



The Honorable Dan Elwell  
 Acting Administrator  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 1022  
 Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Elwell:

The Burbank City Council and Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority have been receiving resident concerns regarding the impacts of NextGen in our community. The residents believe they are experiencing increased aircraft noise due to lower altitude flights, and they ask that we take all possible steps to address these concerns. It appears this increase in noise is a result of new flight patterns instituted by the FAA as part of its implementation of the NextGen air traffic control technology.

We understand that the safety of the flying public is the first priority of the FAA, as it should be. We also understand that NextGen is intended to increase efficiency for airplanes and their customers. However, we believe there are some steps that the FAA can take now and in the near future to eliminate any future impacts inflicted on our residents. As the FAA reviews its post-implementation of the SoCal Metroplex project, we ask that you consider all options to reduce the noise impact in Burbank. The FAA may consider:

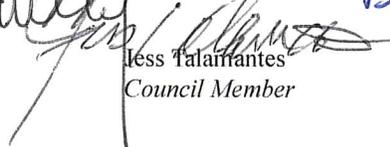
- Adjustments to the current flight path to limit the noise in our community.
- Enforcement of FAA-established altitude levels for planes flying above residential areas.
- Reduce and/or eliminate negative impacts of future FAA flight path changes.

The FAA's own website notes that noise, particularly disruptions to sleep, can have serious, ongoing health effects, and mentions a related research plan. We urge the FAA to pursue these changes, and to take action to address the noise and lower altitude flight concerns in our community.

Sincerely,

  
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