

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services – Airport Commission Annual Report  
July 2008 through June 2009**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that the City Council accept and file the Airport Commission Annual Report for July 2008 through June 2009.

**FUNDING**

Not applicable

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Annual Report for July 2008 through June 2009 as prepared by the Airport Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting of March 11, 2010 and moved to request that it be accepted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW  
General Services Director

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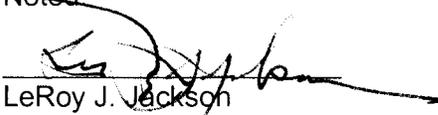
  
Shant Megerdichian  
Facility Operations Manager

  
Peter Donnellan, Chair  
Airport Commission

Concur:

  
Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director

Noted:

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager



AIRPORT COMMISSION  
CITY OF TORRANCE

ANNUAL REPORT  
July 2008 – June 2009

Chairperson: Clark Adams  
Vice Chairperson: Karen K. Fitch

Commissioner Richard Dingman  
Commissioner Peter Donnellan  
Commissioner Paul Jacobsen

Commissioner Archie Phillips  
Commissioner Bill Tymczyszyn

Staff Liaison: Shant Megerdichian, Facility Operations Manager, General Services Department

**Purpose of Airport Commission:**

The duty of the Torrance Airport Commission is to advise the Mayor/City Council on matters concerning the Torrance Municipal Airport - Zamperini Field. Included within the chartered scope of activities are:

- Review of proposed locations, constructions, and financing of land and facilities for public airport use
- Review of the proposed leasing of Airport land to fixed base operators and promotion of the improvement of the Airport operations and administration
- Promotion of the Airport's commercial and industrial development
- Review of proposed special events to be held at the Airport
- Advise on matters pertaining to Airport noise
- Community outreach on Airport issues

**Summary of Airport Commission Activities:**

The Airport Commission met monthly. The Commission received City Staff and public input, and reviewed and commented on a monthly basis on: Aeronautical Operations under the purview of the General Services and Public Works Departments, Land Management, and various Commission sub-committees.

Of note were the Commission's activities regarding:

- 1) Commissioner's personal inspection of the airport's Control Tower and FAA operations.
- 2) Special Events-Experimental Aircraft Assoc. B-17 Bomber display at Zamperini field in April.
- 3) Review of Airport Financial Statements and Capital Budget Plan was conducted at our October meeting.
- 4) Implemented more public friendly input format by providing two separate oral communications sessions for each meeting.

## AIRPORT STATISTICS

Airport operations, as reported by the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower, decreased significantly (about 20%) as compared to the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. This is a larger decrease than have been observed in previous years.

Reporting Period (July 1 to June 30)	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Operations (thousands)	166.6	144.0	166.5	164.8	133.2
Incidents & Accidents	44	32	43	39	39

Airport operations resulted in an average of about 3 incidents per month during the period—with one accident occurring. This major accident involved an ultra light aircraft resulting in one fatality.

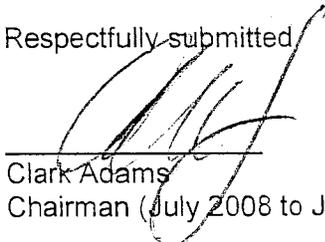
Lastly, Noise Abatement began publishing quarterly reports, which includes the following information: 1. Number of violations, 2. Transient, based and exempt aircraft, and 3. Aircraft with the loudest violations.

### Summary:

The Torrance Airport is a valuable and distinguishing asset to the City of Torrance, a key part of the economy, and source of pride to the community. Its usage must be balanced with the community needs and desires. We believe this has been achieved. Continued monitoring is needed and improvements possible which the Airport Commission is prepared to address.

Of special note the Airport Commission would like to thank the City personnel that have provided exceptional assistance to the Airport Commission and deserve note. Among them are: Mr. Megerdichian (Facilities Operation Manager and Staff Liaison), Ms. Williams (Airport Business Manager), Ms. Cessna (Environmental Services Administrator), Mr. Sunshine (Land Management Team Chair).

Respectfully submitted

  
 Clark Adams  
 Chairman (July 2008 to June 2009)