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Dear Mr. Roberts:

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your leadership in helping to convene the Noise Forum in Seattle on May 9-10 attended by representatives of several airports in the region and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) management. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) appreciated the opportunity to have a productive discussion with the FAA and our peer airports regarding noise issues in our communities. We are optimistic that this collaborative approach to handling sensitive issues and the commitment by the FAA to work closely with airports in implementing new projects and procedures will be beneficial to all parties, as well as our constituents.

This letter serves to follow up on a few items that were discussed at the meeting and to request responses back from the FAA on some critical issues facing LAX. As discussed at the meeting, it would be helpful to have a point person on Metroplex-related issues who would be responsible for timely follow-up on action items, provide information to LAX and to elected officials and attend meetings as necessary. Specifically, FAA attendance at our LAX/Community Noise Roundtable meetings, as well as continued FAA involvement with the Ad Hoc Committee dealing with Metroplex-related issues, would be beneficial. FAA involvement at these meetings, even in an ex-officio capacity, would help facilitate timely responses to questions and the development of possible solutions to issues that have been identified by stakeholders and communities.

As the FAA is aware, a key issue as a result of the implementation of Metroplex is the impact of the North Downwind Arrival procedures on certain communities, especially the waypoint over the West Adams area. While FAA has been researching the issue, there has been little progress in enforcing FAA's procedures to ensure that flights stay above 6000 feet. This is a critical issue for the community and it is important to establish a path forward towards resolving this matter.

Similarly, there have been complaints from the Palos Verdes community regarding aircraft deviating from established procedures by flying over their community instead of over the ocean. We would request that FAA commit to a timeframe and schedule for investigating the issue and developing recommendations to address these complaints.



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Lastly, we would request that FAA continue to work with LAWA staff regarding procedures to minimize deviations from Over-Ocean Operations from midnight to 6:30 a.m. Because of runway construction and maintenance, deviations have been occurring more often and in some cases it seems that Over-Ocean Operations may still be possible even when certain runways are unavailable. It would be advantageous for LAWA and FAA to develop a protocol for dealing with these situations so Over-Ocean Operations can continue or resume earlier, which would be a benefit to the community.

In the interest of continued collaboration, it would be helpful if the FAA met regularly with elected officials who represent these affected communities and with LAWA to discuss these issues and ensure a comprehensive strategy going forward. In addition, LAWA would like to request a regular, quarterly meeting between FAA and LAWA staff to provide information on future changes to procedures and/or operations and get feedback from LAWA before such changes are implemented. This would help facilitate communication amongst the agencies and ensure proper notification and outreach with any affected communities.

Again, we very much appreciate the FAA initiating this conversation and look forward to working together on these important issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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