



CITY OF TORRANCE

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Attn: Lorelei A. Peter, Assistant Chief Counsel, Regulations Division

Dear Ms. Peter:

The City of Torrance previously contacted your office on November 20, 2020, seeking clarification of the status of Section 51.2.3(e) of the Torrance Municipal Code that states, "Aircraft taking off to the west shall not turn left until they have either reached the ocean or attained an altitude of fifteen hundred (1,500) feet." Because our Noise Ordinance is pre-ANCA, our understanding has always been that the ordinance was grandfathered and therefore enforceable. We have attached our previous correspondence, which includes greater detail regarding the Torrance Airport Noise Ordinance, and the rationale behind the section in question.

At this time we are again requesting guidance from the FAA as to whether or not our understanding of the pre-ANCA status of the Torrance Airport Noise ordinance is correct and enforceable. The City is in the process of soliciting for a new noise monitoring system, and it is vital that we have guidance regarding this point as soon as possible in order to complete the design of a new system.

Thank you for your guidance.

Sincerely,

Linda Cessna
Deputy Community Director

Cc: Patrick Sullivan, City Attorney
Congressman Ted Lieu

Attachments:
November 20, 2020 correspondence
FAA letter of February 18, 2020