

City Council Meeting  
October 26, 2010

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

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

**Members of the Council:**

SUBJECT: Supplemental Material to City Council Agenda 12C

1. The recommendation was incorrectly listed on the agenda cover and should read as follows:

**12C. General Services – Approve formation of sub-committee to examine current helicopter letter of agreement between helicopter operators at Torrance Airport and FAA Control Tower.**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that the City Council approve the formation of a sub-committee to re-open and examine the current helicopter letter of agreement between helicopter operators at Torrance Airport and FAA Control Tower.

2. The term "sub-committee" implies that it is comprised solely of members of the City Council or Airport Commission. Therefore, it is recommended that the term "Committee" be used to identify the group examining the helicopter letter of agreement.
3. Attached is correspondence which was received after the original item was prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

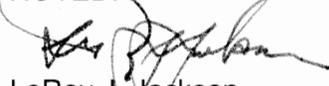
SHERYL BALLEW  
General Services Director

By   
Shant Megerdichian  
Facility Operations Manager

CONCUR:

  
Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director

NOTED:

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

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**12C**



**Megerdichian, Shant**

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**From:** Bill Tymczyszyn [tailwinds@me.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2010 9:35 AM  
**To:** Megerdichian, Shant  
**Cc:** Karen Fitch  
**Subject:** Airport Commission Minutes 10-14

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Shant,

Karen was kind enough to send me a copy of your Staff Report to Council on the helicopter noise issue. In reading the attachments, I noted that the as yet unapproved minutes of our 10-14 minutes contain two errors you may wish to correct. The items are contained below.

First, I corrected my original statement about the city's codes being outdated by stating more specifically that the city's municipal codes with respect to the Airport are outdated. I would like that corrected.

Secondly, my notes and recollection tell me that John Bailey stated (correctly, in my view) that the Commander of the USCG committed to a reduction in routine "transit" flights over the City of Torrance, not to a reduction in "training" flights, as the minutes say. I believe this is an important distinction, and we should not misquote the Commander, or Mr. Bailey. The Commander had earlier pointed out that his training requirement has not changed. He tries to spread out his training amongst all available local airports.

Thank you,  
Bill Tym

Commissioner Tymczyszyn pointed out that the City's Municipal Code regulations are old and outdated. He stated that alternate flight routes were proposed at the roundtable meetings and that the subcommittee should consider these.

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John Bailey, Walnut Avenue, stated that it was important to involve the other helicopter operators in discussions. He suggested adding under "Background" that at the July 22, 2010 roundtable meeting, the Commander from the Coast Guard committed to a reduction in training flights over the City.

**Megerdichian, Shant**

**From:** RRoot94227@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 24, 2010 3:47 PM  
**To:** Scotto, Frank; Sutherland, Bill; Numark, Cliff; Barnett, Gene; Furey, Pat; Rhilinger, Susan; Brewer, Tom  
**Cc:** michael.t.trimpert@uscg.mil; Herbers, Sue; Jackson, LeRoy; Ballew, Sheryl; Megerdichian, Shant  
**Subject:** ITEM 12C ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR OCOBER 26, 2010

To: Mayor and City Council of Torrance

I concur with the recommendation to form a sub-committee to examine the letter of agreement on helicopter routes.

As mentioned in the staff report, this recommendation is a result of several meetings of the helicopter roundtable group. I was one of the members of the roundtable who represented the interests of concerned citizens. As you know, the group was formed by the City in an effort to help resolve citizen concerns about noise and to achieve greater understanding between stakeholders. I think it accomplished these objectives. Thank you and City staff for hosting these meetings and helping to bring them to a successful conclusion.

It should be noted that the most significant accomplishment of the roundtable meetings was the decision by the Coast Guard to stop all "routine" transit flights over Torrance. This decision was made by Commander Michael Trimpert of the Los Angeles Air Station, and explained in a letter dated July 26, just four days after he attended the first roundtable meeting. It has already resulted in a substantial decrease in helicopter noise over our City, without reducing Coast Guard mission capabilities. The Coast Guard deserves recognition and appreciation for their effective response.

On behalf of concerned citizens, thank you for your assistance and we hope to receive your approval to form the sub-committee.

Respectfully,

Richard Root  
Torrance Resident