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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

December 8, 2015

Mr. Glen A. Martin Regional Administrator Federal Aviation Agency 15000 Aviation Blvd. Lawndale, CA 90261

Re: SoCal Metroplex EA

Dear Mr. Martin:

Glendora has recently become aware of the FAA's intent to alter certain air flight paths in the LA Region that could impact our community negatively as the Agency proceeds with its Next Generation technology in air traffic control. This impact was brought to our attention by Congresswoman Napolitano and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments ("COG").

We attended the briefing provided by Mr. May on December 4, 2015 along with several other communities that were noticed by the Congresswoman's office and the COG. While we appreciate the overview, Mr. May was unable to provide more detailed information as to the impacts our particular communities may sustain through the proposed changes. That, of course, is critical to our ability to answer questions that our residents will have once they become aware of the impending changes.

It would appear from the material contained in Appendix A of the SoCal Metroplex EA that the impacted communities were never directly notified of the review that FAA was undertaking and thus the opportunity to participate and ask questions at that time was not made available. We were told that the public comment period for the EA closed in October and that it would not be reopened.

We are now trying to understand the very technical data on the possible sound, pollution and other environmental impacts that may result from the proposed alterations. At this point, it does not look like the EA considered the impact upon the recently declared National Monument Area and the Presidential directive for protection of various habitat, species and environmental elements that were the basis for the President's declaration provided under the Antiquities Act.

Given the very limited information provided to date, and the apparent lack of notification to our community as well as other communities in the new flight paths, we would ask that you place a hold until such time as the Regional Offices can dialog with us as stakeholders on the issues and findings. It is critical that we have the proper time and opportunity to review the data and discuss this with the FAA before any Record of Decision is contemplated by your office.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (626) 914-8201 or by email at cjeffers@cityofglendora.org.

Sincerely,

**CITY OF GLENDORA** 

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