NORTH WESTDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S POSITION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF RUNWAY SAFETY AREAS AT SANTA MONICA AIRPORT AND THE EFFECTS OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT POLLUTION ON AIRPORT NEIGHBORS DATED APRIL 9, 2007

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association contends that:

Santa Monica Airport sits in the midst of densely populated communities.

Santa Monica Airport does not have buffer zones.

Santa Monica Airport's Runway is located approximately 220 feet (two hundred twenty feet) from our residential community.

Santa Monica Airport does not have sufficient Runway Safety Areas.

Santa Monica Airport neighbors are inundated with jet kerosene fumes on a daily basis.

Santa Monica Airport's users frequently deviate from flying directly over official noise monitors resulting in inaccurate noise level readings.

Santa Monica Airport's jet operations have significantly compromised the health, safety, and quality of life for thousands of neighboring residents and members of the surrounding communities.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association is in support of:

Installation of Runway Safety Areas (RSAs) on the existing runways of the Santa Monica Airport -- by establishing both landing and departure displaced thresholds of a minimum of 600 feet (six hundred feet) on each end of the existing runways -- without Engineered Mass Arresting System (EMAS). In addition, limitations on aircraft use of Santa Monica Airport should be based on aircraft type, speed, weight, and weather conditions, and not on pilot discretion.

The North Westdale Neighborhood Association is in support of:

California legislation that will address community quality of life and health risk concerns from the increase in noise, odors and air pollution due to the jet operations at Santa Monica Airport.

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