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Councilwoman, Fifth District
Memorandum

R-6

Date: February 11, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember Gerrie Schipske, 5th District
Councilmember Gary DeLong, 3rd District

Subject: **Request Report from Airport Director Concerning How the City of Long Beach Will Participate in the Federal "Los Angeles County Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act"**

Discussion: In early January, President Obama signed into law the "Los Angeles County Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act" that among other items, requires the Federal Aviation Administration to look at a variety of ways to reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles County, including mapping new routes to avoid homes, looking at flying at higher altitudes, and developing a complaint system. The law was put forward by federal legislators who share the concern of the residents who live in neighborhoods that are begging for relief from the constant noise from helicopters.

It is important that the City of Long Beach, which has considerable helicopter traffic, be included in any discussion to reduce helicopter noise, including providing the opportunity for residents to participate in public meetings.

Recommendation: Request City Manager to direct the Airport Director to provide a report on how the City of Long Beach will participate in discussions with the FAA to reduce helicopter noise.

Fiscal Impact: none