



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Re: 2012 Air Quality Management Plan - Santa Monica Airport**

Dear Dr. Fine and Mr. Cassmassi:

I am writing on behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) representing 30,000 stakeholders. Many of our stakeholders are negatively impacted by Santa Monica Airport's aircraft operations with regard to air quality as well as noise pollution and safety concerns. Piston aircraft operations are of particular concern due to the use of lead in aviation gasoline and the large number of low altitude pattern flights subjecting the Venice community to lead exposure. Jet aircraft are also a concern due to potential health effects from their emissions on Venice stakeholders. Multiple studies have demonstrated that there are elevated levels of air pollutants such as lead, black carbon, and ultrafine particulate matter in neighboring residential areas.

At our Governing Board Meeting held on May 10, 2012 the Venice Neighborhood Council passed the following motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council moves to support the attached letter on behalf of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

We are very concerned about the pollution caused by Santa Monica Airport aircraft operations and the health risks it creates for our stakeholders.

We urge the SCAQMD to impose an Indirect Source Review Rule on SMO.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Linda Lucks  
President

Cc Marty Rubin, CRAAP  
Congressman Henry Waxman  
Councilmember Bill Rosendahl  
CA Senator Ted Lieu