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## Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website.Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Councils rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [empowerla@lacity.org](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/08/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 01/09/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Police Commissioners, Community Police Advisory Boards

Council File Number: 23-1422

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports, in part, the Controller's LAPD Air Support Division audit findings, relative to helicopter and negative quality of life impact, and urges modification of standard procedures for LAPD air support to mitigate negative QOL impacts caused by low altitude flying over residential areas when it is not necessary (when simply traversing the community as opposed to flying that is related to an incident). See attached letter.

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**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

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January 9, 2024

To Los Angeles City Council and its Committees

**LAPD Helicopter Audit: It is Time to Address Low Altitude Air Traffic Concerns**

**Position: For — CF 23-1422. Air Support Division / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Audit.**

Although the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) makes no comment on what the Controller's Office in its report defines as "high priority crime" nor Air Support's \$46.6 million annual cost, SONC notes the Controller's finding that "helicopters can have a negative quality of life impact on the lives of residents who live in communities with frequent helicopter activity."

SONC's concern with the large scope of LAPD Air Support is thus borne from our long-standing concern for our constituents' wellbeing relative to air traffic, namely low-flying air traffic in the skies over Sherman Oaks, which our Council is intimately familiar with due to our experiences with Van Nuys (VNY) and Burbank (BUR) airports. This concern includes LAPD air operations.

Helicopters regularly fly at altitudes lower than jet aircraft and according to the Controller's audit, burn nearly 50 gallons of fuel per hour. Atmospheric dispersion modeling indicates this low altitude—often less than 1,000 feet above ground level, especially in elevated portions of Sherman Oaks—simply isn't high enough for significant dispersion of fuel, aircraft, and other flight-related toxins, which in turn rain down in harmful, undiluted quantities on communities below.

Therefore, SONC supports, in part, the Controller's QOL findings but offers no opinion on the issue of only 39% of flight time dedicated to "high priority crime".

SONC urges City Council, LAPD, or any other relative agency, to modify standard procedures for LAPD Air Support, such as assigning helicopters to take established aerial corridors (e.g., I-405 and US-101 freeways) to traverse Sherman Oaks when not involved in priority incidents, and to decrease unneeded operations of less than 1,500 feet above ground level (AGL), which should be noted is more than 2,500 above mean sea level (MSL) in the Sherman Oaks hills.

Thank you for your consideration.  
With Pride and Determination—

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