



Neighborhood Council Valley Village

May 23, 2008

Part 161 Comment Docket
Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority
Bob Hope Airport
2627 Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA 91505

Dear Madam/Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Neighborhood Council Valley Village (NCVV) and the thousands of Valley Village stakeholders that we represent, *this letter should serve as official indication of our support for the proposed mandatory curfew at Bob Hope Airport that has been submitted as a result of the Part 161 Study.*

Since our Board was certified in 2003, only four issues have remained a consistent source of concern for our residents – building/development, crime, freeway soundwalls and airport noise. Most in our community appreciate the convenience of Bob Hope Airport and the commerce/industry it brings to the San Fernando Valley. We do not, however, believe that this should come at the price of unnecessary noise during normal nighttime hours. The voluntary curfew has produced a positive effort to limit the impact of noise, but far too often there are flights – especially private jets – leaving at pre-dawn or late evening hours. Our community is directly in the takeoff path of the normal airport flight pattern. Our Board records demonstrate that nighttime aircraft noise is an ongoing important matter to our community. Our residents have consistently expressed concerns about nighttime noise from commercial and private aircraft, including a near capacity crowd who attended a Town Hall Meeting dedicated to this issue and held on April 23, 2008. *Most important, our community has spoken clearly on this issue, stating they are in favor of the mandatory curfew.*

We appreciate the efforts of Bob Hope Airport and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority to engage the community in this conversation. Their work to propose a solution that limits the noise impact on our stakeholders during a reasonable nighttime period is supported by our Board and endorsed by our neighbors in Valley Village. We believe this curfew will improve quality of life in Valley Village and allow continued, vibrant economic development in the San Fernando Valley. Thank you for allowing us to express our opinion. If you need further information please do not hesitate to call me at 818-752-0302.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Braswell
President, NCVV Board