a dangerous manner should be directed to the FAA Long Beach Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at (562) 377-5400 or via email at 7-AWP-LAX-FSDO@faa.gov, as they oversee aircraft that are in flight.

Please know that the City continues to be committed to enforcing noise and curfew violations, and pursuing those that violate it. Updates regarding the City's progress in addressing airport noise can be found on our Trending in Torrance website at <https://www.trendingintorrance.com/>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ

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From: Judy B <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>; Lewis, Bridgett <BLewis@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Kaji, Jon <JKaji@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>; Kalani, Sharon <SKalani@TorranceCA.gov>; Sheikh, Asam <ASheikh@TorranceCA.gov>; Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Santana, Danny <DSantana@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Sandi Monda <[REDACTED]> Julie Dojiri <[REDACTED]> Marianne Hamada <[REDACTED]>

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Blanco <[redacted] Love, Laurie <[redacted] Laurie Craig <[redacted] Marc
Danziger <[redacted] Marc Danziger <[redacted] Marc Danziger
<[redacted] Karen Galvin <[redacted] Melanie Dreike <[redacted]
Jacqueline (Jackie) Caro <[redacted] Poirier, Rebecca <RPOirier@TorranceCA.gov>; Judy B
<[redacted]>

Subject: Letter from Riviera HOA and members re TOA Environmental Issues

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Attachment 1, Environmental Issues Matrix and
Attachment 2, Article on leaded aviation fuel

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:49 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Pushed Training North
Attachments: Screenshot_20230313_144425_Nextdoor.jpg

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From: Don T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:46 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Pushed Training North

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You guys have pushed the training to the north which has solved nothing and has only made other communities worse off.

Please see attached screenshot.

There needs to be a fair and equitable solution.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:25 PM
To: Gary Palmer
Cc: Huizar, Carlos; Aoki, Denise; Megerdichian, Shant; Pinela, Gerardo
Subject: RE: Torrance Airport Noise Abatement #2
Attachments: Noise Abatement Signage.pdf

Good Afternoon Mr. Palmer ~

My name is Michelle Ramirez and I'm the Community Development Director for the City of Torrance. Your below email has been received and will be included as a supplemental to the item that will be presented to the Transportation Committee in the near future, as it has not been scheduled as of yet. You will be notified, under a separate email, once this meeting has been scheduled. Please know that it will be opened to the public and there will be time allotted for public comments.

Regarding your comments about revoking a business license, please know that I do not oversee business licenses and have no authority to revoke a business license. Business licenses are overseen by the Finance Department. As far as airport operations, similar to business licenses, I have no authority over this area. Any changes to airport operations would be under the purview of the City Council. Staff has made no threats against any flight school. We are working collaboratively with all Torrance based flight schools and appreciate their voluntary commitment to reduce the saturation of planes over the City's residential areas.

In regards to the Noise Abatement program, please know that new Noise Abatement signs have been ordered and will be installed once received. A copy of the new signage is attached. Further, please know, that staff is working on a revised Noise Abatement flyer for both the public and flight schools.

Lastly, regarding emails received from the public over the airport, please know that you may file a public records act (PRA) request with the City Clerk's Office at [https://torranceca.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/rs/\(S\(vetavxha4r1odoewjp1mnwez\)\)/supporthome.aspx](https://torranceca.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/rs/(S(vetavxha4r1odoewjp1mnwez))/supporthome.aspx). The City Clerk's Office will forward the PRA to the proper staff member for review and response.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

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From: Gary Palmer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 10:32 AM
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Cc: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Aoki, Denise <DAoki@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>; Kaji, Jon <JKaji@TorranceCA.gov>; Lewis, Bridgett <BLewis@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Sheikh, Asam <ASheikh@TorranceCA.gov>; Kalani, Sharon <SKalani@TorranceCA.gov>; Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>; editor@latimes.com

Subject: Torrance Airport Noise Abatement #2

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I saw that wonderful front page Daily Breeze article about Sling Pilot Academy. That is great press for Torrance, the airport, and the school. That school is pretty amazing.

They agree to fewer hours for teaching flights and no use of the "south pattern" which reduces their income. They ask if there is any consideration for that voluntary loss and michelle ramirez tells them that they can keep their business license and they should be glad the airport is not being closed. Now, after taking that loss, they provide up \$500,000 in scholarships to help start new careers.

Torrance has the Regional Occupation Center to teach skills for non-college bound young adults. Sling is doing the same and getting penalized for it.

Instead of thinking that the city needs to maintain this threat consider that the flight schools and pilots want to help solve the problem. The schools have agreed to make changes not because of the threats, but because they want to address the concerns and do the right thing.

Of course, there are still those 3 people registering thousands of complaints, and the here-say, but fully unsubstantiated, reports of phone calls and email complaints.

Why do you think the need for threats is required? Have you so little respect for people (or at least the pilots and schools which have shown a willingness to help) that you must wield a "hammer"?

I would truly appreciate not just an acknowledgment of this note, but some form of answer to my questions? Even if it is just to put them officially to staff and require response/resolution.

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Cheers,

Gary Palmer

(please withhold my email address from any publication)

On Sat, 2023-03-11 at 14:20 -0800, Gary Palmer wrote:

Gerry, I am not sure this email will be correctly distributed to all the council members, please help make sure all members receive a copy. Thank you.

Assorted Torrance Council Members & staff,

I write this as a pilot based in KTOA. Not trying to call out or challenge I want to try and help add to your perspective and offer myself as a resource if you would like.

In Dec, a council member responded to an email I sent regarding the noise problem and solution which was implemented for Camarillo and Oxnard airports. You can learn a lot more about it on their website <https://vcairports.org/fly-friendly-ventura-county/>.

This is a modern, pilot friendly brochure for the public to understand the program and how pilots can fly responsibly. I have talked to their operation staff and they tell me the number of complaints has greatly diminished and the pilots welcomed specific information which they could incorporate in their flying.

I am aware of the "brochure" which Torrance has related to noise abatement and it lacks many of those features, including it is not current. More important is that it is focused on pilots but does not provide some of the key information needed, nor does it "talk to the pilots" to help them understand the problem and the requested solution. While every city is different, Camarillo and Oxnard are an example of how a solution can appease the pilots, airport business and residents.

I respectfully ask the city to either take lead or let an appointed group of pilots take lead of an activity to submit a revised noise abatement brochure such that the pilots will know what is requested and understand why it is being requested.

So question #1 is "When will the city include pilots in a task team to update and make the noise abatement brochure applicable to current day Torrance Airport, and how soon can the task begin?"

I am aware of the signage changes, and they like the brochure, do not provide sufficient detail for a pilot to know what is being requested. It actually appears that the signs were composed without input from any experienced pilots. I am willing to assist the city and find a team to identify the missing or confusing content in order for the city to determine a useful modification. I have seen the "new" signs and they are sorely lacking the same guidance.

So question #2 is "When will the city include pilots in a task team to review and critique the noise abatement signs posted or to be posted at the runways, and how soon can the task begin?"

On another topic is CASPER. I'll start by saying I am aware you receive complaints via phone calls and emails as well as the casper system,

I would like to offer a couple observations regarding complaints and casper.

- Casper shows complaints and complainer. There were many complaints and very few people complaining, for february; in fact over 2600 complaints from only 3 people complaining. That is a fact, easily verified and substantiated. If it was the only fact available then it would not justify any action taken by the city.

- The city claims to receive phone calls. The call volume and content should be logged as a requirement of transparent government. Otherwise this is akin to saying "everyone says" which is completely unsupported, untrustworthy, and self-serving. These calls need to be logged in order to properly represent complaints or compliments. This would be another way to capture data from which facts can be derived and a response justified.

- The city receives emails. These too must be logged but additionally they should be available for public review. Redact specific email addresses but not details which could identify 1 person sending hundreds of complaints. Again, this is critical for justifiable government. Without public scrutiny, there is no impediment to a single person or group making indisputable claims because they are not held responsible and have no need to present the basis of their action.

I realize that data from all these sources can be difficult to manage. The best way to analyze data and create meaningful analysis to justify subsequent action is to find a way to consolidate that data into a single source. I realize there may be other inputs also, but capturing email and phone calls would be a great start. The next step is to have that data added to the Casper data so it is all in a single "database". I have experience in data management and am willing to consult, if desired, to develop a plan for all this information to move from hearsay into publicly disclosed facts. Without considering all the data, application of the only public data available skews results and gives the impression that actions are taken regardless of the direction being indicated by the facts. So question #3 is "When can the city begin an actively capture phone calls and emails as a means to justify the real number of comments received and actions being pursued?"

I am attaching a set of graphics I created using the Casper system. All the data is available, as it should be and must continue to be. I know that city staff has many other tasks at hand and will offer myself to explain/teach how I collected the raw data and generated the attached graphics. So question #4 is "Would any city staff like to learn more about Casper and the data available? If so let's start planning so I can help."

As I close this lengthy message, I would like to point out that when a government acts without cause (without public justification of actions) the government is no longer operating on behalf of the people it represents, that government starts to become self-serving and dangerous. As I researched the noise "problem" I observed that there are claims of data, but that data is "unavailable", some voices are "louder" than others, and everyone has a different objective (be they overt or covert).

I implore you all to consider my statements, questions and offerings in order to work in the open on a solution which might benefit everyone.

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Thank you everyone for your time, consideration, and service,
Gary Palmer
(please withhold my email address from any publication)

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2023 5:11 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: Fwd: Torrance Airport Noise Abatement
Attachments: Infographics KTOA v2.pdf

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From: Gary Palmer <GARY@getmymail.org>
Date: March 11, 2023 at 2:21:38 PM PST
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>, "Pinela, Gerardo" <GPinela@torranceca.gov>
Cc: "Ramirez, Michelle" <MRamirez@torranceca.gov>, "Huizar, Carlos" <CHuizar@torranceca.gov>, "Aoki, Denise" <DAoki@torranceca.gov>, "Megerdichian, Shant" <SMegerdichian@torranceca.gov>, "Griffiths, Mike" <MGriffiths@torranceca.gov>, Airport Commission <AirportCommission@torranceca.gov>, "Chen, George" <GChen@torranceca.gov>, "Kaji, Jon" <JKaji@torranceca.gov>, "Lewis, Bridgett" <BLewis@torranceca.gov>, "Sheikh, Asam" <ASheikh@torranceca.gov>, "Kalani, Sharon" <SKalani@torranceca.gov>, "Mattucci, Aurelio" <AMattucci@torranceca.gov>
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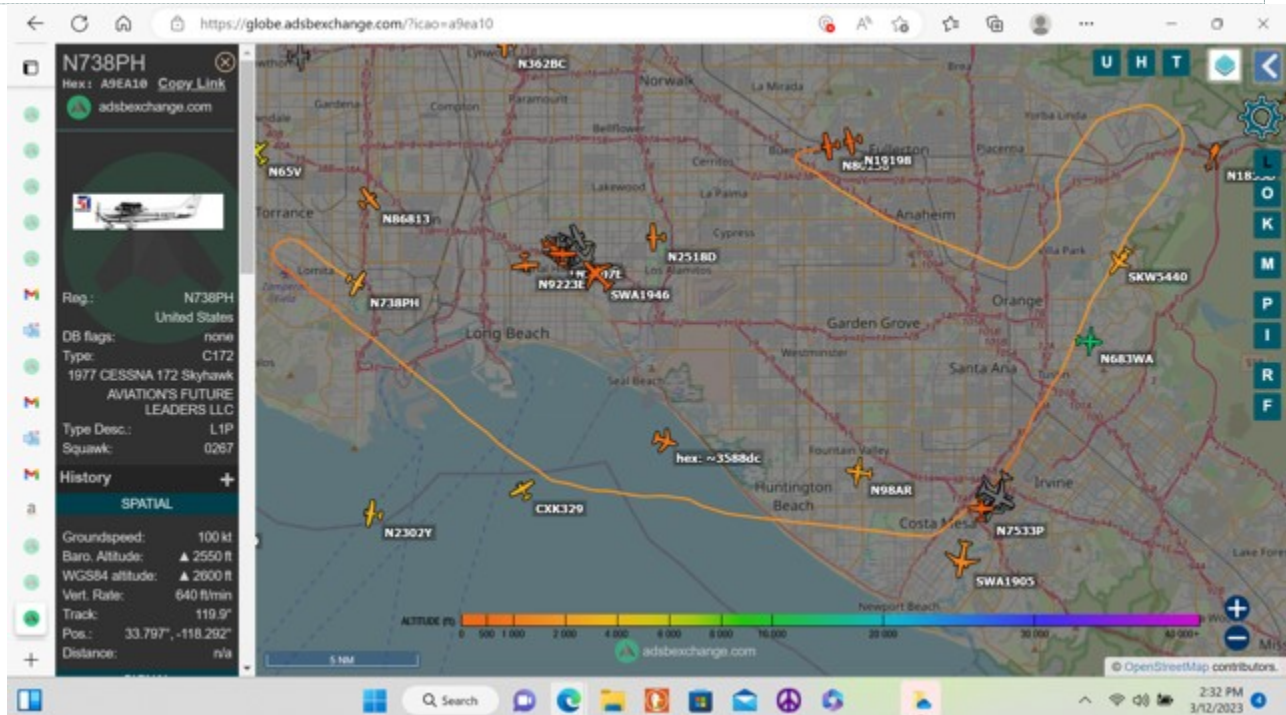
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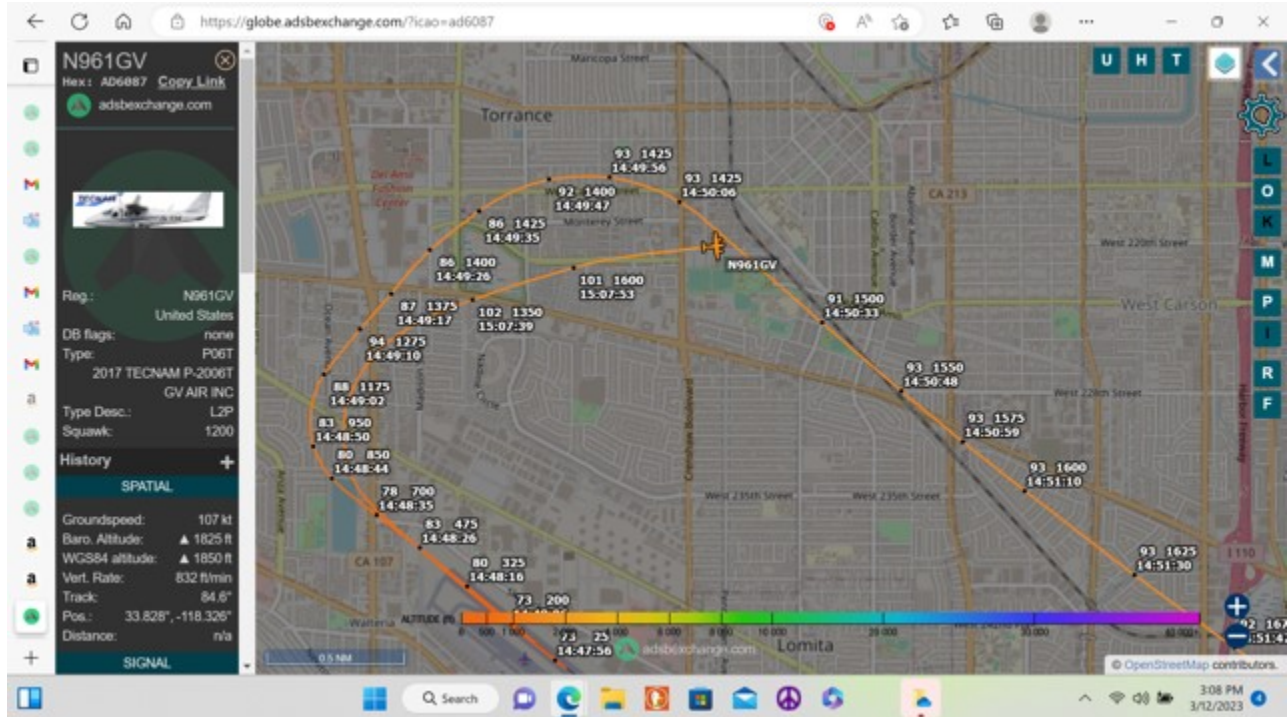
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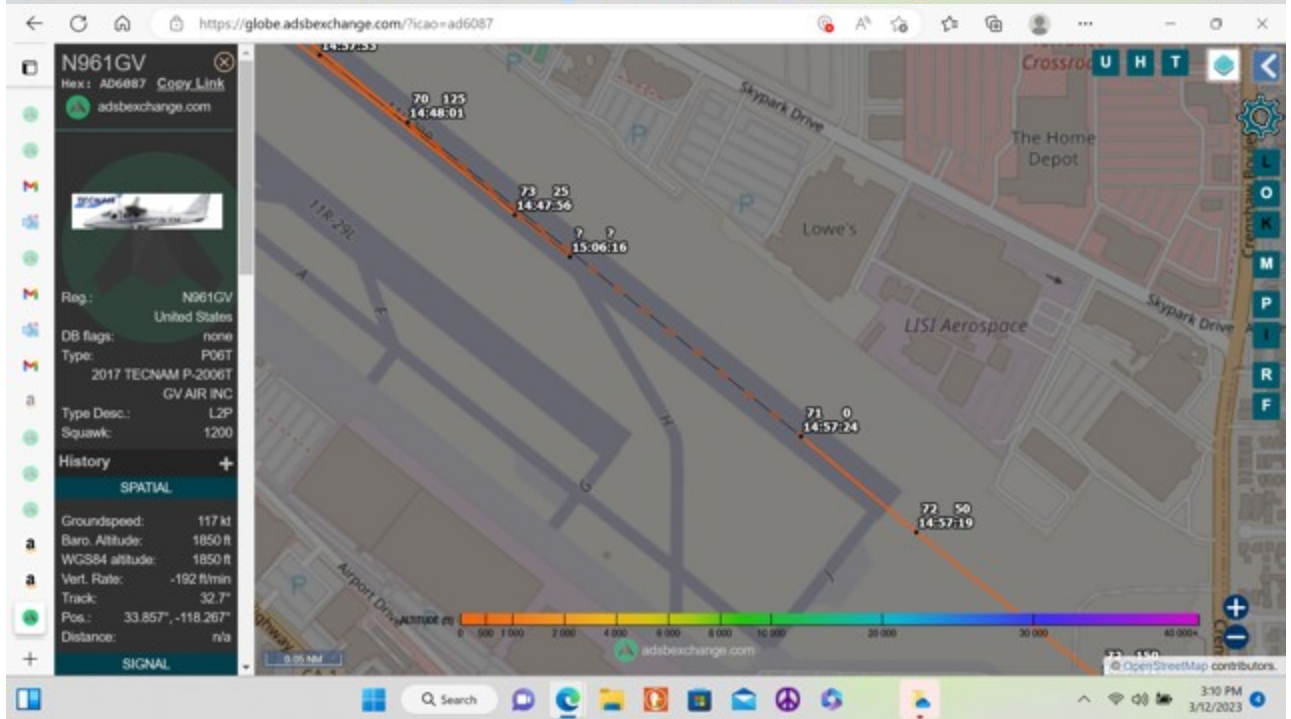
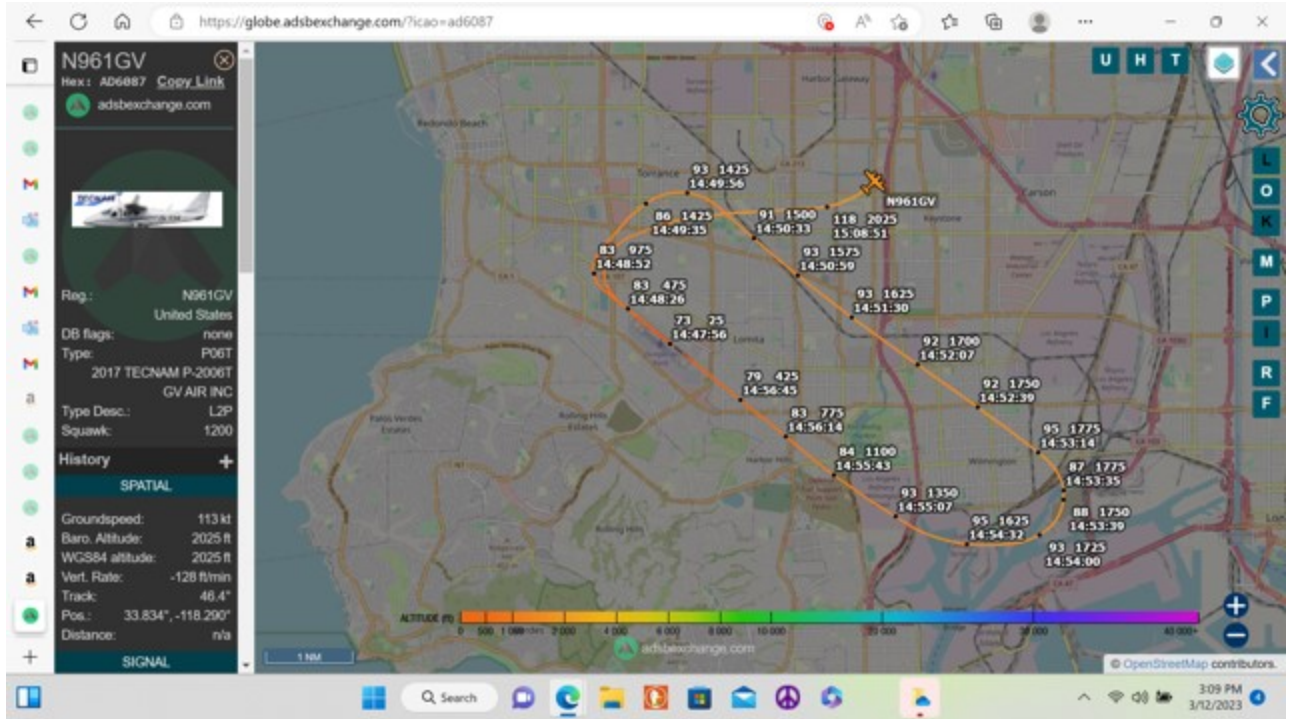
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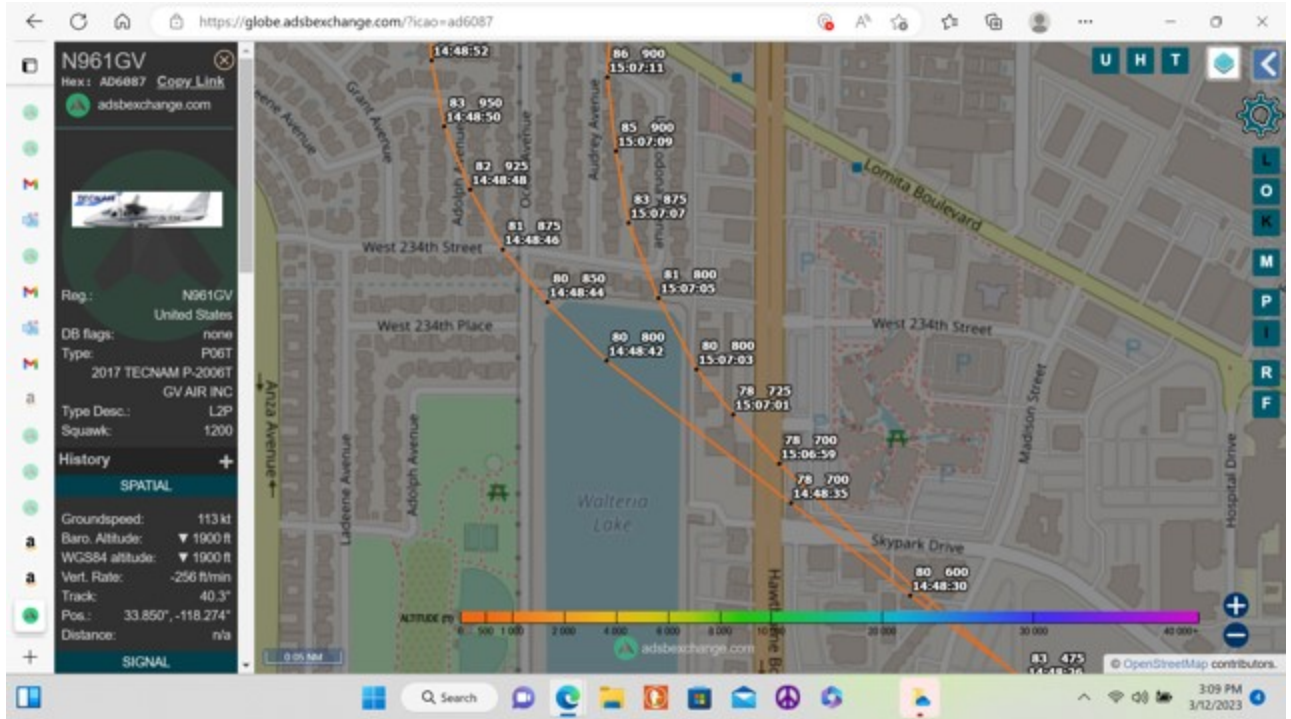
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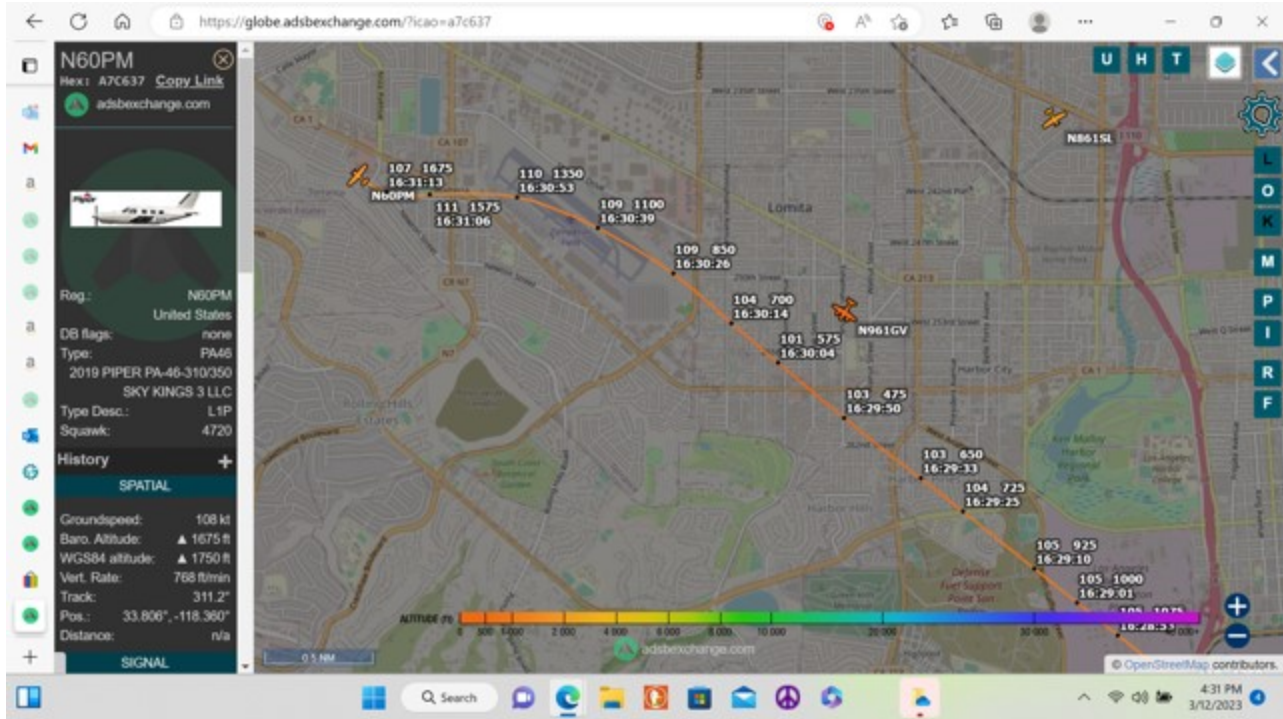
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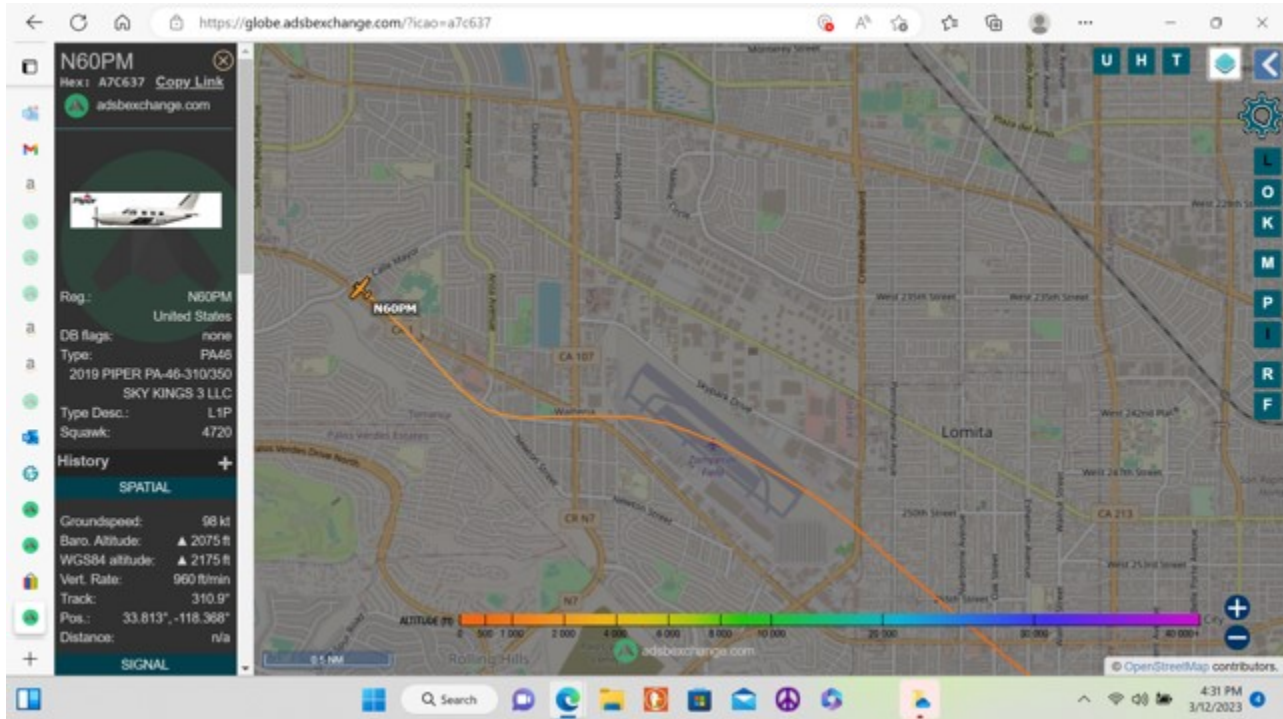
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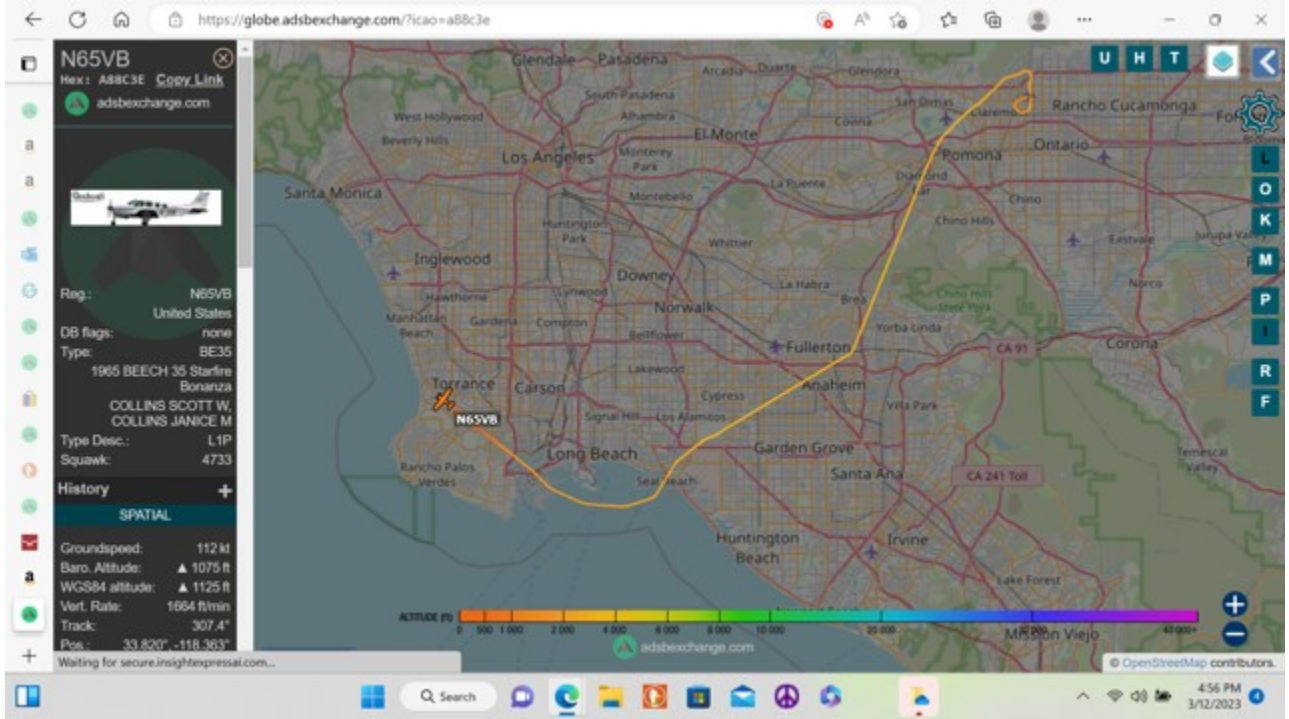
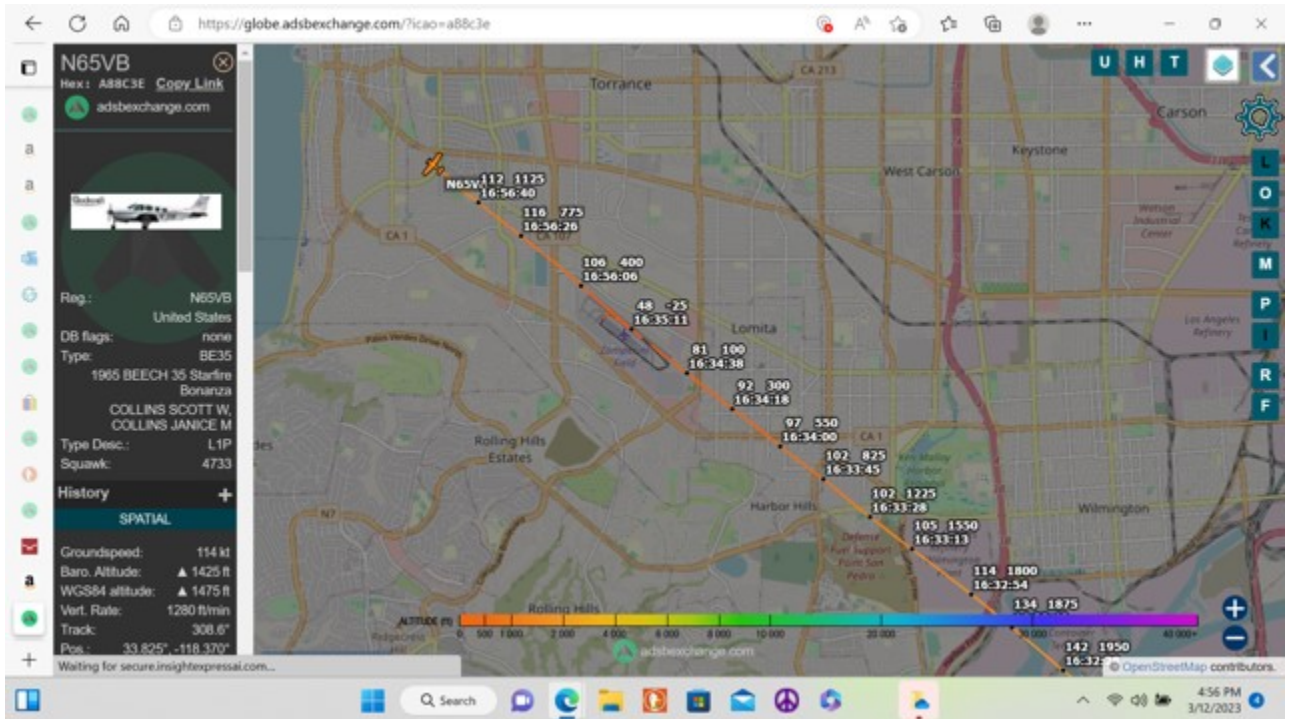
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Subject: RE: Public Comment

Good Evening Ms. Sedaghat ~

I would invite you to attend the next Transportation Committee meeting where different options regarding the noise concerns at the Torrance airport will be discussed. While a date has not yet been confirmed, it is anticipated to take place in April. You will be notified of this meeting once it has been scheduled. Additionally, you can find updates on the City's progress in addressing airport noise on our Trending in Torrance website at <https://www.trendingintorrance.com/>.

In the meantime, please know that the City continues to be committed to enforcing noise and curfew violations, and pursuing those that violate it. Have a good evening.

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Hello Michelle, Council Member Griffiths, and all others:

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As someone living directly in the district 6 noise sensitive area north of the airport I can tell you the requests to stagger flights and utilize other airports are NOT being honored. Yesterday and now today have been some of the worst days ever experienced; from 7am to 10pm there has been almost no pause in constant aircraft training operations. City Council has been asking Staff for months to provide direction on measures that can be taken besides a voluntary LOA, up to and including declaring the airport a public nuisance. Please provide an update as this continuous suffering is completely unacceptable. HELP US!

Sarah

On Mar 7, 2023, at 3:14 PM, Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Please see below.

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Sarah Sedaghat <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 6:17 PM
To: Ramirez, Michelle; Griffiths, Mike
Cc: Duncan, Nora; Josh 🧑🏿 ; CityCouncil; Council Meeting Public Comment; Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant; Noise Abatement; Kaji, Jon; Chen, George; Lewis, Bridgett; amattuci@torranceca.gov; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Chaparyan, Aram; Sullivan, Patrick
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Hello Michelle, Council Member Griffiths, and all others:

Please advise on what else specifically is going to be done regarding Torrance airport noise outside of a *voluntary* LOA?

Council member Griffiths — you represent our district #6, have been the strongest voice for change on this matter and have admitted the length of time of our suffering is unacceptable. PLEASE, WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE?

As someone living directly in the district 6 noise sensitive area north of the airport I can tell you the requests to stagger flights and utilize other airports are NOT being honored. Yesterday and now today have been some of the worst days ever experienced; from 7am to 10pm there has been almost no pause in constant aircraft training operations. City Council has been asking Staff for months to provide direction on measures that can be taken besides a voluntary LOA, up to and including declaring the airport a public nuisance. Please provide an update as this continuous suffering is completely unacceptable. HELP US!

Sarah

On Mar 7, 2023, at 3:14 PM, Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Please see below.

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From: Sarah Sedaghat <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: Duncan, Nora <NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov>; Josh 🧑🏿 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Noise Monitor Issue

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Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 5:57 PM
To: Don T
Cc: Gonzaque, Alina; Valenciano, Isela; Noise Abatement; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: Touch-and-go

Good Afternoon Mr. Tippie ~

There were a number of tasks the Transportation Committee had requested from staff. Staff has been working diligently on the list. In the meantime, please know that the City continues to be committed to enforcing noise and curfew violations, and pursuing those that violate it.

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From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:26 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N796WW - Update
Attachments: Screenshot_20230301_101348_Chrome.jpg

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From: Don T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:24 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: N796WW - Update

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Last night 20+ loops wasn't enough.

Back up this morning to buzz the neighborhoods.

This is one plane for one flight school.

There are 7 flight schools each with multiple aircraft.

Throw in aircraft from other airports, you have a real big problem that is only getting worse. This isn't going to sort itself out on its own.

How could you let something like this happen? The City dropped the ball on its due diligence.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:32 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N624DS - Long Beach
Attachments: Screenshot_20230228_181514_Chrome.jpg

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Subject: N624DS - Long Beach

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"Let's go train at TOA, they don't have rules there. Residents won't mind us buzzing their houses over and over during dinner time."

When is something going to be done to protect the residents from this public nuisance?

Absolutely ZERO benefit for the residents and nothing but noise and pollution.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:31 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: N796WW
Attachments: Screenshot_20230228_191250_Chrome.jpg

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Update. Still going. Circling for over an hour. You can't even see my neighborhood on this map.

On Tue, Feb 28, 2023, 6:32 PM Don T <[REDACTED]> wrote:

More touch-and-go training as residents sit down to enjoy dinner and kids try and do their homework.

What is it going to take to put a stop to this, a lawsuit?

Huizar, Carlos

From: Gent, Zulma
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:02 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public comment--We need answers
Attachments: 2023-02-28 ltr to council re casper data.pdf

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Jim Gates
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To: Ramirez, Michelle; Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant
Cc: Sullivan, Patrick; Santana, Danny; Valenciano, Isela; Gonzaque, Alina
Subject: FW: Public comment--We need answers
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FYI Team. Alina and Isela, no need to reply.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:33 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Yesterday - 330 operations
Attachments: Screenshot_20230221_092314_Chrome.jpg

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From: Donnie Tippie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:26 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Yesterday - 330 operations

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Good morning,

330 operations on a holiday.

The problem is only going to get worse as the weather gets better.

This isn't going away, action is needed now.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Chaparyan, Aram
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:05 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Today is a City holiday

Good morning Carlos,

Making sure you have email below for the record when the item returns to the Committee.

Thanks,
Aram

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From: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 2:39 PM
To: Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Today is a City holiday

Maybe something else for Transportation Committee to look at...
Mike

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 12:24:03 PM
To: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Re: Today is a City holiday

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Thank you Mike,

I feel it something that needs to be updated. Why would city hall be closed on all of holidays and only few are recognized by noise abatement.

Rick

From: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 12:16 PM

To: H T <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Today is a City holiday

Hi again -

So is your question why doesn't the muni code show today as a holiday for the airport? If that is your question, that was what was approved by council the last time that code was set/modified. I don't know why they didn't include all the other holidays....

But yes, today is clearly not listed as a holiday recognized by the airport, per the code your shared with me.

Mike

Mike Griffiths

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 11:55 AM

To: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Re: Today is a City holiday

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Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 11:49 AM
To: H T <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Today is a City holiday

I assume you are saying that because there is activity there that shouldn't be happening on holidays? Please let me know any specifics you can.

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From: H T <[REDACTED]>
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Councilman Griffiths,

Why isn't today a holiday at the city airport?

Rick Taylor
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Huizar, Carlos

From: Barry Sher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 2:47 PM
To: Ramirez, Michelle
Cc: Noise Abatement; Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: Re: Early Left Turns
Attachments: C172 Touch-go training 2-15-23.png

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Hi Ms. Ramirez,

Been a pretty heavy early left turn day with what looks to be the same plane doing touch/go training taking early left turns, flying low and loud over the hillside homes. I've been trying to get you a tail number, unfortunately the flight tracker has only been showing an unknown status. I have attached a screen shot for you.

I did have a good call with the FAA/Long Beach office and while they didn't give me anything concrete, they were empathetic to the noise problem.

Please let me know if there is anything else on my end I can be doing to help solve this problem.

Thanks,
Barry

On Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 12:56:25 PM PST, Barry Sher <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for the always prompt replies Ms. Ramirez.

I contacted the FAA number you provided in your email and they asked that I forward the tail numbers to them which I will do.

Hopefully we can get the outside schools/pilots flying like those based at Torrance airport and I think the problem will get resolved. I gotta say that the Torrance based schools have been doing a much better job in how they fly and their consideration of the community and hillside residents. It is appreciated.

Regards,
Barry

On Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 12:39:58 PM PST, Ramirez, Michelle <mramirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Sher ~

As indicated in the below emails, the majority of Torrance based flight schools have voluntarily agreed not to use the south pattern for touch and go trainings, while we work on a formal Letter of Agreement. The Torrance based flight schools would still use the south pattern for flights departing the airport for a new destination as well as for landing. Again, this is a voluntary agreement. Additionally, staff will be reaching out to transient flight schools informing them of the City's noise ordinance and the voluntary agreement with the Torrance based flight schools.

Staff will investigate your below email and (if any of the planes are found to be in violation of the Torrance Municipal Code) handle accordingly. Please continue to forward any concerns related to flight paths, altitude, or aircraft flying in a dangerous manner directly to the FAA Long Beach Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at (562) 377-5400 or via email at 7-AWP-LAX-FSDO@faa.gov.

We hope to have a follow up community meeting on the Torrance Airport towards the end of February / early March. Hopefully, you will be able to make that meeting. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to let me know.

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Hi, it has been a heavy early left turn past few days and I've been grabbing tail numbers when available with all aircraft registrations indicating that they are pilots from outside of Torrance airport coming here to do their touch/go training.

Here is the list of tail numbers I was able to get:

- N9690K

- N5378K
- N5301H
- N282MK
- N5273U

What is being done to address that?

I'm sorry I didn't make it to the meeting on Monday, however my schedule didn't make it possible.

If there are any updates you can pass along, or online updates you can point me to, I will bring myself up to speed on how the issue is being addressed.

Thank you.

Barry

On Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 08:26:10 PM PST, Barry Sher <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Ms. Ramirez,

Thank you for providing me with this detailed information. I am encouraged by the steps being taken and effort by all parties to solve this issue.

Regards,
Barry

On Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 07:14:09 PM PST, Ramirez, Michelle <mramirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Good Evening Mr. Sher ~

Please know that you are invited to attend a meeting with the Torrance based flight schools that will be held tomorrow (February 6th) at 6:00 pm in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Meeting Room. The address is 3301 Torrance Blvd.

Per the direction of the Transportation Committee of the City Council, City staff have begun working with the Torrance flight schools to develop a voluntary letter of agreement (LOA) to help alleviate repetitive flights and noise over the community. As of January 18, 2023, the flight schools have agreed to voluntarily abide by the following:

- South pattern will not be used for flight training.
- South runway will only be used for approach and departure. Upon departure, aircraft will not turn prior to shoreline.
- Flight schools will utilize other airports, sending aircraft in scheduled groups for training.
- Flight schools will stagger flights as much as possible to avoid saturating the airspace all at once.

These are the first steps toward the development of a voluntary LOA. Again, you are invited to participate and provide feedback in tomorrow evening's Community Meeting, as we hope to work together to achieve an amicable resolution. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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From: Barry Sher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Sullivan, Patrick <PSULLIVAN@TorranceCA.gov>; Duncan, Nora <NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>
Subject: Re: Early Left Turns

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Hi Ms. Ramirez,

Thank you for the prompt reply, especially on a Sunday; I appreciate it.

I don't see a need for me to reach out to Sling as I had stated in my email that they aren't the ones dive bombing my house on a repetitive basis. However, I would be happy to meet directly with the ownership of the other schools including the schools that do their touch/go training out of Torrance airport but don't base there and are not members of the Torrance airport community.

I would be interested in understanding what their motivation is to fly that way and if they are fully aware of the impact on residents?

I would like to see a mutually acceptable solution to this issue where the residents can reside in their homes and Torrance community more peacefully and with a restored quality of life, and where the Torrance airport and its businesses can continue to thrive.

Regards,
Barry

On Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 11:30:56 AM PST, Ramirez, Michelle <mramirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Sher ~

Your email has been received. Staff will investigate the complaint and, if found in violation, handle accordingly. All concerns related to flight paths, altitude, or aircraft flying in a dangerous manner should be directed to the FAA Long Beach Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at (562) 377-5400 or via email at 7-AWP-LAX-FSDO@faa.gov, as they oversee aircraft that are in flight. Additionally, I would encourage you to reach out to Sling to discuss your concerns, as the owner's are very open to community input.

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Please know that the City continues to be committed to enforcing noise and curfew violations, and pursuing those that violate it. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to let me know.

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From: Barry Sher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 11:35 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; Chaparyan, Aram <ACHaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Sullivan, Patrick <PSULLIVAN@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Duncan, Nora <NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>
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Hi,

I have been posting complaints on the [Casper system](#) over the past few days due to the heavy early left turn traffic and not sure anything happens with those posts, so I am writing to you directly.

I'd like to point out that yesterday there was one flight of great concern that I did post a complaint about as it seemed the aircraft was unsteady (wobbling side to side) and flying at the lowest altitude I have ever witnessed, it was quite alarming since it was headed directly at my home.

As someone living on the hillside, I can give you my firsthand perspective and some feedback that I hope is helpful to you in resolving the early left turn issue. My complaints are about the touch/go training and not the general flights taking off/landing at the airport, nor are they about the helicopter noise as Robinson seems to be a good ambassador on how to fly with the community's best interest in mind.

1. It appears that the low wing, Sling aircraft have done a nice job lately in flying according to the no early left turn rules, therefore I don't have any complaints to make about them. Hopefully they continue to lead and teach by example to be courteous to the neighbors and a good member of the community. While I see a lot of posts about them being the main generator of noise, I personally don't think that is the case. Their aircraft are quieter by design, and they aren't making as many early left turns as before.
2. The complaints I have are about the high wing aircraft doing their touch/go training. I don't know if these aircraft are from the Torrance schools or from outside areas. They are making mostly early left turns, flying low, loud and without any regard to those living on the hillside.

It is unfortunate that a few bad apples seem to ruin it for the bunch as they say. While some of the schools teach to follow the rules and be good members of the community; others could care less.

If these other schools won't follow the rules, then why should they be allowed to operate out of the airport? It doesn't make sense and is unfair to those making the effort to fly/teach more responsibly.

Please respond and acknowledge that you have received and read my email and provide an update on what is being done to resolve the early left turn issue.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,
Barry

Huizar, Carlos

From: Chaparyan, Aram
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 7:48 AM
To: Griffiths, Mike
Cc: Ramirez, Michelle; Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: RE: Torrance airport

Message received.

ARAM CHAPARYAN

City Manager – Office of the City Manager

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From: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:21 PM
To: Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Torrance airport

For the record on airport...
No action requested.

Mike

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From: Richard Katz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:23:54 PM
To: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Torrance airport

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Dear Councilman Griffiths,

We appreciate your efforts in helping to eliminate the nuisance mostly created by the flight schools. Your comments balanced the concerns of residents residing under both the south and north patterns

of the airport. Remediation of the incessant noise will only be accomplished by having far fewer training flights, regardless of whether they originate from flight schools located at the Torrance airport or another airport.

The airport noise nuisance is a more recent phenomenon coinciding with the increase in the number of flight schools, and consequently the number of training flights doing touch and goes. This increases the number of take-off and loop flights over heavily populated areas are producing repetitive noise. This is tantamount to having lawnmowers circling your house every 5 minutes throughout the day.

Getting ahold of the permit and lease records for the training schools will be helpful to see if there were CEQA violations in permitting, public notices, and hearings for land use and legality of the contracts.

If the leases specify adherence to city codes the city can control the number of airplanes , hangers, hours, dB level among other ground related logistics.

The problem is the number of take-offs, loop and touch and go flights over residential housing tracts which is mostly generated by the Sling Academy. The rise in noise complaints coincides with the creation of the Sling Pilot Academy in 2018, exacerbated by their partnership with SkyWest's pilot pathway program. As of October 2022 they had 24 small aircraft base, including 2 twin engine super Decathlons at KTOA. According to Sling Academy they are responsible for 50% of the take-offs. They also use Sling NGT-2 aircraft with Rotax engines which cruise at about 5,000 rpm which is about twice the rpm of the Cessna 172. The higher RPM the noisier the engine.

The city agency that approved the flight academy permitted and leased the hangers appears to have neglected to request input from the residents impacted by the public nuisance created by it.

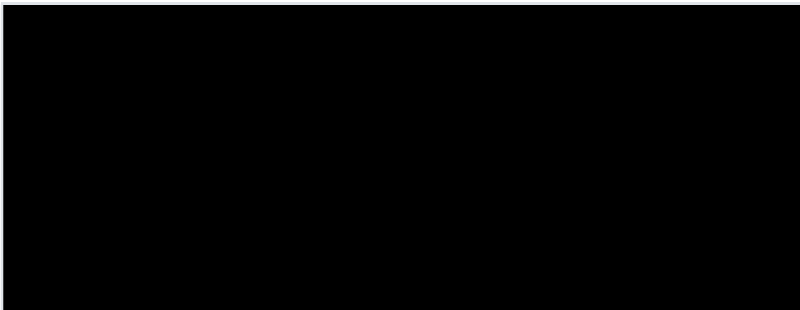
Most residents of south Torrance knew their was a small municipal airport, but not the home of a full fledged flight academy with 12 instructors, 24 airplanes and over 200 students, This is in addition to six other smaller flight schools.

Attached is an article about the Sling Academy and its partnership.

Thank you for all of your work for the residents of Torrance.

Richard and Janet Katz

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From: Huizar, Carlos
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:38 AM
To: Sarah Sedaghat
Cc: CityCouncil; Council Meeting Public Comment; Ramirez, Michelle; Megerdichian, Shant; Chen, George; Mattucci, Aurelio; Sheikh, Asam; Lewis, Bridgett; Griffiths, Mike; Kaji, Jon; Kalani, Sharon; Chaparyan, Aram; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: RE: Public Comment - This is embarrassing

Good Morning Ms. Sedaghat,

Your below email has been received and will be included as a supplemental to the item that will be presented to the Transportation Committee in the near future, as it has not been scheduled as of yet. You will be notified, under a separate email, once this meeting has been scheduled. Please know that it will be opened to the public and allow time for which public comments will be received by the Committee Members.

Respectfully,

CARLOS HUIZAR

Management Associate – Office of the City Manager

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From: Sarah Sedaghat <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:29 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>; Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>; Sheikh, Asam <ASheikh@TorranceCA.gov>; Lewis, Bridgett <BLewis@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>; Kaji, Jon <JKaji@TorranceCA.gov>; Kalani, Sharon <SKalani@TorranceCA.gov>; Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Sullivan, Patrick <PSULLIVAN@TorranceCA.gov>
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All:

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This is not a rhetorical question. We want answers!

Sarah Sedaghat

Huizar, Carlos

From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:32 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant
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FYI ~

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From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:51 PM
To: Donnie Tippie
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant; Huizar, Carlos; Duncan, Nora
Subject: RE: TOA Noise

Good Afternoon Mr. Tippie ~

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Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:49 PM
To: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
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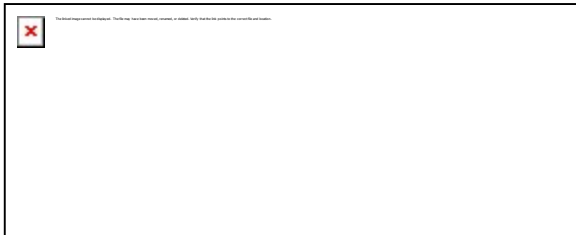
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To: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:45 PM
To: Sarah Sedaghat
Cc: Josh 🧑🏻; Huizar, Carlos; Chaparyan, Aram; Megerdichian, Shant; Sullivan, Patrick; Noise Abatement; Duncan, Nora
Subject: RE: Usage of north and south runways at TOA

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Are the concerns raised below and by others living north of the airport going to be addressed in the formal Letter of Agreement, or at all?

On Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 2:02 PM Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

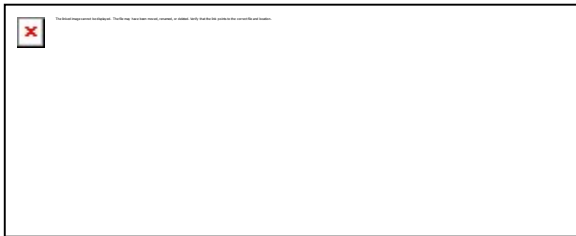
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On Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 1:00 PM Joshua Sedaghat <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

We have heard Sling is planning to shift all their training operations to the north runway. **Can you confirm if this is true or not?**

We and other residents to the north of the airport are extremely concerned about this matter and are **urging you not to allow any additional operations on the north runway**. In fact, we have been **asking that training operations be prohibited, or at least significantly reduced airport-wide**.

Residents of the south have been pushing demands (such as closing the south runway or limiting its usage) that don't properly take into account the impact on their neighbors. Us neighbors to the north already bear the brunt of the noise and we are suffering badly. Any increase in operations to the north will only compound this suffering. And the City and flight schools will still be dealing with the same exact issue, just distributed more widely to another population.

See attached: The aircrafts at the airport currently are all using the north pattern, not the south. Noise is constant. The north is listed as a noise sensitive area according to [airport signage](#), so why is it not being treated as such?

Please don't turn neighbors to the south and north against each other. Don't make this already messy issue messier. We are all suffering and we must all keep working together amicably to achieve better balance for all. The issue is the WHAT, not the WHERE.

Please prohibit or significantly reduce training operations across all of Torrance Airport.

Thank you and please advise,

Josh & Sarah Sedaghat

Huizar, Carlos

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From: Donnie Tippie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: TOA Noise

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Hi Michelle,

I would like to confirm the City of Torrance has in fact asked all flight schools to fly in the North pattern. Thanks.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Sarah Sedaghat <sarahmsedaghat@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 2:48 PM
To: CityCouncil; Chen, George; Kaji, Jon; Kalani, Sharon; Griffiths, Mike; Mattucci, Aurelio; Sheikh, Asam; Lewis, Bridgett; Ramirez, Michelle; Huizar, Carlos; Chaparyan, Aram; Megerdichian, Shant; Sullivan, Patrick; Noise Abatement; Duncan, Nora
Cc: Josh 🧑🏻
Subject: Re: Usage of north and south runways at TOA

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Are the concerns raised below and by others living north of the airport going to be addressed in the formal Letter of Agreement, or at all?

On Tue, Jan 24, 2023 at 2:02 PM Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Sarah Sedaghat <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 8:39 PM
To: CityCouncil; Council Meeting Public Comment; Ramirez, Michelle; Chen, George; Kaji, Jon; Lewis, Bridgett; Sheikh, Asam; Kalani, Sharon; Mattucci, Aurelio; Griffiths, Mike; Noise Abatement; Megerdichian, Shant; Chaparyan, Aram; Sullivan, Patrick; Huizar, Carlos; Duncan, Nora
Cc: Josh 🧑🏻
Subject: Public Comment: Look at the data

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Good evening all:

Please include this email in the materials for the next City Council meeting tomorrow, 1/24/23.

We'd like to ask when the airport noise issue will be discussed again either at a City Council or Transportation Committee meeting? Coming out of the 12/14/22 Transportation Committee meeting, it was proposed by the Committee to prioritize holding a subsequent meeting in the first couple weeks of January to discuss measures that could be taken on behalf of the City, pilots, and residents to address the noise issues and restore balance across impacted communities to the north, south, and any others suffering.

January is almost over and we're disappointed no meeting has been set, and that the only related item on the agenda for tomorrow's City Council meeting is a request to file the minutes from 12/14/22. Is there a reason why those have not already been filed?

We've heard rumors of the aforementioned meeting not happening until March. If this is true, we urge the City to prioritize holding the meeting as soon as possible instead. If you refer to the [2021/2022 Operations Totals \(Report 6\)](#) posted by the Airport Commission when they last met on 1/12/23, there is a trend of operations not only increasing year over year, but also increasing past January/February. Please get ahead of the issue before the operations shoot up even higher, right when the weather improves and people want to be able to open their windows!

You may also hear from those affiliated with the Airport that operations have gone down over the years. The nice thing about data is that it's objective; refer to their data and note that **since 2012, no year has seen more operations than 2021. Supplemental 2** from the meeting illustrates further: **2022 will have had the most operations BY FAR since any of the other years on the chart - 182,322!** The data clearly shows there's actually been an unprecedented increase in operations, and therefore noise, so please enact counter measures against the flight schools right away to protect us from such staggering increases!

Another area where there's been an unprecedented increase? The amount of people working from home. Please review [recent data on remote work from McKinsey](#): *"A remarkable 58 percent of employed respondents... report having the option to work from home for all or part of the week." ; "Eighty-seven percent of workers offered at least some remote work... spend an average of three days a week working from home. People offered full-time flexible work spent... on average... 3.3 days a week. Interestingly, 12 percent of respondents whose employers only offer part-time or occasional remote work say that even they worked from home for five days a week."* Since the pandemic and beyond, people are working remotely more than they ever have. Many of these remote workers don't even have a nearby employer headquarters to go into for work even if they wanted to. Even if airport operations had stayed flat year over year it would be challenging for remote workers. But with an increase as high as **53%** it's no wonder we have a problem - because it IS (as the City has admitted) a problem! It's time for the desires of the few to stop vastly outweighing the

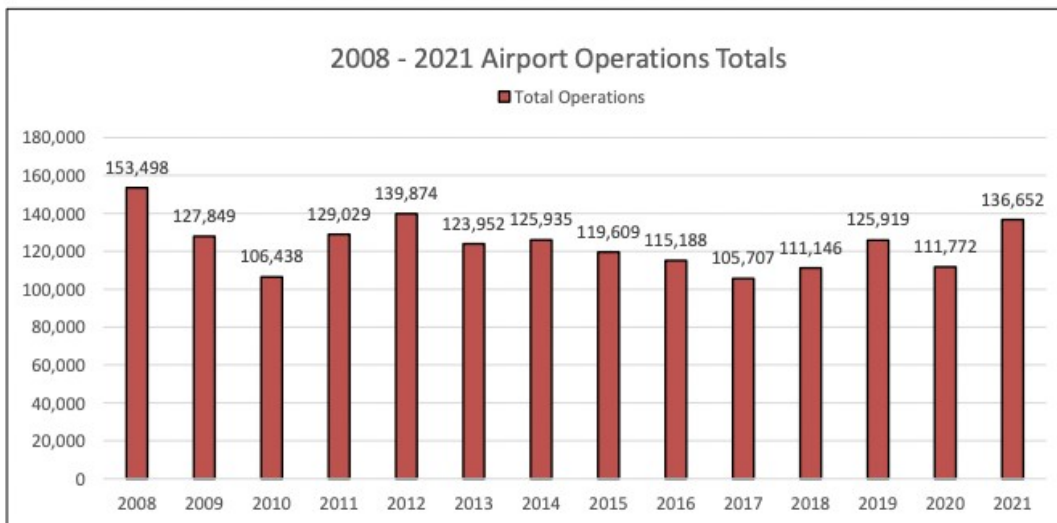
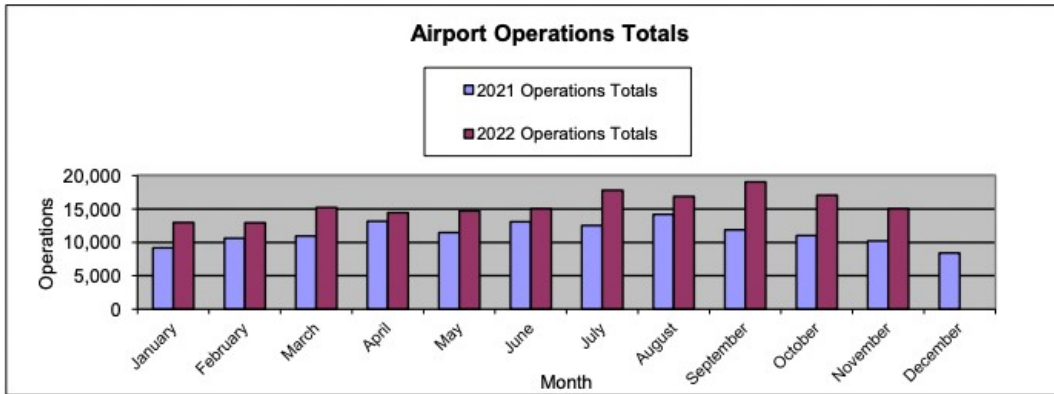
needs of the many. So again, we continue to ask for fairness and balance on this issue. Else, the City of Torrance is going to lose voters, workers, and ultimately \$\$\$ as residents get fed up, stop spending money here, move elsewhere, and/or take legal action. Ask yourselves if that's worth appeasing a small handful of flight instructors and students, many of whom are *NOT* Torrance residents. Those of us who *ARE* Torrance residents are realizing this doesn't add up -- why aren't you protecting us? It's in your best interest, is it not?

-Sarah & Joshua Sedaghat

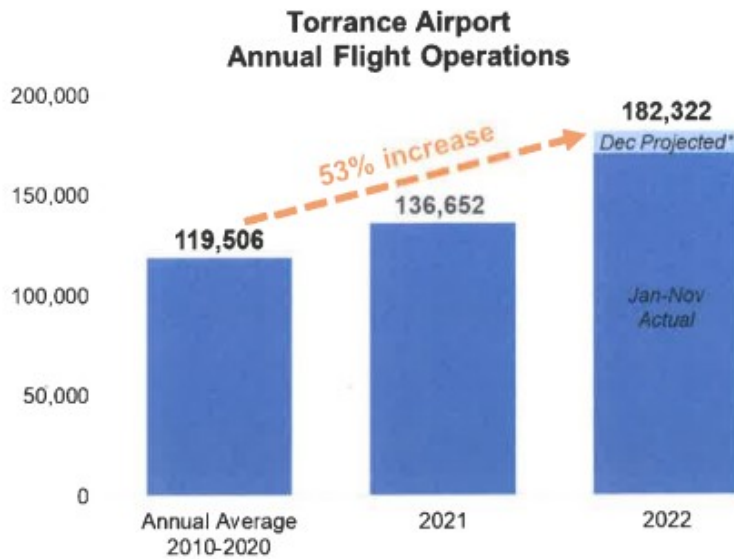
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2021/2022 OPERATIONS TOTALS

Month	Year	Operations	Month	Year	Operations
January	2021	9,167	January	2022	12,965
February	2021	10,607	February	2022	12,930
March	2021	10,944	March	2022	15,204
April	2021	13,137	April	2022	14,457
May	2021	11,446	May	2022	14,703
June	2021	13,098	June	2022	15,045
July	2021	12,539	July	2022	17,804
August	2021	14,177	August	2022	16,870
September	2021	11,877	September	2022	19,037
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December	2021	8,417	December	2022	



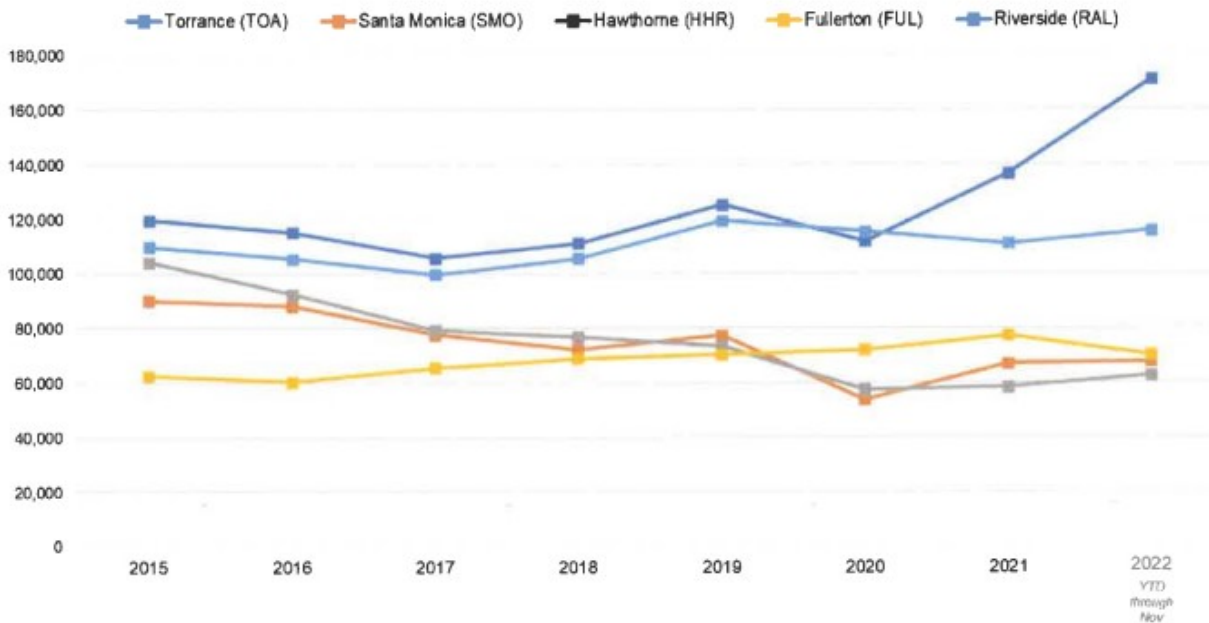
Flight activity is up over 50% in the past 2 years compared with the annual average since 2010



Source: City of Torrance, Airport Commission, Monthly Flight Operations Totals
 *Calculated according to Jan-Nov YTD increase over 2021 (+33%) applied to Dec Actual from 2021

Torrance is the only airport experiencing this increase – other airports are flat or down as much as 40%

Total Flight Operations at Torrance and Surrounding Airports



Source: FAA OPSNET, Airport Operations (<http://aspm.faa.gov/opsnet/sys/Airport.asp>)

Availability of remote-work options, % of employed respondents (n = 13,896)¹

Offered remote work
on a full-time basis

35

Offered remote work
part-time or on occasion

23

Not offered remote-
work opportunities¹

42



Number of
workers,
extrapolated²

55 million

36 million

66 million

Note: Figures may not sum, because of rounding.

¹Includes respondents who answered "I don't know" (1%).

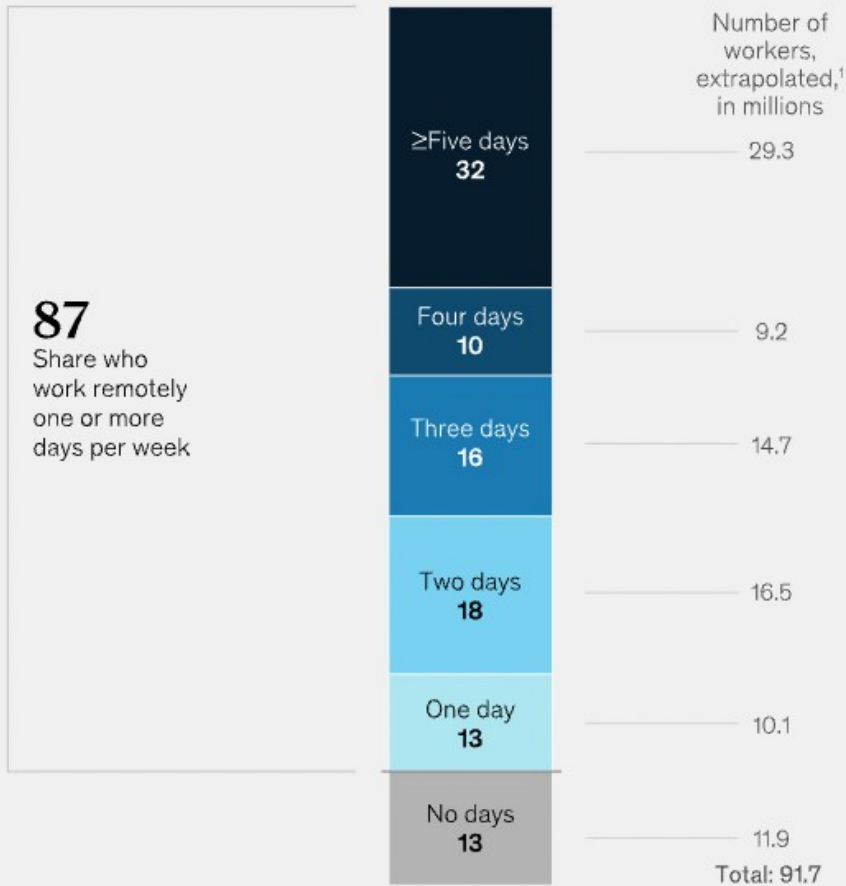
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Source: McKinsey American Opportunity Survey Spring 2022

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Among employed respondents given the option to work remotely, 87 percent take employers up on that offer.

Days worked remotely per week, % of employed respondents with remote-work options (n = 13,896)



Note: Figures may not sum to 100%, because of rounding.
¹Includes 158,105,000 employed people; US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Apr 2022; 35% of respondents reported having the option to work fully remote, and 23% reported having the option to work from home on occasion/part-time.
 Source: McKinsey American Opportunity Survey Spring 2022

Huizar, Carlos

From: Santana, Danny
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 5:47 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant; Ramirez, Michelle
Cc: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: Pilot Training Flights are destroying our neighborhoods.

Carlos, for Committee item. Thanks

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From: Duncan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 11:46 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Pilot Training Flights are destroying our neighborhoods.

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Dear Mayor Chen and honorable Torrance City Council members,

1/18/2023

I recently sent this letter (see below) to your colleague, councilman Mike Griffiths. My wife and I live directly under and are heavily impacted by the recent increase the repetitive, touch-and-go training flights from the pilot training schools at Torrance airport. In response to my question as to what we, the people impacted by this noise invasion, could and should be doing to help push the relevant powers that be for a solution to this problem, Mike advised me to first of all, encourage fellow frustrated and angry neighbors to relay their concerns and frustrations to the Mayor and all members of the Torrance City Council. I understand that a number of you do not live in affected areas so it's important that you hear from us who do! Truth be told, if you don't actually live under this kind of noise invasion, you will likely find it difficult to believe that they, the pilot training schools, are allowed to do this to large sections of our community. To us who do live here, it is a serious "quality of life" issue, and not a good one.

So, following Mr. Griffiths' advice, I decided to start by copying all of you on this, my earlier letter to him.

RE: Pilot Training Schools are destroying our neighborhoods.

1/12/2023

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Nov, 8th 2022, we were in attendance (via video) at the Torrance City Council meeting. We were pleasantly surprised to hear that not only were you all aware of issue of the noise of the training flights from Torrance airport over our neighborhoods but that several of your members had actually gone out to affected neighborhoods to see and hear for themselves how bad the problem was. We were blown away as we heard them report that the noise of the relentless, repetitive training flights was not just terrible but was in fact "UNBEARABLE". As I believe you said at the time, the problem was so bad that the Council (I'm paraphrasing here) must take action on the issue IMMEDIATELY - cannot kick this down the road where it will be debated to death, buried in trivia and eventually forgotten.

We were so relieved to find that we are not alone in this. We truly felt hope at that moment that this issue was going to be taken care of, and soon.

Fast forward to the 12/6/2022 Transportation Committee meeting. We showed up for that meeting with high hopes of action plans being advanced by the Committee as to how to address the problem and restore peace and quiet in our neighborhoods.

What occurred that night was quite different. To our total surprise, the large crowd that had gathered was not mostly fellow frustrated neighbors. It was mostly pilots, loyal "good-ol'-boy" friends of the airport who had gotten the word about the meeting and showed up to support fellow members of the "brotherhood" whose interests (MONEY!) were being threatened.

We were dumbfounded as one after the other got up to extol the virtues of the airport, of pilots, of pilot trainers, of freedom to fly unrestricted etc., etc., etc., and to sneer at the idea of people buying homes near an airport and then having the audacity to complain about airplane noise...and all this to loud applause from their loyal comrades.

The voices of the few of us frustrated and angry neighbors who had happened to find out about the meeting, were totally drowned out in the hot wave of "righteous support" for the airport.

Number 1 problem is, there is no issue with the airport. Our issue is with the pilot training schools and the massive volume of repetitive, touch-and-go training flights that they relentlessly run over our neighborhoods, all day every day.

It's amazing to me that these businesses which have been run out of most other small airports in the area for these same issues, have been allowed to insert themselves into our airport where they now operate and expand, unrestricted.

Our fear is that the people who can fix this problem, like the City Council, will misinterpret the imbalance in attendance at a meeting like the one on 12/6/22, as a sign of lack of serious concern from the neighborhoods being assaulted. It is NOT!

We, the people being driven out of our minds and our homes by this invasion, are not an organized group set up to fight for our rights or for anything else. We're just folks who happen to love living here who are really upset that these businesses have been allowed to come in here and totally obliterate our basic right to peace and quiet in our homes, our parks and our schools.

Frankly, after hearing the statements made at the 11/8/22 meeting, I didn't imagine that this was something that would need to be fought for. To me it seemed very basic: 1., We have a serious problem of excessive airplane noise over neighborhoods. 2., The City Council, the entity that can fix the problem, is aware of the noise problem and strongly believes that the noise is "unbearable" and that it "must be" addressed soon. I guess I just assumed that that meant the problem would be taken care of...SOON.

Unfortunately, here it is 1/11/23 and as I sit here in my garage, there has not been more than one full minute respite between flights for the last several hours and probably won't for the rest of the day. It is UNBEARABLE.

For years the airport (including its' pilot training school) functioned at a level appropriate to the size and nature of the surrounding neighborhoods. Pilot training schools have now taken over and dominate the skies over all surrounding neighborhoods. There is no longer any balance, period.

My question to you, a Council member who is fully aware of the dynamics of this issue is this:

What more can we, the people who are bearing the brunt of this assault, do to help ensure that this issue is addressed by either seriously reducing or completely eliminating the source of the noise?

We need your help. What can we do?

Respectfully,
Duncan Gamble
(310) [REDACTED]

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From: Santana, Danny
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 5:46 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos; Megerdichian, Shant; Ramirez, Michelle
Cc: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: Report on Lead, Noise & Safety Re: TOA Training Flights
Attachments: Report On Lead, Noise & Safety.docx

Carlos, for when item returns to Committee. Thanks

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Subject: Report on Lead, Noise & Safety Re: TOA Training Flights

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Dear Councilmembers,

I have put together this basic report with the help of the gentlemen who shut down Santa Monica Airport. I hope some of this information can help you as you push forward to give your constituents and your neighbors some relief from the unconscionable abuse from the Pilot training school's constant, repetitive flights over our homes and schools.

Thank you for all you're doing.
Jane Daly Gamble

Huizar, Carlos

From: Pinela, Gerardo
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:17 PM
To: Steve Giffin; Noise Abatement; Airport Commission
Subject: RE: Planes flying very low today

Dear Mr. Giffin,

Your email has been received and has been forwarded to the Noise Abatement office and the Airport Commission.

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

EOC Donations Coordinator, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

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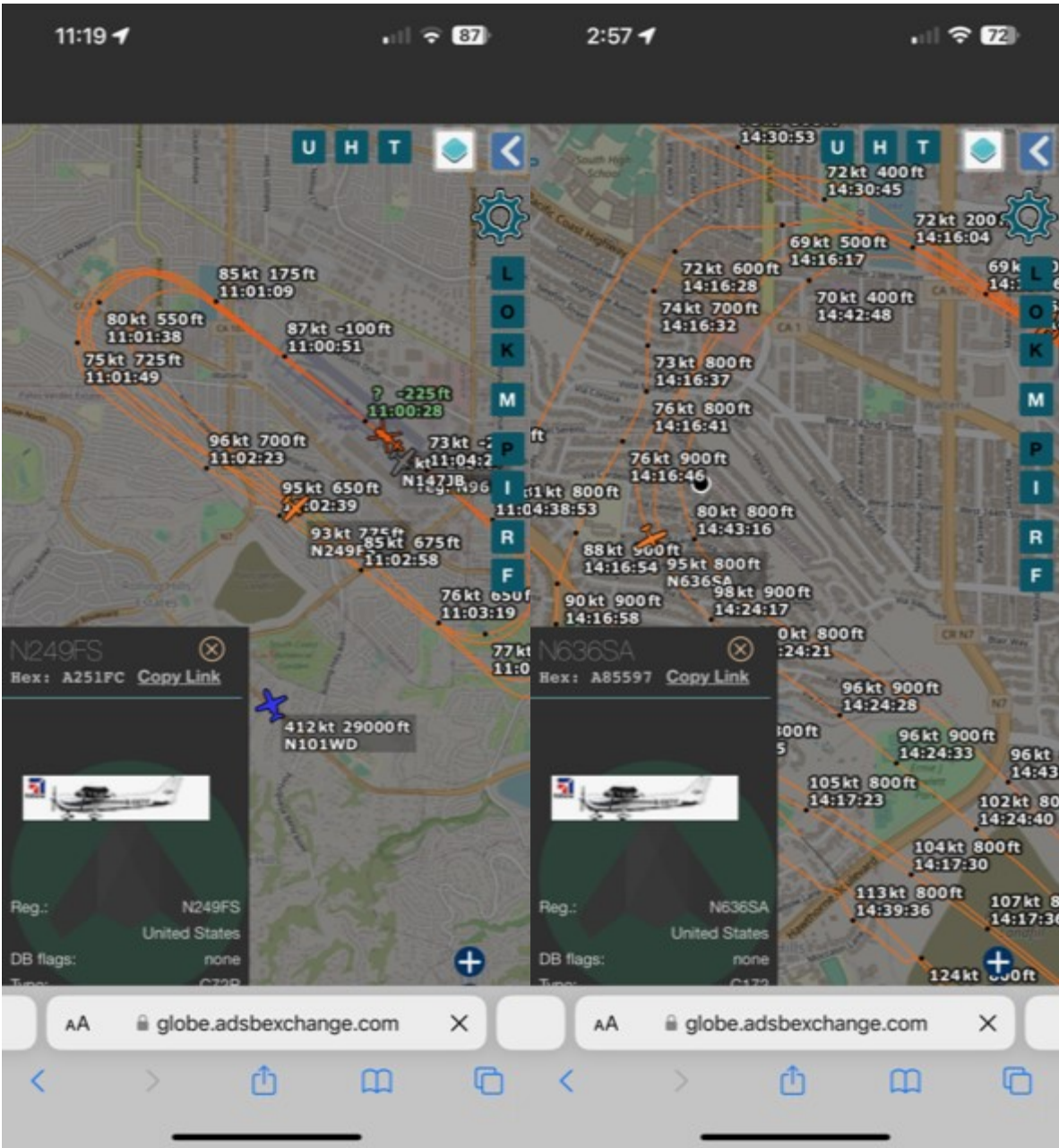


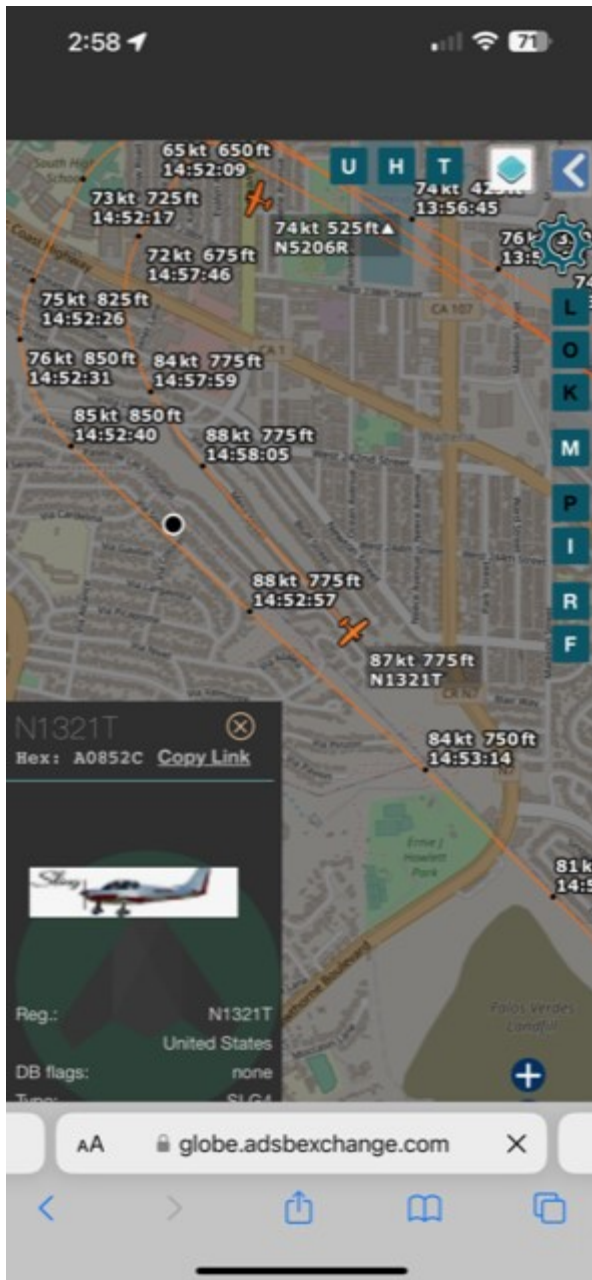
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To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>
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I realized the resolution on the photos was too small. Please see attached for better view





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Date: January 11, 2023 at 3:18:01 PM PST
To: noiseabatement@torranceca.gov, airportcommission@torranceca.gov
Subject: Planes flying very low today

See attached screenshots of planes flying very low today. Keep in mind the ground elevation is around 400' so N249FS is 300' AG, N636SA is 400' AG and N1321T is 375'.

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Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Sarah Sedaghat
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant; Noise Abatement; Duncan, Nora; Josh 🧑🏻; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: Residents need your help addressing airport noise

Good Afternoon Ms. Sedaghat ~

Please see below for responses.

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Good afternoon Michelle,

I appreciate you taking the time to reply to my emails.

- How can the public stay informed on when/where the meeting with flight schools will take place? Will the public be able to participate in the meeting as well? Has a formal voluntary letter of agreement been drafted yet, and will the public be able to view it? **The City's Management Associate, Carlos Huizar, will include your email into our contact roster for any future Transportation Committee Meetings. Carlos is cc'd in this email.**
- You mention *the City has requested that all Torrance based flight schools practice several suggested and voluntary methods of operating for a temporary period.* Can you please share what those methods of operating entail?
 - **Incorporate altered flight path to complete training turning maneuvers over the Ocean and at a minimum altitude of 1500 feet above sea level.**
 - **Minimize the number of "Touch and Go" trainings within a given hour.**
 - **Limit training hours from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Saturday.**
 - **Prohibit or strictly reduce use of the south pattern.**

➤ **Other suggestions that Pilots and Flight Schools recommend and wish to implement immediately.**

- Is the public able to view the lease end dates for all the different flight schools at Torrance Airport? **Is the City considering non-renewal and/or termination of any of these existing leases? There are no tenant leases to review, as they are only required to obtain a business license.**
- **Further, is the City considering restricting or banning pattern training, e.g. touch and go?** I understand that while the City cannot restrict aircrafts already in flight, they *can* exercise their direct authority by placing hard limits on the ground. Voluntary agreements with flight schools would be a step in the right direction, however please take note of Cary Jones' reply-all to my previous email where his only response is "stop spamming email". Cary is the Chief Flight Instructor at one of the resident flight schools, South Coast Aeronautics. Consider if this is the kind of attitude that lends itself to compromising for the betterment of the community. I fear that if the City doesn't put their foot down, nothing will improve. **City staff is reviewing all potential options for the Transportation Committee's consideration.**
- Lastly, Long Beach Airport is citing issues with staffing as a reason to divert training operations from their grounds to Torrance Airport. Is the City in contact with appropriate representatives at Long Beach to address this matter? Training operations are already out of hand with the resident flight schools; allowing transient aircrafts to also train at TOA seriously exacerbates the already severe issue. Again, we as constituents/voters need the City to put their foot down or else nothing is going to improve! Please help us. **City staff has not yet been in contact with transient flight schools.**

Sarah

On Fri, Jan 6, 2023 at 9:07 AM Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Ms. Sedaghat ~

Your below email has been received. Per the direction of the Transportation Committee, staff has reached out to the flight schools to coordinate a meeting in hopes of entering into a formal voluntary letter of agreement regarding the use of the Torrance Airport. We are hopeful that this meeting will take place within the next few weeks. In the meantime, the City has requested that all Torrance based flight schools practice several suggested and voluntary methods of operating for a temporary period. Additionally, staff is in the process of developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the implementation of landing fees at the airport for the Transportation Committee's future consideration.

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Please know that the City continues to be committed to enforcing noise and curfew violations, and pursuing those that violate it. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Cc: Josh 🍌🍌 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Residents need your help addressing airport noise

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Happy new year:

We understand lives get busy around the holiday season, however it is disheartening that we have received no reply or even acknowledgement from anyone on this thread. Citizens want to work together with the pilots and City, but how can we do that if we don't keep the dialogue from City Council and Transportation Committees meetings going?

For 1.5 weeks with the holidays and inclement weather, the noise from aircrafts turning directly over our home when flying in training patterns was much more balanced, until this evening when two aircrafts (N4785B, N796WW) turned one after the other, again and again while performing touch and go operations. The peaceful enjoyment of our homes we were so briefly allowed has evaporated once again. Please understand we do not expect zero noise, but we do expect BALANCE. Follow the signage, review placement and addition of noise monitors, limit training operations accordingly.

We look forward to a timely update on when/where the City, pilots, and residents will be able to meet again to work through this pressing issue.

Please advise,

Sarah & Josh

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Pinela, Gerardo
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 9:25 AM
To: Sarah Sedaghat; Airport Commission
Cc: Josh 🧑🏻; Huizar, Carlos
Subject: RE: 1/12/23 Meeting

Good Morning Mrs. Sedaghat.

The Agenda for the Airport Commission for 1/12/23 will be posted by the end of the day 1/6/23.

There will not be any items presented regarding noise abatement or landing fees.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 310-784-7908.

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

EOC Donations Coordinator, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

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Subject: Public Comment: When Will the Airport Madness End

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City Council:

I'm a District 6 resident of Torrance.

Will a resolution ever be met to address the ever growing problem of airport noise disturbance on your residents? The solution is clear: touch and go operations must be banned at Torrance Airport. We are still suffering, day in and day out. Waking up to non-stop plane noise. Working at home to non-stop plane noise. Eating lunch and dinner to non-stop plane noise. You have allowed the flight schools to abuse YOUR land and YOUR residents, to their benefit. When will it end?

Apparently flight schools have already voluntarily agreed to certain restrictions, and with full confidence I can say that it is not working. The agreement was created to heavily favor residents living south of the airport, while further amplifying the issue for everyone else, like myself and my neighbors. Let's stop beating around the bush here. Let's stop kidding ourselves that a voluntary agreement will be sufficient to address this issue. This is the reality: flight schools are FOR PROFIT businesses, with the intent to maximize profits. What do you think these flight school owners care about more? Reducing their operations to meet voluntary agreements that have zero repercussions if violated? Or to make sure they are meeting/exceeding their profit goals? The answer is clear.

Here are a list of things I (and others) have to endure as a result of the flight schools:

- I get woken up in the morning before my alarm, waking up before a full night of rest, thanks to non-stop airplanes circling above
- I have a hard time concentrating at my work from home job, thanks to non-stop airplanes circling above
- If I'm ever ill, getting as much rest as possible becomes very difficult, and my healing is delayed, thanks to non-stop airplanes circling above
- You know the stress and anxiety you feel when having a much needed, but difficult conversation with your family? Imagine adding loud, non-stop noise to that situation. Trying to address and improve the important relationships in my life has become much more difficult, thanks to non-stop airplanes circling above

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- Inviting friends and family over to enjoy the backyard is not an option anymore, let alone to enjoy it myself, thanks to non-stop airplanes circling above
- Reading a book has become a near impossible hobby to enjoy, thanks to non-stop airplanes circling above
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The list can go on and on. Everything I do at home now has an added level of stress and anxiety. The effects of these flight schools running rampant goes deep. It's not just a minor annoyance, as the list above illustrates. It affects many aspects of life to a great extent.

The solution is clear - **BAN TOUCH AND GO OPERATIONS AT TORRANCE AIRPORT**. Torrance is far too dense of a city to be fit for this type of activity, and as Councilmember Kaji pointed out, the population of this city will only continue to grow.

If this solution is not considered, touch and go operations should be heavily restricted. Restrict the times that touch and go operations are allowed from 10am-2pm WEEKDAYS only. Why start at 10am? Because waking up, starting your day, and starting your job to non stop noise is a horrible way to start your day. Why end at 2pm? Because 4 hours of non stop noise is more than enough to endure each day. Why only on weekdays? Because we only have 2 days in the weekend to enjoy, and having those days to rest and enjoy without having to endure the constant noise is incredibly important to one's well being. These time restrictions would increase the operations within these hours, but that trade off would be well worth it as it would provide some predictability to the noise and would ensure that we have peace at most hours of the day.

Do something. Please.

Josh

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:30 AM
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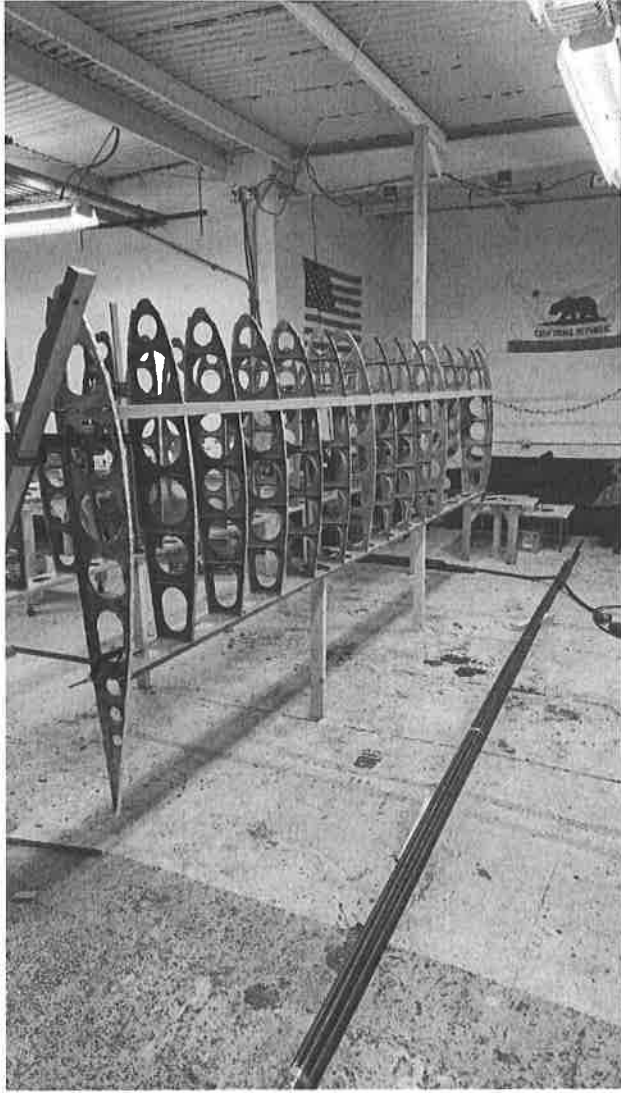
When I first came to United states as a new born immigrant I have decided for myself that I will become a pilot one day. In 2019 I have received my Private pilot license and currently owe a little tiny aircraft that I keep in Torrance. My passion has developed into something bigger and now I am also scratch building an airplane (Bearhawk Patrol). I keep this project in Torrance airport as well. Every evening I spend few hours to buck few rivets and cut pieces of aluminum to make my dream come true- build an airplane from scratch.

Why all this is important? Without having access to financially affordable Aviation infrastructure- all that would not be possible. Not just for me but also for young folks that would like to take this career path. This is important not just for our city, but also for our country (I am sure that you have heard of pilot shortage in US).

I was born in the country that used to have very diverse airport network in the past. Because of bad decisions that were made by the government and because of how expensive it was, 80% of that infrastructure is gone. General aviation is close to non-existent. I am so proud to be a part of our amazing aviation society. United states is No 1 country when it comes to aviation. We have best pilots in the world, best aircrafts in the world and the most diverse airport network in the world. Lets keep it this way by keeping it affordable for general public.

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Also, Please see below a picture of my project. This is going to be a wing 😊



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From: Jason Laird <[REDACTED]>
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Please don't destroy our valuable airport with landing fees.

Jason

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From: jody.jonsson [REDACTED] >
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Dear City Council,

I understand that you are contemplating charging landing fees at Torrance Airport. I would like to express an opinion on this matter.

I live in the South Bay and have been a frequent user of the airport over the last 8 years. I flew with instructors and trained for my instrument rating at South Bay Aviation from 2014 to 2016 and have used KTOA many times to practice instrument approaches for currency requirements. In fact, I flew approaches at KTOA just yesterday. I have always had good experiences there, with very professional tower controllers and a user-friendly approach to pilots.

Instituting landing fees will send a message to pilots and students that they are not welcome at KTOA. The airport is a critical hub of flight instruction in So Cal. Students need to be able to practice approaches and landings without worrying about a per-landing cost. Most student pilots are on tight budgets and I would imagine that landing fees could drive them to seek instruction elsewhere, which would hurt the businesses that rely on a steady flow of students.

KTOA is also a critical part of our infrastructure in So Cal, especially in the event of a major earthquake. If for any reason LAX is inoperative, secondary airports will be essential for transport of supplies, critical personnel, medicine, etc. If we undermine our secondary airports through unnecessary fees, they will not be able to provide critical services at the time we need them.

If the issue is noise, there are ways to address that problem that do not interfere with Torrance Airport's critical purposes in the southern California area.

Thank you for considering this opinion.

Best regards,
Jody Jonsson

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LANDING FEES, YES and NO

1. I value the airport.
2. I am an aircraft owner at the Torrance Airport
3. I am a voting resident of Torrance
4. I would think long and hard as to whether landing fees will solve the real issue.
5. If you must institute landing fees, then at least exempt the airport tenants, who all ready pay taxes, hangar fees, etc.

I would for sure be at the meeting, although we are traveling during that time.

Thank you for taking time to read these comments.

John R

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From: Gabe Lopez <[REDACTED]>
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Please read this in the City Council meeting,

First of all I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Gabe Lopez, I'm the President of the San Gabriel Valley Airport Association. I owned and operated a flight school for over 20 years. I'm a commercial instrument rated pilot and am the son of a WWII / Korean War fighter pilot who will be 100 this July. Mind you he's appalled at what the cities are doing to our airports. He says no wonder we're so far behind on getting airline pilots. The municipalities are so money hungry that they're making just getting a private pilots license unaffordable.

Don't destroy our valuable airport with landing fees. This would be a straight line to destroying Torrance Airport. Perhaps this is what the city council wants. I would like to ask how many pilots or transportation experts are there on this council. Probably zero, which means what makes you think you can make an impartial decision ? Torrance Airport leases big portions of the airport land to non-aviation business like Automobile Dealerships. They bring in more than enough money to self sustain Torrance Airport on their own. You don't have to gouge the pilots as you already are doing in high hangar and Tie Downs fees. Contrary to popular thoughts not all pilots are rich, 90% are just making ends meet.

What you should be doing is encouraging your sons and daughters to get their pilots licenses. This leads to a great career in the airlines as airline pilot. The industry is way behind the power curve and thousands of pilots are needed. By adding fees like a landing fee all you're doing is stifling aviation.

Thank you,
Gabe Lopez
Pres. of the
SGVAA

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From: LDH <[REDACTED]>
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Don't destroy our valuable airport with landing fees. Don't let the loud few destroy a valuable part of the community.

Smiles,

Linda Howard
Homeowner 90505

Enjoy the day....

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From: Valenciano, Isela <IValenciano@TorranceCA.Gov>

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From: Tim OBrien <[REDACTED]>

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There is a fake noise problem. It is primarily a complaint problem with a very few people complaining. Pilots DO care about the residents. Don't destroy our valuable airport with landing fees.

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Don't destroy our valuable airport with landing fees. The cost of staffing this program will exceed any fees collected. This has been studied many times before and it will cost money to implement it. Torrance airport is a big money maker for the city already and this program should not be voted in. There are many people who will suffer unnecessarily if this happens.

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