

# VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Task Force Members:

We have a few preliminary notes about Meeting 6 of the Burbank Airport Noise Task Force. It is our opinion that these require follow-up by the Task Force Members:

1. Regarding complaint data, while HMMH correctly noted that the number of complaints filed was skewed by repetitive use of the airnoise.io application, their analysis was still statistically flawed.

It was not enough to simply discount the complaints down to the number of individuals behind them; missing from the conclusion was an allowance for the ease of the application's use. Prior to airnoise.io's rollout in 2018, individuals would have had to either write letters, compose e-mails or call the airport, all of which required measurable time - far more time than simply pushing a button. This condition would have been a disincentive for many people to complain. Had such a device been available before 2018, the number of complaints would certainly have been higher. Therefore, HMMH's data analysis is still an apples vs. oranges comparison. Unless a statistically valid estimate can be factored in to adjust for this flaw, relying on this data as a measure to assess the trend of complaints will lead to invalid conclusions. Furthermore, unless the app becomes widely used throughout the entire Valley, the data derived from it will not even serve as a reliable baseline for future analysis.

2. Only briefly covered was aircraft fleet mix. We agree it must be considered. However, it is especially critical to analyze commercial carrier traffic separately from that of general aviation. The size of the aircraft, loads and regular scheduling of airline flights are probably major factors in the noise level residents are experiencing.
3. HMMH's presentation failed to review VVHA's recommendations around noise mitigation and noise studies. To that point, each of our "recommendations" were mere topic sentences that had lengthy and specific supporting recommendations. None of which were reviewed by HMMH. Furthermore, there was no mention of our repeated recommendations around **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION** of flights. We hope that the Task Force will remember these when making decisions.

We will continue to review the material from the meeting.

Respectfully,

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