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Hollywood Burbank Airport and Van Nuys Airport Hold Seventh Joint Noise Task Force Meeting

BURBANK, Calif., May 8, 2020 – The Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) – a group formed to collaboratively address community concerns regarding aircraft noise resulting from planes departing from Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY) – held its final regularly scheduled meeting in an online format. The Task Force met its objective to hear community and industry experts’ proposals and provide the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and other responsible entities with recommendations on aircraft arrival and departure operations from both airports.

Meeting Highlights

- HMMH, Task Force facilitator, guided the Task Force through a vote on 19 member proposed recommendations seeking to adjust how aircraft arrive and depart from both airports.
- Task Force members approved recommendations to ask that the FAA evaluate increased dispersal of flight departure paths; study noise mitigations and update noise compatibility programs; expand residential sound insulation programs; increase departure climb gradients; and evaluate limitations to aircraft from operating during the late night hours at both Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY).
- All recommendations approved by the Task Force will be submitted to the FAA and other responsible entities in a transmittal letter asking for a 60-day response and quarterly update.

“I’d like to extend my appreciation to all members of the public who joined us throughout this Task Force process. Your participation was instrumental to our primary goal to identify solutions to alleviate aircraft noise throughout the Southern San Fernando Valley,” said Task Force Chair, City of Burbank Councilmember Emily Gabel-Luddy.

A recording of the meeting as well as the meeting agenda and a full list of recommendations will be made available on the BUR website or on VNY website.

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