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Dear Ms. Girvin:

I wanted to share that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has submitted requests to amend all three RNAV departure procedures (HARYS, ROSCOE and WLKKR) for Van Nuys Airport (VNY) using the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) Information Gateway website.

LAWA has requested that the FAA move forward with the design and implementation of the notional procedures that the FAA recommended as operationally feasible in the response letter to the Task Force dated September 1, 2020. These notional procedures should be designed to mirror the conventional departure flight tracks as close as possible to address concerns about increased departure flights over hillside communities and to provide the maximum dispersal possible for flight tracks, especially on initial departure.

You also noted in the response letter that the review process for requests submitted through the IFP Gateway website is very thorough and could take over two years from start to implementation. LAWA urges the FAA to expedite the review and analysis of these proposed procedures to implement changes in a shorter timeframe to address community concerns over increased departure flights over hillside communities.

Moreover, to address current noise issues in the interim period, LAWA would request that the FAA consider implementing the same interim operating procedures that were enacted in August 2017 through the time the revised open SID procedures were published in May 2018. These interim operating procedures included FAA Air Traffic Control issuing initial turns to airplanes, once they reached the Sepulveda Basin just south of Victory Boulevard, to address increased early turns and other safety concerns at VNY after the initial Metroplex procedures were published in March 2017. LAWA believes this has the potential to provide immediate relief to communities while the notional procedures are evaluated for implementation. If these interim procedures prove to be technically and operationally feasible, as well as financially and environmentally feasible, then LAWA would like the FAA to consider maintaining these interim procedures as part of the permanent solution.



I would like to thank you for the substantial FAA support and effort to address concerns from hillside communities about increased departure flights over their homes. This includes committing numerous staff representing key FAA services and programs to discuss the issues and confirm the changes and create the notional procedures presented to the VNY CAC in August 2019, as well as your vital participation in the Task Force and your responses to the numerous recommendations.

LAWA looks forward to the FAA initiating review of our requests and remains committed to working with all stakeholders to address the identified noise issues resulting from the implementation of satellite-based Metroplex departure procedures at VNY.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Erbacci', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Chief Executive Officer
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cc: Councilmember Paul Krekorian
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