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I am a resident of Mar Vista at 3201 Maplewood Ave. I have lived in this neighborhood for close to 10 years. I am writing to you because I am extremely concerned about the enormous increase in jet traffic flying in and out of the Santa Monica Airport. The frequency of the jets taking off from this small airport has increased over 200% in the last few years, and the size of many of the jets is a direct violation of FAA regulations for a runway of its size. Many of the jets also violate the city noise compliance rules. I have also noted consistent violations of the airport curfew, with jets taking off as early as 6:30am and as late at 1am or even 2am. Some are extremely large and loud jets, almost the size of a small commercial jetliner. I have spoken with many of my neighbors and we all express great concern over this situation. The noise level is unbearable, and the air pollution and soot from these jets get worse by the day. There are times when a jet is taking off every 30 seconds. God forbid there is another aircraft accident, this time from a large jet that threatens the safety of our homes and our children.

Our neighborhood Airport Committee has approached the Santa Monica airport about these violations with no results. It seems that multi-million dollar fleet companies, wealthy businessmen and high paid actors can fly in and out of the airport in violation of community ordinances at will. The fines established at the airport for noise violations are over 25 years old. They are not significant enough to make these large fleet companies take heed. New and more aggressive fines must be implemented. Already existing codes must be enforced.

Please also note my support for the following:

1. Fractional Ownership companies should fall under Part 135 regulations rather than Part 91, therefore classifying such aircraft as "commercial". These aircraft are hired and are without question, commercial. I also understand that United Airlines is looking to get into the Fractional Ownership business. Is United a "non-commercial" entity?
2. I support the 60% runway rule. Allowing these large jets to use 85% of a runway that is 100' from local homes and business' (including 2 gas stations!) puts us at great risk.
3. An Environmental impact study be done. I live within view of the runway. I have noticed a huge increase in soot and grime on my home and automobiles from the jet exhaust.

I thank you for taking the time to read this. Please give these issues your consideration, and know that this airport has become a very real problem in the community. The jets have simply gotten out of control. We are concerned for our health, safety, and quality of life.

Sincerely,
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