

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Transportation Committee – Accept and File April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes and Provide Direction Regarding Airport Landing Fees, Airport Noise Mitigation Efforts, and Phase Out of Leaded Gas. Expenditure: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Transportation Committee that the City Council:

- 1) Accept and file the Transportation Committee meeting minutes of April 12, 2023; and
- 2) Approve implementation of airport landing fees for all transient aircraft and Torrance-based fixed wing flight school operators with fleets of more than three (3) aircraft, and authorize certain exemptions for military, public safety, and medical flights; and
- 3) Approve a Letter of Agreement between the City of Torrance and Torrance-based fixed wing flight school operators; and
- 4) Provide direction on the proposed noise study alternatives to potentially expand the existing airport noise monitoring system; and
- 5) Discuss the phase out of leaded gas in 10-15 years; and
- 6) Receive updates on the legalities of prohibiting touch-and-go landings on the south and north runways, imposing a moratorium on new flight school operators, and enforcement of early left-turn violations.

FUNDING

None required.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Committee (Committee) met on December 14, 2022 and April 12, 2023 to receive input and provide direction regarding concerns about the Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field (Airport). Items discussed were options for reduction of aircraft operations and noise including the limitation and prohibition of runways, enforcement of early left turn violations, and the commissioning of a noise study to potentially expand the existing noise monitoring system. Additional topics included the implementation of landing fees and the development of a voluntary Letter of Agreement between Torrance-based fixed wing flight school operators (flight schools) and the City of Torrance (City).

Discussion from both Torrance residents and the aviation community was heard, each with proposals and feedback as how to best mitigate the noise and frequency of flights in the areas surrounding the Airport. Representatives from a nearby homeowner's association (HOA) and members of the Torrance Airport Association (TAA) also revealed that they have been

speaking independently to try and work together to help ease noise and congestion in the community.

ANALYSIS

Airport Landing Fees

The Committee is recommending the implementation of landing fees for all transient aircraft and Torrance-based flight schools with fleets of more than three (3) aircraft and certain exemptions for military, public safety, and medical flights. This is inclusive of both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft.

Staff issued a request for proposals (RFP) to procure a new landing fee system in January 2023 which included the following scope of work:

- Track and identify aircraft activities 24 hours a day using ADS-B technology or any other available flight data such as Federal Aviation Administration (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.

One proposal from Vector Airport Systems (Vector) of Herndon, VA was received and presented at the April 12, 2023, Committee meeting. The results of the scoring process are included in the chart below.

Description	Max Points	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	100	92

Vector's all-in-one landing fee billing and collection system, PLANEPASS, will have no upfront or recurring annual fees. PLANEPASS would be funded by an agreement with Vector which will collect 22% of all landing fee revenue, up to \$400,000 annually. Discounts are available

on revenue exceeding this amount. Maintenance of equipment is included in the 22% Vector retains.

Vector tracks and identifies aircraft operating at the airport (arrivals, departures, and touch-and-go landings) to determine if they are flying over or touching down, and any aircraft that does not touch down cannot be billed. Any aircraft may create a landing fee, based on the Airport's rates and charges, so all must be tracked and identified before the applicable rates and fees can be charged. The PLANEPASS system will also provide other types of operations reports that will show detailed data on all aircraft operations, not just those being billed for landing fees.

For the collection of fees, Vector accumulates operations data through the month and applies any aircraft exemptions, rates, and charges to generate invoices. These invoices are sent via USPS or email shortly after the close of the month. If an aircraft has not been billed previously at any of the approximately 50 PLANEPASS airports, Vector staff researches the aircraft's registration number to identify the contact information for the owner/operator.

Any penalties for non-payment are to be set by the City. Although non-payment is very rare as Vector collects 99.6% of all revenue billed, Vector will work with the City to collect any unpaid revenue using the City's established procedures. 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/ Operator	Rate	Per	Based Aircraft Exempt?
Catalina Airport/ Catalina Island Conservancy	\$35.00	Departure	N
Santa Monica Airport/ City of Santa Monica	\$5.48	1,000 lbs., all weights, all aircraft, every "Touch and Go" departure	N
Camarillo Airport/ Ventura County	\$1.44	1,000 lbs., over 12,500 lbs. (Minimum charge is \$15.49; first overnight transient parking fee at no charge)	Y
Oxnard Airport/ Ventura County	\$1.44	1,000 lbs., over 12,500 lbs. (Minimum charge is \$15.49. First overnight transient parking fee at no charge)	Y
Napa Valley Airport/ Napa County	\$16.50	Departure, 0 to 5,000 lbs. (Commercial operations only)	Y
	\$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
Charles M. Schultz Airport/ Sonoma County	\$1.52	1,000 lbs., all weights, any revenue producing commercial flight	Y
	\$1.52	1,000 lbs., over 12,500 lbs. (Non-commercial)	Y
Santa Barbara Airport/ City of Santa Barbara	\$3.99	1,000 lbs. Part 135** aircraft	Y
	\$3.99	1,000 lbs., over 10,000 lbs.	Y

***Commercial operations are charter or taxi service flights.**

*****Part 135 certificate holders can operate business aircraft to conduct operations for compensation or hire. Most Part 135 aircraft provide charter flight services.***

Proposed	Rate	Per	Based Aircraft Exempt?
Torrance Airport	\$3.00	1,000 lbs., all weights, minimum charge \$6.00	Y***

******Non-flight school/Fleet over 3 aircraft.***

The below chart provides an estimate of transient and flight school counts including projected net revenues to the Airport Fund each year. Should your honorable body approve the implementation of landing fees, the City will enter into an agreement with Vector.

Annual Take-off & Landing Count (Total)	Annual Take-off & Landing Count (Transient)	Annual Take-off & Landing Count (Flight Schools and Fleets of 3+)	Total Billable Flights (Transient & Flight School Count / 2)	Gross Revenue Estimate (Billable Flights @ \$6 min.)	Vendor Fee (22%)	Net Revenue Estimate
185,806	74,322	83,000	78,661	\$471,966	(\$103,833)	\$368,133

Note: Estimates are based on actual fixed wing and helicopter activity for calendar year 2022.

Airport Noise Mitigation Efforts

Letter of Agreement (LOA) with Torrance-Based Fixed Wing Flight School Operators

Since January 2023, all Torrance based flight schools have voluntarily agreed to the following:

- South pattern will not be used for flight training; and
- South runway will only be used for approach and departure. Upon departure, aircraft will not turn prior to shoreline; and
- 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.

Staff continued to meet with HOA representatives, flight schools, and the community to gather input and share what was being done. The traffic in the south pattern has decreased, and the north pattern has not been overly saturated. Torrance flight schools are utilizing other airports for training and making a concerted effort to be good neighbors in the community. The attached letter of agreement reflects the actions that are presently in effect and will help ensure those signatories are more accountable for their students and pilots.

Noise Study

Another option recommended by the Committee is a noise study to potentially expand the current number of noise monitoring stations in both the north and south patterns. There are currently seven noise monitors that surround the Airport (Attachment D). 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. Based on the complaint locations north of the airport, there appears to be sufficient monitors. However, a noise study would be helpful to either confirm this analysis or recommend additional locations where monitors would be of benefit to the community.

Staff has obtained two quotes from the contractor of the City's current noise monitoring system, Casper Airport Solutions, and is seeking City Council direction on the preferred alternative:

- The first quote is 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 installation and operation of two new noise monitors), plus an annual cost of \$5,000 for support and maintenance.
- The second quote is for the completion of a full noise (around the entire airport) with the potential of adding 4 additional noise monitors (2 on the southwest side and 2 on the northeast side). The total one-time cost is \$164,500 (\$33,300 for the noise study including rental of portable mobile noise monitors and \$131,200 for the four noise monitors), plus an annual cost of \$10,000 for support and maintenance.

The cost of these efforts could be funded from a newly established landing fee or existing Airport Fund revenue sources. However, if approved, staff will return to amend the current contract services agreement and appropriate additional budget to the Airport Fund's fiscal year 2023-24 operating budget for these activities.

Phase Out of Leaded Gas

In September 2022, the FAA approved the use of 100-octane unleaded fuel (G100UL) to be used in every general aviation spark-ignition and every airframe powered by those engines. This serves as a solution that can eventually be used for all general aviation aircraft.

The timing for when G100UL will reach airports is still uncertain, as it will take time to manage the infrastructure which includes manufacturing and distribution. Banning the sale of leaded aviation gasoline could pose an immediate safety concern, so a methodical and smart transition to G100UL is preferred by the FAA and aircraft industry.

Torrance has had discussions with the two fuel providers on the airfield, and both were open to explore offering G100UL, along with leaded aviation gasoline as an option for pilots and aircraft. Staff will continue to work with them to discuss how that may be realized in the near future. Until that time, staff will continue to monitor any State and Federal mandates, and to explore opportunities to establish a G100UL provider.

A demonstration project has been initiated to study best practices for transitioning airports nationwide to unleaded aviation fuel. The demonstration project will study airports around the country in various stages of transition to unleaded aviation gas, or avgas, to better understand how airports can implement the change in a safe and efficient manner. The demonstration project will provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities for airports and identify

best practices, guidelines, and tools to help individual airports effect the transition. The demonstration project is being conducted by the Airport Cooperative Research program, sponsored by the FAA and managed by the Transportation Research Board. The City will monitor this project closely to ensure that any transition at the Airport utilize best practices.

Eliminating Touch and Goes from Both the South and North Runways

The two general issues with noise impacts on the communities surrounding Torrance Airport are the high frequency of flights generated by flight schools, and the low flight altitude of aircraft turning to the southwest over noise-sensitive neighborhoods immediately after takeoff.

As to the touch and go landings at the Airport, staff and counsel are currently in discussions with FAA in order to pursue the prohibition of such landings through a City ordinance banning touch and go's and requiring all takeoffs to start from the end of the runway.

Although the City is not bound by AIP agreements requiring reasonable access to the airport and there is no preemption issue, coordination efforts with FAA remain important. There is already some level of restriction on touch-and-go landings in effect at Torrance; therefore, the City can build off of the existing structure in order to pursue the elimination of touch and goes from both the south and north runways.

The restriction on touch and go landings would result in aircraft being at a higher altitude when they leave the airport property, further minimizing the noise impact.

Moratorium on the Allowance of Additional Flight Schools

Some members of the City Council have inquired about a moratorium on the allowance of additional flight schools. Moratoriums are based upon Government Code section 65858 that allows cities to adopt an interim ordinance to prohibit land uses that may conflict with a proposed general plan amendment or another land use proposal that the city is studying or intends to study within a reasonable time. Flight schools do not require any land use entitlement to operate at the Airport. Flight schools only need a business license in order to operate at the Airport. But, Paragraph 16 of Resolution No. 77-215, which was adopted on October 25, 1977, provides "that the number of flight schools on the Airport be limited to six (the number now operating)." There are currently 8 flight schools operating at the Airport; therefore, the City will not be issuing business licenses to any new flight schools until the number of flight schools complies with Resolution No. 77-215. The City Council may decide to pursue other options with regards to the flight schools that are in excess of the number of flight schools allowed by Resolution No. 77-215.

Status of Discussions with the FAA Regarding Enforcement of Early Left Turns

Staff met with the FAA to discuss the enforcement of early left turns. Discussions are complex and on-going. During the recent meeting with the FAA, there were also discussions regarding the potential of banning of touch and goes (please see discussion above). The FAA has suggested that the Airport form an airport noise working group or roundtable of various stakeholders (including residents and pilots) to discuss airport noise. The FAA indicated such a group discussion relating to noise concerns has been successful in other areas. However, the FAA also has recommended that in order to maximize the success of these discussions,

it would be helpful to engage a facilitator and that it would likely take approximately 6 to 9 months to engage a facilitator and initiate group discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE



Councilmember Aurelio Mattucci, Chair



Councilmember Jon Kaji, Member



Councilmember Bridgett Lewis, Member

NOTED:



For: Aram Chaparyan
City Manager

Attachments:

- A) April 12, 2023 – Transportation Committee Staff Report (Available Online at <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/council-committees/transportation>)
- B) April 12, 2023 – Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
- C) Letter of Agreement
- D) Airport Noise Monitoring System Map
- E) Public Correspondence

April 12, 2023

Transportation Committee Staff Report

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committees/transportation](https://www.torranceca.gov/government/council-committees/transportation)

April 12, 2023

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Transportation Committee Meeting convened in a regular meeting at 6:09 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in the LeRoy J. Jackson Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Mattucci, Councilmember Kaji, Councilmember Lewis

Absent: None

Also Present: Staff Liaison Carlos Huizar, Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez, General Services Director Shant Megerdichian, Facility Operations Manager Gerry Pinela, Senior Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan, City Attorney Patrick Sullivan, and Management Aide Robert Williams, Management Aide Kimberly Massee.

3. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kaji.

4. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mattucci provided a brief introduction and requested the committee members and city staff to introduce themselves for the public.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Consideration of Draft Voluntary Letter of Agreement Between Flight Schools and FAA, Landing Fees.

General Services Director Shant Megerdichian provided an update on the draft Letter of Agreement by the Torrance-based flight schools and the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a potential implementation of landing fees at Torrance Airport. City Attorney Patrick Sullivan presented an update on the legality on restricting training flights and prohibiting training flights from outside agencies. This also included an overview of the City's grandfather status from the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA), safety-based restrictions, and discussion on limiting or prohibiting the use of the south runway, enforcement of the no left-turn ordinance. Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez provided an overview of the Noise Abatement program at Torrance Airport with a discussion on a noise study within the Torrance Hillside Area for the potential of adding

two additional noise monitoring stations. Management Associate Carlos Huizar provided a brief overview of the airport ground leases.

Committee Member Kaji inquired about the expiration dates of the two master ground leases that sub-lease to flight school operations, Great American and Flite Park LLC. Mr. Huizar responded that the Great American ground lease expires in March 2028 and Flite Park in November 2042.

Chair Mattucci opened Item 5A for public comment. A summary of these comments included:

- Air pollution and noise is too much.
- Airport has existed for a very long time.
- Eliminate touch and go on the south runway.
- Request a public briefing from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and County of Los Angeles Public Health regarding the community risks of using leaded gas at airport.
- Reduce number of training flights.
- No landing fees or restriction of early left turn on south runway.
- Ban transient flights.
- The impacts of the north runway are being ignored.
- Voluntary Letter of Agreement will work.
- Noise impacts from airport has worsen over the past four years.

Committee Member Lewis inquired on the Landing Fees proposal on whether the vendor would be able to only bill transient flights. General Services Director Shant Megerdichian responded that the full City Council can consider implementing landing fees only for transient flights as an option, and if so, staff would work with the vendor to program billing only to transient flights. Furthermore, Mr. Megerdichian elaborated that staff could provide the vendor with a list of home-based planes using an aircraft identification number (commonly known as tail numbers) to distinguish those aircrafts from being charged landing fees.

Chair Mattucci inquired regarding transient flights on what the percentage of those flights are from flight schools. Mr. Megerdichian responded that staff did not have those statistics at this time.

Chair Mattucci inquired if the City's noise abatement tracking software allows staff to track flight using the tail numbers. Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez responded that she could research with the Casper Noise Lab software on whether tail numbers can be tracked but cannot confirm at this time.

Chair Mattucci pressed for a need to schedule a meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Committee Member Kaji asked if the City has attempted to contact with our local representatives for assistance in connecting with FAA. City Attorney Sullivan responded that the City had previously contacted Congressman Ted Lieu for assistance. Community Development Director Ramirez further added that the City has send correspondence to both Congressman Lieu and Maxine Waters' office.

Committee Member Kaji inquired on whether the City keeps flight records. Mr. Megerdichian responded that the FAA retains that data and that the City can request them.

Committee Member Lewis inquired about the legal process on banning touch and go flights from the south runway. City Attorney Sullivan responded that he would need to consult with outside counsel regarding this inquiry.

MOTION: The following motion was made by Committee Member Lewis that the Transportation Committee forward a recommendation to the full City Council:

- Implement landing fees for all transient aircraft and Torrance based flight schools/fleets of more than 3 aircraft, with certain exemptions for military, public safety and medical flights.
- Implement the draft Letter of Agreement between Torrance based flight schools and City.
- Conduct a noise study to potentially expand the current number of noise monitoring stations in both the South and North patterns.
- Explore a total phasing out of leaded gas in 10-15 years.
- Direct staff to update the full City Council on the legalities of eliminating touch and go's from both the south and north runways, implementing a moratorium on the allowance of additional flight schools, and a status of discussions with the FAA regarding the enforcement of early left turns.

Councilmember Kaji seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Mattucci asked if any member of the public wished to speak under public comment. No response was received.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

Management Associate Carlos Huizar provided a summary of the meeting events and recommendation, including any action items or follow-up that needed to be completed by staff.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Kaji seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

City of Torrance and Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field Fixed Wing Flight School Operators

EFFECTIVE: #####

SUBJECT: FIXED WING FLIGHT SCHOOL
OPERATIONS

1. **PURPOSE.** This agreement establishes procedures for fixed wing aircraft operating within the Torrance Class D Airspace.
2. **SCOPE.** This agreement is for the sole use between the City of Torrance (City) and the signatories while operating in the Torrance Class D Airspace.
3. **RESPONSIBILITIES.** All signatories shall ensure that all their personnel (i.e., students, pilots, operators, etc.) are familiar with and adhere to the procedures contained in this agreement. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as approval to violate any Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) or other regulations. Each pilot shall be responsible for advising Torrance Municipal Airport - Zamperini Field Air Traffic Control Tower (TOA ATCT), if a deviation from this agreement is necessary to comply with the FARs or other regulations.
4. **PROCEDURES.** All signatories shall follow the operations listed and specified in this agreement.
 - (1) South pattern will not be used for flight training.
 - (2) South runway will only be used for approach and departure. Upon departure, aircraft will not turn prior to shoreline.
 - (3) Flight schools will utilize other airports when possible, sending aircraft in scheduled groups for training.
 - (4) Flight schools will stagger flights as much as possible to avoid saturating the airspace all at once.
5. **ADHERENCE TO LETTER OF AGREEMENT.** Each signatory agrees to follow the procedures listed above, unless specifically directed by the TOA ATCT.
6. **ATTACHMENTS:**
 - a. Torrance Airport Ordinance
 - b. Torrance Airport Noise Monitors Map
 - c. Noise Abatement Signage
 - d. Signatory Page

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City of Torrance

Letter of Agreement: Fixed Wing Flight School Operations

Effective: #####

SIGNATORY PAGE

Name (Print or Type)

Signature

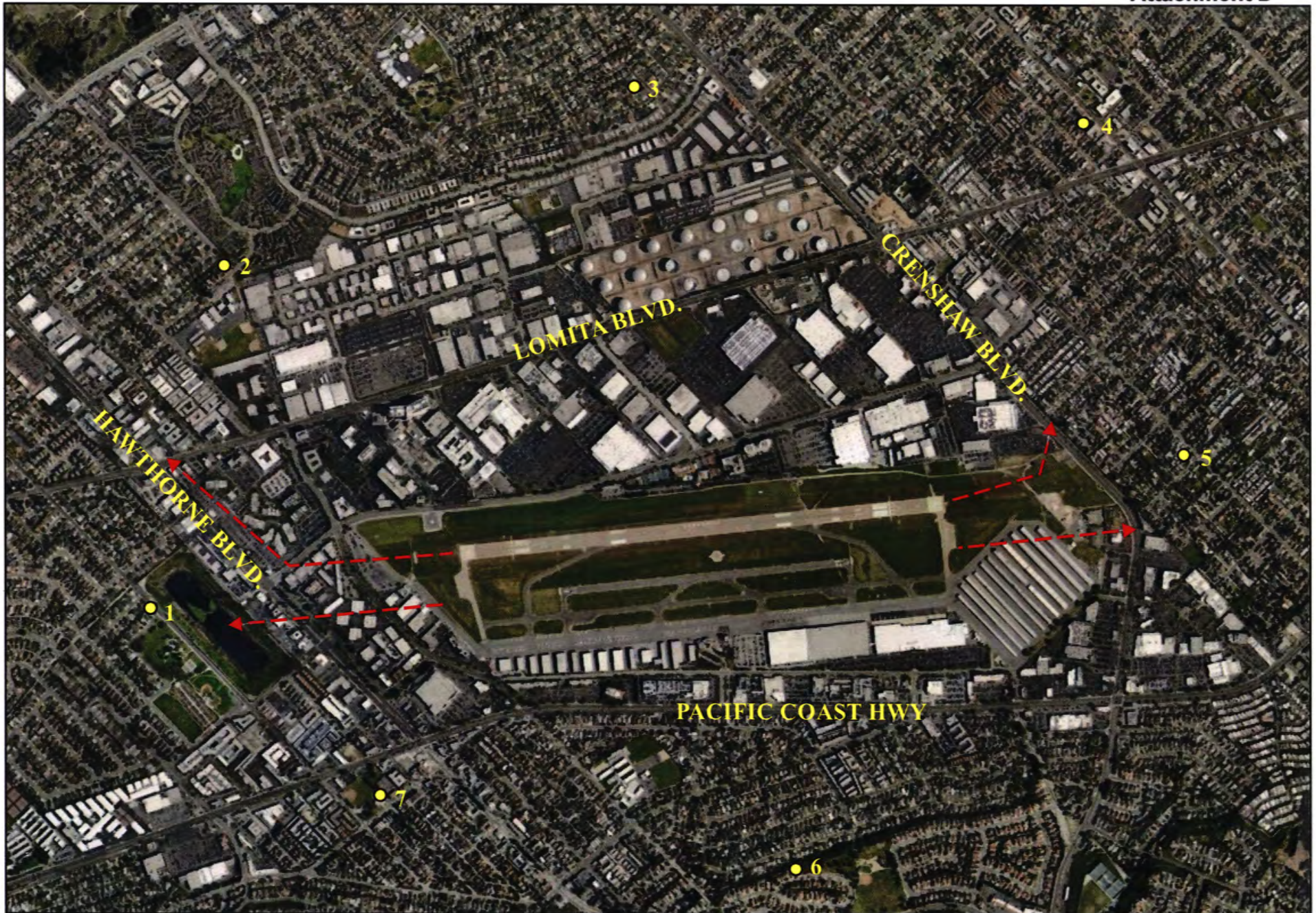
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Address

City, State and Zip Code

Telephone or Cell Number

Email Address



TORRANCE AIRPORT NOISE MONITORS

Lines and photos are approximate, not to be used for establishing absolute or relative positions



Michelle G. Ramirez
Community Development Department

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VFR ONLY



Public Correspondence

From: Peter Chevalier [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment

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Dear Torrance City Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident and long-time citizen of Torrance to bring your attention to a pressing issue that has been negatively impacting the quality of life for many residents in the vicinity of Torrance Airport. The incessant noise caused by aircraft passing over my house every two minutes for ten or more hours a day has become unbearable. I kindly request your immediate action in implementing landing fees and putting a halt to touch-and-go training at Torrance Airport.

Having resided in Torrance for over 50 years, I can attest that the noise from aircraft was never a problem until recently. The significant increase in flight school activities and touch-and-go training has transformed the peaceful ambiance of our neighborhood into a constant barrage of noise pollution. The disturbance has reached a level where going outside, let alone keeping our doors and windows open, has become a luxury that we can no longer enjoy.

As responsible representatives of our community, I implore you to consider the impact that this continuous noise has on the well-being and mental health of Torrance residents. It is not an exaggeration to say that the flight schools have eradicated any semblance of a quality of life for those of us who reside even in the areas surrounding the airport.

Implementing landing fees would serve as a practical measure to both discourage excessive flight training and address the financial burden placed on the city and its residents due to the noise pollution. By levying fees on aircraft using Torrance Airport, we can ensure that operators and flight schools bear the cost of the disturbance they create. Additionally, the introduction of landing fees would incentivize a reduction in touch-and-go training, which is the primary source of the constant aircraft noise over our homes.

Our community should not have to sacrifice our well-being for the benefit of flight schools and aviation businesses. I kindly request that you give careful consideration to this matter and take immediate action to address the ongoing issue of aircraft noise in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing concern. I trust in your dedication to serving the best interests of Torrance and its residents. I look forward to your prompt response and action on this matter.

Huizar, Carlos

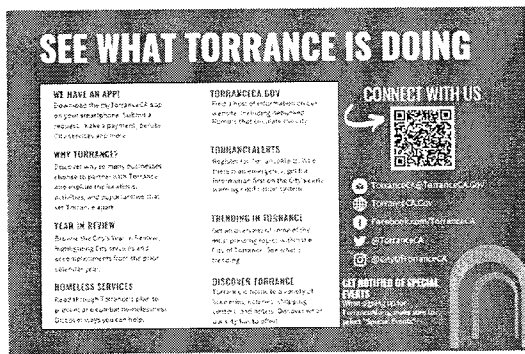
From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 4:53 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: FW: Resident Noise Complaint to Torrance Airport

FYI ~

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ

Community Development Director – Community Development Department

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From: Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:28 PM

To: Max Nema [REDACTED]

Cc: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: RE: Resident Noise Complaint to Torrance Airport

Dear Mr. Nema,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today.

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

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

Torrance Airport | 3301 Airport Drive | Torrance CA 90505 | 310.784.7900 voice | 310.784.7930

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From: Max Nema [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Resident Noise Complaint to Torrance Airport

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 Hi Gerry,

My family and I are residents in Waleria, since 2005.

For the past couple of years we have noticed a huge increase in planes from Torrance Airport flying way too close to homes in the area. While trying to enjoy peace and quiet, conversing with neighbors, or on the phone with someone, every five minutes we must stop and wait for a minute or two while the very loud planes fly by. We have to do something about this asap by mandating the planes to fly at a higher altitude, along with a requirement for only newer updated planes allowed to fly in and out of Torrance Airport.

Thank you in advance for your help in this very important matter by sharing this email with the Airport Commissioners, and working together to resolve is issue asap.

Sincerely,

Max Nema
 Concerned Neighbor in Waleria

Huizar, Carlos

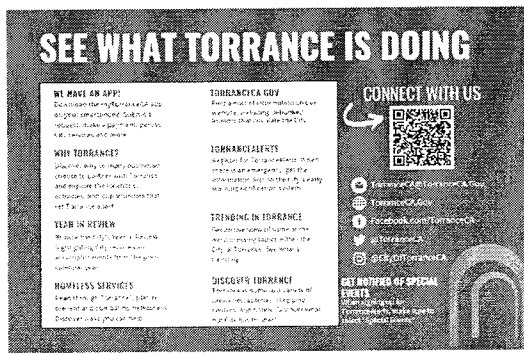
From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:06 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: FW: Noise Abatement at Torrance Airport

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MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ

Community Development Director – Community Development Department

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

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:57 AM

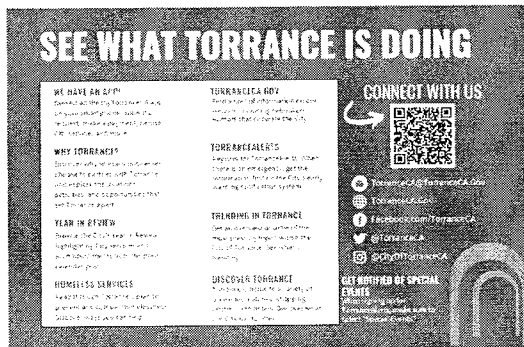
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Subject: FW: Noise Abatement at Torrance Airport

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From: Rick Higgins [REDACTED]
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I live in the Valmonte area of Palos Verdes Estates. For some time, our area has been experiencing loud aircraft noise throughout the day from the Torrance Airport. Over the past 6 months the noise has become louder and frustrating. The aircraft doing touch and go practice seem to be flying lower and the noise is becoming intolerable. We cannot even hold a conversation in our backyard while a plane is flying over our house. I understand you have installed noise centers but the locations do not seem to capture the low flying touch and go planes. I have read the recommendations for flight paths and the practicing pilots do not adhere. For example, planes taking off on the south runway towards the ocean are supposed to fly out to the ocean before turning left. This is definitely not happening. I believe you now have as many as nine flight schools on the property. I would hope these entities would adhere to some practical recommendations to help alleviate the noise situation.

I understand that many of your Hollywood Riviera citizens feel the same way. I have also noted more signs in PVE showing support for noise control at the airport.

This is a wonderful area to live in and it is too bad that we are having these type of issues.

Torrance Airport is a wonderful place and it would be a shame if it became unbearable due to the high increase of flight schools and their practices.

Sincerely,
 Rick Higgins

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Huizar, Carlos

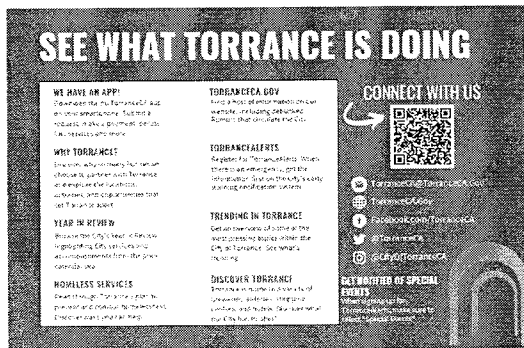
From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 7:59 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: FW: Torrance Airport - Noise and no enforcement of current rules
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Good Morning Carlos ~

I forgot to include you in my response below.

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ

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From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 7:56 AM
To: Oracio Ordonez [REDACTED]
Cc: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Duncan, Nora <NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov>; Valenciano, Isela <IValenciano@TorranceCA.Gov>
Subject: RE: Torrance Airport - Noise and no enforcement of current rules

Good Morning Mr. Ordonez ~

The City is in receipt of your email. It has been forwarded to NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov for review. If a violation is determined, then it will be handled according. Additionally, you will only be notified if there is a violation. If you do not receive a response, then it was determined that there was no violation of the City's municipal code. To help ensure all complaints are logged and followed up on, please submit any future complaints directly through the City's Noise Lab portal at <https://toa.noiselab.casper.aero/>.

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From: Oracio Ordonez [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, July 2, 2023 5:09 PM

To: 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>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>; Poirier, Rebecca <RPoirier@TorranceCA.gov>; Goodrich, Tim <TGoodrich@TorranceCA.gov>; [REDACTED] Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>; Valenciano, Isela <IValenciano@TorranceCA.Gov>; Deseray Sarcona [REDACTED]; Wife - Esmeralda [REDACTED]; Lorrie Lathrop [REDACTED]

Subject: Torrance Airport - Noise and no enforcement of current rules

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To Mayor Chen, Council Members of the City of Torrance, and Council Member McOsker

The community members around Torrance airport have been attempting to bring to your attention the unjust use of airspace around Torrance airport. We have attempted to bring to your attention that over the last 3 years the use of the Airport has increased to a level that is unsustainable to the communities around the airport. Some Torrance communities have been able to have their concerns addressed, to the point that discouraged use of the south pattern is expressly listed on your own official website training section (<https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-departments/general-services/torrance-airport/noise-abatement-information>)

As residents affected by the airport, we are not asking for anything that is unreasonable, we are not asking that the airport be closed. We are simply asking that the council and airport commission enforce existing rules and consider implementing landing fees for all aircraft. Yet the simple enforcement of, no training on Sunday or Holidays which is also found within your official website, has not been enforced. Please see attached pictures of training flights today, Sunday July 2nd.

To Council McOsker's office, as your constituents we are asking if you can work with your fellow South Bay representatives to ensure that everyone has a voice at the table. Harbor City does not have any direct benefit from Torrance Airport, yet we must deal with the airplane noise and the unfair overuse of our airspace. You will see that we are unfairly being saturated with training (circling, "Touch and go"), departures, and landings from the North pattern. We understand we live near an airport and its value. But we believe in people over profit and fairness over favorites. We should not have to take on the brunt of this responsibility because of bad management practices by the airport and fear of lawyers and representatives with voices at the table.

I look forward to hearing from anyone, as my emails to the Noise abatement and airport commission have gone unanswered.

Thank you,
Oracio Ordonez

Huizar, Carlos

From: Chaparyan, Aram
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 1:34 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Sling Flight Academy & Conflict of Interest

FYI

ARAM CHAPARYAN

City Manager – Office of the City Manager

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From: Jon Dearing [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 12:28 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Cc: Sullivan, Patrick <PSULLIVAN@TorranceCA.gov>; Chaparyan, Aram <ACHaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>
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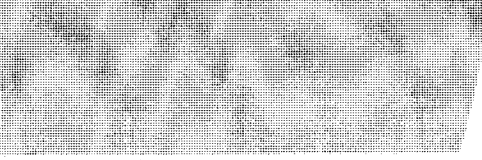
I want to share this with you, so you can be fully informed.

Sincerely,
Jon



Jon Dearing



 Home
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Jim Gates
 Manager, United States Assembly Operations at The Airplane Factory
 Redondo Beach, California, United States · [Contact info](#)
 51 connections

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Activity

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Experience



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 Dec 2012 - Present · 10 yrs 7 mos
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Manager of Business Development
 Boeing
 Jul 2000 - Apr 2008 · 7 yrs 10 mos
 El Segundo

• Establish and maintain close contact with DoD executive-level customers to represent all Boeing business units (launch, rocket propulsion, satellite, C3, and ICBM businesses) and Phantom Works... [...see more](#)

Education


University of Southern California
 Master's degree, Systems Management
 1976 - 1978
 Grades: 4.7


University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 Bachelor of Science (BS), Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautics Engineering
 1971 - 1975

Huizar, Carlos

From: Megerdichian, Shant
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 12:33 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Ramirez, Michelle
Subject: FW: Sling Flight Academy & Conflict of Interest

Carlos, correspondence received for 7/25 item.

Thank you,
 Shant

SHANT MEGERDICHIAN

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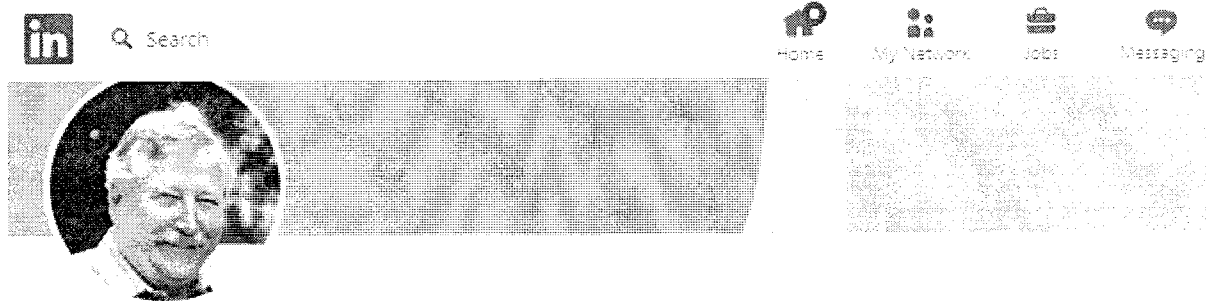
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Sincerely,
Jon

Jon Dearing



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Huizar, Carlos

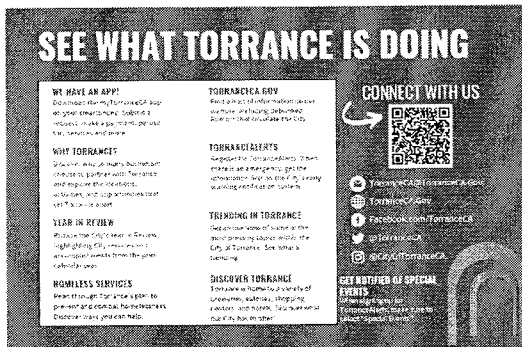
From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 8:30 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Megerdichian, Shant
Subject: FW: Leaving Torrance after 11 years

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From: Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 4:35 PM

To: Chaparyan, Aram <ACHaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: FW: Leaving Torrance after 11 years

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From: Chen, George

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 4:34 PM

To: Mark B [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Leaving Torrance after 11 years

Mark:

I'm sorry to hear you are leaving Torrance. We have and will continue to address all issues within the city in the most balanced manner. We will have the airport noise related issues on the agenda for our Council Meeting on July 25th.

Respectfully,

GEORGE CHEN

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From: Mark B [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 4:07 PM

To: Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Leaving Torrance after 11 years

 You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi Mr Mayor,

My congratulations to you , your decisions made torrance the place you can hear the buzzing all day long from 8:00 am till 10 pm , the neighborhood 90505 which supposed to be the best place in Torrance is now the worst.with zero added value. You not even collect fees for the unneeded touch and go , I can invite you to work for one day from my house to feel what I'm saying "if you don't know about it"

Thanks for making us waking up every day at 8:00 am without alarm , and not able to sleep untill 10:30.

Thanks for spreading the pollution over our heads all day long.

Thank you

Mark

Huizar, Carlos

From: Megerdichian, Shant
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 8:48 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Cc: Ramirez, Michelle
Subject: Re: Torrance Airport

Thank you Carlos.

SHANT MEGERDICHIAN
 Director, General Services Department
 City of Torrance

On Jun 19, 2023, at 8:42 AM, Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Shant and Michelle,

I will keep a file of the airport emails. If you find an email that I am not included in, please feel free to forward them over to include in the file.

CARLOS HUIZAR

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From: Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos <CHuizar@TORRANCECA.GOV>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: FW: Torrance Airport

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From: Poirier, Rebecca <RPoirier@TorranceCA.gov> **On Behalf Of** City Clerk
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:55 PM

To: Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: FW: Torrance Airport

From: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:21 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Fw: Torrance Airport

Please add to airport item coming up on 7/11...
 Thanks,
 Mike

Mike Griffiths

Councilmember – Office of the City Council

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From: Kathy Lindbergh [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Torrance Airport

[You don't often get email from [REDACTED]. Learn why this is important at
<https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

Good Morning Mike
 Hopefully you can help with the touch and goes at the airport.
 I know this is an ongoing issue, but I got a call from a very upset
 neighbor (Mary Boman, she has emailed Rafael Herrera, and Gerry Pinela
 in turn they have sent the Commissioners her videos and emails to no
 avail.
 Mary works from home, and can not have conversations with her clients
 because of the touch and goes and flying over New Horizons.

What can we do about this ad the Airport Commissioners have no
 say, unfortunately

Thank you
 Kathy Cohen

Huizar, Carlos

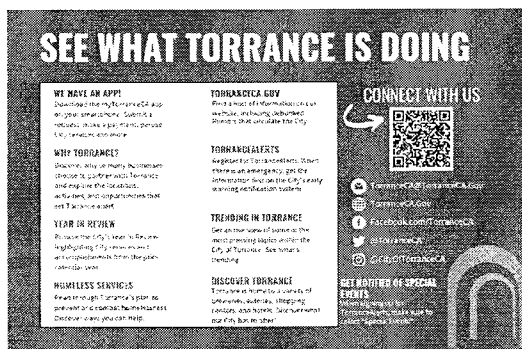
From: Ramirez, Michelle
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 8:45 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Today

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Community Development Director – Community Development Department

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From: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 10:05 AM

To: Don T [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Today

Dear Mr. Tippie,

The City of Torrance is in receipt of your emails. Our Trending in Torrance webpage for Airport Noise Information was recently updated regarding an upcoming agenda item scheduled for the July 11, 2023 City Council Meeting. The subject agenda item will bring forth recommendations from the Transportation Committee for Council consideration on the airport noise matter.

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Thank you,

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From: Don T <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 10:07 PM

To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>

Cc: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>;

Chaparyan, Aram <AChaparyan@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Re: Today

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/8eJYSJ7siuL5gy4y6>

Just when you think the night is over. Flights begin at 7 AM and end near 10 p.m.

Below flights happened after 8:30 p.m. today:

1. 8:50 PM
2. 8:51 PM
3. 8:56 PM
4. 9:01 PM
5. 9:03 PM
6. 9:10 PM
7. 9:12 PM
8. 9:21 PM
9. 9:23 PM
10. 9:32 PM
11. 9:39 PM
12. 9:47 PM

Screenshots and attached link to video evidence. Complaints logged in Casper.

Looking forward to hearing from you and for an explanation as to why airport staff is under the impression touch-and-go training is allowed to 10 p.m.

On Tue, Jun 13, 2023, 9:05 PM Don T [REDACTED] wrote:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/pfHxV8LLWwNuZxtDA>

Following up to today's email with attached videos and screenshots capturing tonight's disruptive activities, which persisted until well past 8:30 p.m., causing significant disruptions to our dinner and family time.

These visuals demonstrate that residents not only have to endure aircraft from local flight schools but also from neighboring airports, including Long Beach, as evidenced by the attached screenshots. Of particular concern is the aircraft with the registration number N624DS, which was engaged in touch-and-go training well after 8 p.m., in direct violation of noise abatement rules. Video evidence clearly shows this violation taking place.

Furthermore, during a conversation with a gentleman named Daniel from the airport operations, I was provided with inaccurate information. He incorrectly stated that touch-and-go operations are permitted until 10 p.m. on weekdays. This lack of accurate knowledge and the failure to enforce noise abatement policies further exacerbate the negative impact on residents' quality of life.

The lack of effective enforcement measures and the disregard for the wellbeing of affected residents are deeply disappointing. These continuous flights, occurring after 5 p.m. when people should be able to enjoy dinner and family time, have a detrimental effect on our emotional well-being and overall quality of life.

I expect a prompt response detailing the concrete steps that will be taken to resolve this issue.

-Donald

On Tue, Jun 13, 2023, 5:54 PM Don T [REDACTED] wrote:

I write to you with a sense of urgency and deep concern regarding the ongoing and distressing aircraft disturbances plaguing our community.

Attached to this email, you will find screenshots that provide undeniable evidence of countless instances where aircraft are repeatedly circling over our neighborhood, causing severe harm to the health and wellbeing of the residents.

These screenshots paint a stark picture of the magnitude and frequency of the disturbances our community endures daily. The relentless circling of aircraft in such close proximity to residential areas is nothing short of a flagrant violation of our rights to live in a peaceful and healthy environment.

The negative impact on our health and wellbeing cannot be overstated. The incessant noise, vibrations, and heightened stress levels have resulted in sleep disturbances, anxiety, and an overall decline in our physical and mental wellbeing. Our community deserves better than to live in a constant state of distress, subjected to these relentless disturbances day in and day out.

It is imperative that the Torrance City Council recognizes the severity of this issue and takes immediate and decisive action to rectify the situation. The wellbeing of the affected residents must be your top priority, and it is your duty to ensure that we can live in a community free from the detrimental effects of these incessant aircraft disturbances.

The health and wellbeing of the residents should never be compromised for the sake of convenience or the interests of a few. We demand immediate action to restore peace, tranquility, and a sense of security within our community. The residents deserve your unwavering commitment to rectify this issue promptly and effectively.

I anticipate your response, detailing the concrete steps the Torrance City Council will take to address this pressing matter.

Huizar, Carlos

From: Megerdichian, Shant
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos; Ramirez, Michelle
Subject: FW: Torrance Airport

FYI

SHANT MEGERDICHIAN

Director, General Services Department

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From: Poirier, Rebecca <RPoirier@TorranceCA.gov> **On Behalf Of** City Clerk
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:55 PM
To: Megerdichian, Shant <SMegerdichian@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: FW: Torrance Airport

From: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:21 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Fw: Torrance Airport

Please add to airport item coming up on 7/11...
 Thanks,
 Mike

Mike Griffiths

Councilmember – Office of the City Council

City of Torrance | 3031 Torrance Boulevard | Torrance CA 90503 | 310.781.7667 direct voice | 310.618.5841 fax |
MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov | www.TorranceCA.gov | www.Twitter.com/TorranceCA

From: Kathy Lindbergh <kathycohen68@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 8:38 AM
To: Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Torrance Airport

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Good Morning Mike

Hopefully you can help with the touch and goes at the airport.

I know this is an ongoing issue, but I got a call from a very upset neighbor (Mary Boman, she has emailed Rafael Herrera, and Gerry Pinela in turn they have sent the Commissioners her videos and emails to no avail.

Mary works from home, and can not have conversations with her clients because of the touch and goes and flying over New Horizons.

What can we do about this as the Airport Commissioners have no say, unfortunately

Thank you
Kathy Cohen

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:44 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Christy Haworth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 3:35 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:43 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Michael Calabrese <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 4:06 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:42 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Lee Unger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:48 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Hello, Torrance City Council,

Please do not support user fees at the Torrance Airport.

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Landing fees can deter visitors to Torrance Airport, these visitors spend considerable money during their stays thus supporting the local economy, please make them feel welcome, and vote No Landing Fees!

Thank you for considering this request to vote No Landing fees at Torrance Airport.

Sincerely,
 Virginia E. Unger

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 5:22 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Anne Minder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 5:20 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:25 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: MARILYN MCPOLAND <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:21 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
 Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Sent from my iPhone

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:00 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Richard Smith <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 1:21 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Richard Shaw <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:54 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
 Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Dear City Council-

I've flown out of Torrance airport since 1971. Traffic density was higher at that time as there were a number of flight schools operating and it was the peak of light plane operations from 1971-1979. The citizens and pilots worked together at that time in the interest of making Torrance a great place to live and work! The residential areas around the airport have not changed in that time, so I'm not sure how the noise levels have changed. I know the pilots today practice noise abatement procedures and they didn't in the 1970s. Why would landing fees be required now?

Maybe it's just perspective?

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Thanks for your help,
 Richard Shaw
 [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: cootylight <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 4:58 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Sent from Proton Mail mobile

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Marianne Wightman <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:23 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
 Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:56 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Eric Hansen <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:27 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: randl1965@sbcglobal.net <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 6:27 AM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Sincerely,
 Ronald K. Williams

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Oded Yossifor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:20 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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I bought my house in Anza Ave over 30 years ago, and it was a quiet street. Most of the complainer drive through my house daily disturbing the quality of life. I think it's immoral to listen to them, while they make such a noise by themselves. **I heard that nobody plan to put express lanes on Anxa Ave. This is exactly the same issue.**

Landing fees killed the pilot availability in Europe, so that's why we are the #1 in the world. We need a solution for the future, not landing fees.

We need to fix with FAA the practice that from time to time Long Beach Airport is closed for pattern work.

Oded Yossifor

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:54 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Lon Sobel <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:36 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
 Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:54 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Linda Abrams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:11 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Did the City Council deliberately schedule our voices out??The Torrance City Council is scheduled to vote on approval of landing fees at the airport on July 25--right in the middle of AirVenture at Oshkosh! Most of the airport supporters will therefore be out of town and unable to voice their opinions in person.

Linda Abrams

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:52 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Walter Tondou <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:39 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Walter Tondou

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:52 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Vanessa Gibson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 7:13 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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City Staff should embrace the aviation community as a prosperous asset & viable resource for the future of Torrance.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Gibson

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:51 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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

From: EMILIO H. MORALES <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 7:05 AM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:51 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: George Cohen <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:24 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:48 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Scott Osborn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 7:57 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Kelvin Vanderlip <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:18 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Dear Torrance City Council and City Staff,

I understand that you are considering per-landing fees at Zamperini Field. I frequently use the Santa Monica airport to refuel my aircraft, which I keep at Zamperini Field in an East-Tees hangar. Every time I refuel at Santa Monica Airport I marvel at how deserted it is there: little flight instruction, few remaining aviation-related businesses, very little radio traffic from the tower, the restaurant closed. It's like a ghost town. I think this is what you are looking for from your proposed landing fees, and you will probably get it.

So why do I still fly into Santa Monica? It costs me a \$5 landing fee per trip. But its worth it. The fuel available at Santa Monica, 94UL avgas, does not contain the poison lead. The only kind of fuel I can buy at Torrance airport is **leaded** 100LL avgas. I won't use leaded avgas, which is a well-known poison, over Torrance or my home town of Rancho Palos Verdes. Torrance airport's fuel pit and FBOs sell only 100LL **leaded** fuel. Why?

You could reduce airport noise a little if you let me cut down on my stupid refueling flights. Please encourage or order a Torrance FBO (or your City) to sell 94UL and 100UL avgas on the field. Less noise, less poisoned gas. A stop towards a quieter and safer future.

Thank you for your consideration of the request,

Kelvin Vanderlip
 N587TA

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:49 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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

From: Betty Taylor <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:26 AM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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In case of a natural disaster, the airport and pilots would be the first called on to help!
 Betty Taylor

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Brandon Mercade <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:10 AM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: **Brandon Mercade** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 11:08 AM
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To: <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>, <+CityClerk@torranceca.gov>

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Also, this airport far predates any of the opponents who are now trying to silence it.

Please consider this.

Brandon

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:29 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Michael Calabrese <[REDACTED]>
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 10:46 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Input to you and the Torrance City Council Transportation Committee on consideration of Torrance Airport User Fees

From: sdnordel@verizon.net <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 10:09 AM
To: Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Mr. Mayor (George)-

I hope this email finds you well and you continue to excel after our time together on the F/A-18 team at Raytheon.

As a Torrance airport hangar tenant, I do not support the current user fee concept the City Council is considering for all aviators using the Torrance Airport.

I have personally experienced the higher volume of flight training traffic in the pattern. My observation is that this volume is driven by local flight schools which regularly saturate the pattern/hold short area causing departure/arrival delays and stretched out flight patterns (increasing flight gas expenses for all aviators). As a tenant and regular user of the airport I would like to see the volume of flight training traffic decreased but not at the cost of all airport users.

If the issues the City is trying to mitigate are the volume of traffic, associated noise and/or operational costs, I suggest you and the City Council consider the following:

- 1) For every day of the week during tower operational hours, limit the landings by each unique registered aircraft tail number to no more than three landings per day at no cost/fee.
- 2) If a given tail number lands more than three times a day during tower operating hours, landing fees would then kick in on a per landing basis (perhaps even at geometrically increasing cost).

The above solution would 1) allow certified pilots to maintain our FAA 90-day currency requirements with no added fees, 2) redirect costs to flight schools doing a significant volume of daily landings with the same aircraft and 3) encourage flight schools to do some of their training at other local airports (of which there are several good choices within reasonable flight times). (Note: Encouraging student aviators to land at other airfields is also good for their training and situational awareness.)

Finally, Robinson Aircraft is the largest helicopter producer in the world, yet we fixed wing operators have operated harmoniously with their flight test operational volume for many years. It would be unfortunate to negatively impact the businesses and tenants which are not the root cause of the issues above.

Please contact me directly if you would like to discuss this matter or have additional questions.

Cordially, Steve (Nordo)

Stephen D. Nordel (LCDR, USNR retired)



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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 10:03 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Eric Roth <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:55 AM
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Eric Roth
 Local pilot and Torrance resident

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:41 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Natalie Shaby <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:28 AM
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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:18 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Dyan Van De Velde <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:10 AM
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Smile more,

Dyan

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 310-377-6580

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: PHIL SCHMIDT <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:46 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Mike Haworth <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:34 AM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Haworth, Michael R <[REDACTED]>
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Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:36 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Gregory Linderman <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 7:21 AM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Sanny Omar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 7:12 AM
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 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 6:50 AM
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Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:33 AM
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From: Matt J <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 4:58 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Robert Grosher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 4:45 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Max Schneller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 2:11 AM
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From: Daniel Holzman <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:33 AM
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Bill Nelson
 Concerned citizen

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To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Craig Narr <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:51 PM
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Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:28 AM
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From: David Bernstein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:39 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Rhon Williams <[REDACTED]>
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Transient pilots are extremely hard/expensive to track down and thus are unlikely to pay the fee. Thus landing fees mainly penalize the pilots that already pay the city for hangar space.

Rhon Williams
 Hangar tenant

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:25 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: John Crossen <[REDACTED]>
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To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: James Smith <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 8:50 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 8:43 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Michael Haworth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 8:40 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

Good evening,

I do not support any user fees at the Torrance Airport.

I am a Torrance resident and a user of the Torrance airport for nearly ten years. I fly often, and I fly responsibly with respect to the neighbors in the surrounding community. However, these neighbors need to know, they purchase a home near the airport - the airport was here first. Placing landing fees on us is an unfair toll to pay and will likely do more damage to the city than good (loss of revenue from airport tenants, businesses, etc.). The few number of individuals complaining against the airport should not justify the majority of the community.

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Thank you for listening and taking my opinion to heart,

Michael

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From: DANNY COOK <[REDACTED]>
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 Prosthodontist
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Beverly Hills, California 90210
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From: Chris Leary <[REDACTED]>
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To Whom it May Concern-

I am writing to voice my concerns about implementing landing fees at Torrance airport. I do NOT support any user fees at the Torrance Airport whatsoever. The complaints are coming from a vocal minority of homeowners who purchased their homes well after KTOA was built and I agree with Mr Broen's statement (<http://www.torranceairport.org/letter.pdf>) that landing fees are not the answer! It hurts business and the many Torrance citizens who own planes parked at KTOA. Please do not be bullied by a few residents.

As I am sure you are aware, voluntary agreements between City staff and the flight schools have provided a noticeable reduction in pattern traffic in the south pattern. The majority of air traffic comes from small Sling aircraft and, if you ever visit the departure or arrival end of the airport, you will hear how quiet those engines are. It would be unfortunate to do permanent damage to the airport and its businesses to solve a short-term issue. Landing fees will only hurt, it won't solve any problems.

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Please do the right thing and vote NO on landing fees. It's not the answer.

Respectfully,

Scott Papera, CFI/II
 Certified Flight Instructor
 [REDACTED]

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:16 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Thomas W LaGrelus MD <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:54 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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I am both a resident of Torrance since 1983 and a Torrance business owner also since 1983. And as a 5000 hour commercial/ instrument pilot and former USAF flight surgeon, I own and operate two aircraft hangared at KTOA. And you are all welcome for a ride anytime.





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Best,

Tom

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:14 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Ripu Arora <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:50 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: 424PaulHill <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:32 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Paul Hill

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:12 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Dwight Abbott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:24 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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 I do not support user fees at the Torrance Airport.

The reason we have Robinson Helicopter Company here, the world's largest helicopter maker, is because Torrance Airport is here. It and related aviation businesses bring a large economy to the South Bay area. Without a dynamic airport activity this economic engine will decline. Air transport technology now has quiet electric-powered VTOL aircraft emerging and Torrance and the South Bay should plan for supporting it. Keep the airport activity high, but fairly regulate operations without imposing economically dampening user fees.

- Dwight Abbott, PVE

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
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From: Alan Gaudenti <[REDACTED]>
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 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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I was based at TOA for 50 years and know from experience that landing fees do nothing to resolve the issues. Taxes and fees caused me to move and with it my monetary contribution.

The absence of jet fuel is absurd, increases operations and the city loses revenue. Modern jets are quiet and much safer with redundancy and well trained pilots.

You should focus on crime, the homeless and drugs before it's too late !

Alan Gaudenti
 [REDACTED]

Huizar, Carlos

From: Cammarota, Crystal
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To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Neal Schwartz <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:22 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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Thank you!

-Neal

Neal Schwartz
 Latitude Aviation



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Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:10 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Tim Baptist <[REDACTED]>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:20 PM
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If the City really wants to reduce airport traffic they should terminate the Sling Academy's parking/ tie down leases.

Tim Baptist
 Pilot

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From: Cammarota, Crystal
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 8:09 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: cwendel@wendelsworld.com <cwendel@wendelsworld.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:07 PM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
 Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Sent from my iPhone
 Chris Wendel
 Chris@wendelsworld.com

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From: Poirier, Rebecca on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 9:06 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

From: Gary Palmer, CFI [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 11:44 AM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
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User fees or Landing Fees are, I believe, the same item. I would like to add that flight schools simply pass along any such fees to the students. If the intent of landing fees is to discourage pilots from flying to Torrance Airport, it would only discourage those flyin in for no reason or high priced fuel. We do not have services which attract other pilots, but we do attract other schools. And those schools will not care about landing fees. The training traffic at Santa Monica proves that point.

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Flight schools in Long Beach and Chino have a waiting list for students to begin their training.

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 Blue Skies,
 Gary Palmer, CFI-SEL, CPL-SEL, AGI, IGI

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From: Poirier, Rebecca on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 9:05 AM
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From: Jeff Wachner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:06 PM
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From: Bill Allen [REDACTED]
 Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 9:42 AM
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Bill Allen
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 Please excuse typos

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From: BILL MORINO [REDACTED]
 Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 8:30 PM
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Sincerely,

William Morino
 Hangar 2797A

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From: Poirier, Rebecca on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 9:04 AM
To: Huizar, Carlos
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From: Garrett Reisman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 5:01 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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From: Garrett Reisman <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 4:56 PM
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation
To: <blewis@torranceca.gov>, <amattucci@torranceca.gov>, <chuizar@torranceca.gov>, Kaji, Jon
<jkaji@torranceca.gov>, <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>
Cc: <+CityClerk@torranceca.gov>

Dear Torrance City Council Members,

My name is Garrett Reisman and I am a resident of Torrance and live on Calle Mayor in the Riviera neighborhood. (I am the former NASA astronaut with the son who spoke at the Transportation Committee meeting.)

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting next Tuesday in person because we are currently on a previously planned family vacation. But I feel strongly enough about this issue to take time out of my vacation to write this email to you.

As you consider your possibilities for reducing aircraft noise at Zamperini Field, I would like to humbly recommend the following:

- Per my previous emails which are included below, please resist the urge to prematurely restrict the sale of AvGas at KTOA prematurely, i.e. before a replacement unleaded fuel is readily available and economically viable.
- I recommend against landing fees. In the council staff's report, you have identified 7 airports in California that charge landing fees and only 2 of them do not exempt aircraft based at the field. Furthermore, only 2 of these airports (Catalina and Santa Monica) charge any landing fees at all for small non-commercial aircraft (under 5000lbs) like the majority of planes based at KTOA. There are

250 airports in California according to wikipedia (not including government/military and private airfields) So if you implement landing fees for small aircraft at KTOA, then according to these numbers we will be one of only 1.2% of CA airports who do so! If you do implement landing fees, I urge you to exempt local pilots based at Zamperini Field. Those of us based at KTOA already pay hangar rent to the city, hangar taxes to the county, aircraft property taxes to the county, etc. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_airports_in_California

- Please do not close the south runway. Reducing capacity at KTOA will only make the recently increased traffic situation worse.

Let's continue to work on this issue via creative operational solutions and find a way for the airport and the residents to be good neighbors without damaging this vital Torrance resource.

Thank you,
Garrett Reisman

On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 9:04 AM Garrett Reisman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello members of the Transportation Committee,

I just wanted to send you one important correction to the email I sent to you last night. I state below that "*The airplanes that use mogas are mostly experimental aircraft and ultralight aircraft.*" I was unaware that one other type of airplane that uses mogas are the Sling NGT airplanes used by the Sling Pilot Academy at Zamperini Field. These are classified as light sport aircraft by the FAA (meaning that they conform to a weight limit and other restrictions) but they do indeed use rotax engines burning unleaded fuel.

That is clearly an important clarification but it does not change the basic message that I was trying to convey which is that for the overwhelming majority of general aviation piston (propeller) airplanes, the leaded fuel problem is national in scope and cannot be solved by local legislation. Those of us Torrance pilots who fly Cirrus, Cessna, Piper, Beechcraft and other popular aircraft do not have the option of installing a rotax engine in our airplanes and switching to mogas.

Thank you again for your time and consideration!

Garrett Reisman

On Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 11:05 PM Garrett Reisman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Chairman Mattucci and the members of the Transportation Committee,

I just returned home from tonight's meeting (I am the astronaut with the 12-year old son who pleaded for his "hobby") and I want to commend you on running a very civil and productive discussion on this contentious issue. I am sympathetic to the noise and congestion concerns of my neighbors and fellow pilots both and, as I mentioned during my 1 minute comment period, I hope that a compromise can be reached

that improves the quality of life for our community without threatening the operational or economic viability of Zamperini Field.

After listening to the committee's deliberations regarding the phase-out of leaded avgas I did want to offer up some information that might be helpful. The main point is that this is a national (actually global) problem and not one that can be effectively solved at the local level.

The vast majority of the airplanes at KTOA use 100LL fuel (100 octane, low lead), including mine. There are a few that use Jet A (jet fuel, basically kerosene) and some that use mogas (unleaded gasoline). The airplanes that use Jet A are jets and a very small number of airplanes that are designed to use automotive diesel engines. The airplanes that use mogas are mostly experimental aircraft and ultralight aircraft.

As for the vast majority of us that use 100LL, we cannot simply have our mechanics modify or swap out our engines to use Jet A or mogas. That would actually be illegal since our airplanes are not certified by the FAA to use engines other than the ones they were manufactured with or ones that the FAA has specifically approved for use in our aircraft.

What we can do today is get FAA approval by paying a modest fee (for me it would be \$600) to use a newly approved unleaded replacement for 100LL called G100UL (100 octane, unleaded). There would actually be no change at all to our airplanes, it would just be a paperwork exercise and a sticker that would be applied next to our fuel caps that says that our airplane is approved to use G100UL. An overwhelming majority of our KTOA airplanes that use 100LL could do this today.

The problem is - no one is producing G100UL in bulk so far. So even if we get approval to use it, we can't buy it - it's simply not available yet. This is a massive supply chain issue. Production has to ramp up from a few batches of G100UL used for testing and certification to hundreds of millions of gallons of fuel annually.

The good news is that the FAA is working with industry to make G100UL and other unleaded replacement fuels widely available nationwide with an expected start right here in California. The FAA's goal is to have an unleaded alternative to 100LL widely available by 2030. (My guess is that it will take longer than that, but 2030 is a reasonable goal for California, at least.)

You can read all about the FAA's unleaded avgas initiatives here:

<https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/avgas>

The takeaway here is that this is a national problem, not a local problem. If Torrance bans 100LL before an alternative is commercially available, the only effect would be that Torrance pilots would not be able to buy fuel for their airplanes and would have to fly to other airports to buy fuel. This is not only a very significant cost and effort burden on our local pilots, it can be a big safety issue too. There has been at least one documented case of an airplane leaving the one airport in the nation that did ban 100LL and crashing because they were unable to refuel and ran out of gas on their way to another airport. (see link below)

When you make your recommendations to the full council, please reconsider setting a specific timeframe for banning leaded gas sales at Zamperini Field. Instead, I respectfully suggest that you recommend that the city ban leaded avgas as soon as a replacement fuel is readily available and that every effort be made to make FAA-certified unleaded avgas available at Zamperini Field as soon as possible and without a prohibitive cost burden.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Garrett Reisman

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From: Ann Haworth [REDACTED]
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 Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 5:21 AM
 To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@torranceca.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov>
 Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Huizar, Carlos

From: Poirier, Rebecca on behalf of City Clerk
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