

Council Meeting of
July 25, 2023

LATE SUPPLEMENTALS

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager's Office – Late correspondence received for Items 9A and 9F

Please find attached correspondence received after 5:30 p.m. on July 24, 2023, and prior to the adjournment of 1:03 a.m. on July 26, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

ARAM CHAPARYAN
CITY MANAGER

By


Carlos Huizar
Management Associate

CONCUR:



 Aram Chaparyan
City Manager

Attachment:
A) Correspondence

Public Comments pertaining to:

Item 9A

From: R Antablin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 2:48 PM

To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 Item 9A re: Transportation Committee recommendation

Honorable Council members

I have lived in the Torrance area since the 1950's quite close to the airport and I love Torrance Airport and what it means to our community.

I have many friends that learned to fly at Torrance Airport and some of them went on to serve in the military in a pilot's capacity and others who went on to become commercial pilots which are in a shortage in our nation at the moment.

I do NOT support any landing fees at the Torrance Airport. Landing fees are a tax on Students trying to make better lives for themselves.

Landing fees are not going to make the lives of surrounding neighborhood residents better. Landing fees don't reduce airplane traffic. What has already been shown to work is collaborative working together of pilots, aviation businesses and residents.

City Council, don't turn your backs on the work that has been done listening to one another and trying to find common ground and improve things.

Support uplifting the community with great careers. Support businesses that contribute millions of dollars to the local economy. Support students working hard to achieve their dreams.

Please Vote No to Landing Fees and restrictions on flights at Torrance Airport.

Sincerely,

Rodney Antablin

Sent from my iPhone

From: Annelie Hubinette <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 Item 9A re: Transportation Committee recommendation

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Please Vote No to Landing Fees.

Tomorrow I have my first First Officer interview with a regional airline. My goal is to provide for my 4 daughters and to reach my dream. Airports are my home away from home!

Respectfully,
Annelie Hubinette
CFI/CFII

From: Ed Daniels <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment - Council Meeting 7/25/2023 Item 9A

25 July 2023
Torrance, CA

to: City of Torrance City Council

re: Council Meeting 7/25/2023 Agenda Item 9A - Transportation Committee/Airport Noise

Council Members:

As a 37-year resident and homeowner in Torrance, located under the west departure path of Torrance Municipal Airport - Zamperini Field (KTOA), I urge you to please NOT implement landing fees.

A "NO" vote preserves the balance of public, personal and business interests. KTOA serves the general public as a vital transportation link to the national airspace system. KTOA serves individuals engaging in education via flight training, recreation and pleasure flying. KTOA serves business interests and the local economy, providing revenue to the city coffers, local businesses such as flight schools, hotels, restaurants, car rentals and retail shopping. These businesses provide jobs and revenue. Why would you want to put in place an additional burden that discourages all these positive things from continuing to flourish in our city? This is akin to having a fee to enter your driveway from a city street.

What have the aviation community, airport management and the city done to mitigate noise exposure to the community that has developed around an active airport? In fact, plenty of actions have been implemented. To name several: departure curfews, training restrictions, banned aircraft types, noise limits with active monitoring, noise abatement procedures subject to safety within FAA rules and regulations, noise abatement signage at runways for pilot reference, and over time, increased use of newer and quieter aircraft. The Torrance Airport Association has communicated noise reduction tips to its pilot members, as has the Aircraft Owners and Pilots

Association in communicating noise awareness steps for pilots to use in flying over noise-sensitive areas.

More needs to be done to get the word out to pilots that visit KTOA from other cities and states.

Torrance needs to submit the noise-sensitive information to the FAA for inclusion in the official publication called Digital Chart Supplement (aka Airport/Facility Directory) that pilots use to familiarize themselves with intended destination airports. Past KTOA noise data reveals upwards of 2/3rds of noise monitor violations were attributed to transient flights, not KTOA-based pilots and planes. Also, about 17% of noise "violations" were from emergency/fire/police/military flight operations. I doubt the good citizens of Torrance want to curtail those vital services.

Looking at the July data on the Torrance Airport Noise Lab website, the vast majority of noise complaints are from the west end departure path, which is mostly around Hawthorne Blvd., businesses and some homes, but not the south hillside residents that were previously vocal about alleged noise violations. Could it be those measures taken voluntarily by pilots and flight schools are taking effect? Perhaps you should allow some time to watch this trend, before acting on the proposal.

Do not take measures that hinder the proper use of Torrance Airport. Look no further than Santa Monica Airport's impending demise from such measures. Think of the increased air traffic that LAX will be allowed to route over that city with the removal of their air space from the map. The same might happen over Torrance, should you initiate the demise of KTOA. I'd rather listen to a few small aircraft occasionally flying over than a constant flow of airliners.

Sincerely,

Edward Danielsen

From: Aaron Tavakoli <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:06 PM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 Item 9A re: Transportation Committee recommendation

Honorable Council members,

I am a resident and property owner in Redondo Beach, in the Riviera Village at [REDACTED].

I'm writing in support of the Torrance Airport, and Sling Pilot Academy and specifically to oppose any landing fees that are being proposed on airplanes or businesses.

When we purchased our property, we were aware of the airport and understood the airport. Traffic was to be expected. We do not find the traffic all the noise from the aircraft to be a problem at all.

Both my wife and I work from home and actually find the noise from the street is typically louder and more constant than any noise from overhead passing aircraft.

Our son has taken lessons at Sling pilot Academy, and we find that they are excellent members of the community, who engage with both the schools and local businesses providing a unique opportunity for young people in the South Bay community to become involved in aviation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Aaron & Maria Tavakoli

Sent from my iPhone

From: Chris Haarhoff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 4:04 PM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>
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Please Vote No to Landing Fees.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cassie Coleman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 Item 9A re: Transportation Committee recommendation

Honorable Council members,

I am writing this to communicate my support for the Torrance Airport, the private pilots (current and future), and the many small companies at the airport and beyond which support aviation and aviation enthusiasts.

Your support is critical in helping our aviation community continue. Our nation is facing a pilot shortfall and small airports like Torrance are essential in supporting that pipeline as the many students take their first steps towards future careers.

Becoming a pilot is expensive and is typically personally funded by the individual student. Any additional fees will ultimately flow to those least able to absorb the cost.

I am the wife and mother of pilots and I can personally attest to their dedication to aviation and their respect for their community.

I do NOT support any landing fees at the Torrance Airport.

Please Vote No to Landing Fees.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,
Cassie Coleman

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nathan K <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 4:43 PM

To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Public Comment for 7/25 Item 9A re: Transportation Committee recommendation

Honorable Council members,

As someone who lived adjacent to the Torrance Airport from 2017-2021, I love Torrance Airport and what it means to our community.

I do NOT support any landing fees at the Torrance Airport. What purpose do they serve?

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Please Vote No to Landing Fees.

Respectfully,
Nathan Kaney

Public Comments pertaining to:

Item 9F

From: Heidi Swan <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 5:35 PM

To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Public Comment

Dear Torrance City Council Members,

I am a Hermosa Beach resident who lives in multi-unit housing.

It would help the entire Southland if we can have smoke-free housing. Torrance can be a leader on this extremely important public health standard.

We own a condo with a fantastic view of the ocean. But I have to sleep with my ocean-view door closed because I have neighbors who smoke pot on their balconies. It's unfair I have to box myself in, especially as the weather is getting warmer.

My son has a room in a different part of the condo. His windows are also closed. A couple of nights ago, he came into my room at 3am, complaining that pot smoke was coming through the walls/vents and it woke him up.

This is not just bothersome, it's serious. My son has allergies. A large percentage of people are allergic to the marijuana plant.* Plus, the products have all manner of toxins on them from the pesticides, rodenticides, butane, etc. Additionally, pot smoke in some ways is worse than tobacco smoke. He simply cannot be exposed to it. See attachment.

So many of the advances we made to protect the public from the toxic smoke of others have been rolled back due to marijuana legalization.

For innocent people, I hope Torrance City Council will stand up for clean air in multi-unit housing. This will help to make it a consideration in Hermosa.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Heidi A. Swan

[REDACTED]

Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Allergies:

Marijuana Cannabis Allergy



Marijuana Cannabis Allergy

The AAAAI offers information on marijuana cannabis allergy written and reviewed by experts on allergies.



The Triangulum: Tobacco, Marijuana, & Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs)

- We know Marijuana smoke was placed on Prop 65 list of carcinogens and reproductive toxins (8)
- At least 33 individual elements present in both marijuana and tobacco smoke are Prop 65 carcinogens (cancer causing agents)
- Marijuana smoke contains:
 - a. 2x as much tar and ammonia as tobacco smoke
 - b. 8x as much hydrogen cyanide as tobacco smoke (9)
 - c. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active chemical in cannabis that leads to secondhand high (10)
- Marijuana can also be contaminated with mold, insecticide or other chemicals that may be released in secondhand smoke (11)

8 "Evidence on the Carcinogenicity of Marijuana Smoke," Reproductive and Cancer Hazard Assessment Branch, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Environmental Protection Agency, 2016.

9 Han, B. et al. & Comparison of Mainstream and Sidestream Marijuana and Tobacco Cigarette Smoke Produced under Two Heating Smoking Conditions: Analytical Chemical Factors, 2016, 15, p. 104-113

10 Wang, A. et al. "Oral exposure to marijuana secondhand smoke impairs respiratory epithelial function" environmental health perspectives 124(10): 1478-1483

11 Associated Press, "Marijuana may be contaminated with mold, pesticides," CBS News, December 8, 2015



From: Gabriela Fischer <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 4:47 PM

To: Council Meeting Public Comment <CouncilMeetingPublicComment@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Public Comment

Please see attached!

Thanks,

Gaby Fischer

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for the smoke-free ordinance for multi-family homes in the city of Torrance. As a resident and business owner, I believe that this ordinance is important to protect the health and safety of our community. We should have the right to protect ourselves from secondhand smoke and I hope you help us do so.

Thank you for your consideration!!!

Sincerely,

Gabriela Fischer