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**Re: SCH # 2024100131 - 16201, 16215, 16227, 16231, 16239, 16251 & 16275 W. Raymer St. (ENV-2023-7591-MND)**

Dear Ms. Yellen,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division), has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the 16201, 16215, 16227, 16231, 16239, 16251 & 16275 W. Raymer St. project (Project). The Division of Aeronautics collaborate with cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) to ensure compliance with the State Aeronautics Act (California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq.). We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the MND review process.

The project site is situated near Van Nuys Airport, and compliance with FAA Part 77 height restrictions is necessary to avoid impacts on navigable airspace. We recommend submitting a Notice of Proposed Construction to the FAA if any structures approach regulated heights to ensure they do not present an airspace hazard.

We advise assessing the project's location within the 65 dB CNEL noise contour for Van Nuys Airport, as designated in the ALUCP. If the project falls within this contour, noise-sensitive uses should be accompanied by mitigation measures, such as soundproofing, to protect future occupants from potential airport-related noise impacts.

Due to the project's proximity to airport operations, it is essential to review any ALUCP-designated safety zones in the area. Should the project site intersect with these zones,

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occupancy restrictions or land use modifications may be needed to align with ALUCP safety standards, particularly in approach or departure paths.

As the project is near Van Nuys Airport, it may experience frequent overflights. We recommend providing disclosure to future occupants about nearby airport operations and incorporating design measures that reduce the visual and auditory impacts of overflights, in alignment with ALUCP guidelines.

We recommend further review of potential compatibility concerns related to airport obstructions and hazards to flight, such as:

- **Wildlife attractants:** The project elements (e.g., open waste disposal areas) could attract wildlife, posing a hazard to aircraft.
- **Lighting:** Improper lighting design or excessive light intensity could interfere with night-time airport operations.
- **Glare:** Reflective surfaces (e.g., extensive use of solar panels) could create glare that disrupts pilots' visibility.

By addressing these considerations, the project can maintain compatibility with airport operations and reduce potential impacts on future occupants. Should you need further assistance, please feel free to reach out to our team.

Caltrans Division of Aeronautics recommends contacting us for further guidance on ensuring compliance with the current City of Los Angeles ALUCP and FAR Part 77 requirements. We are happy to collaborate with you throughout the project review process.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at [nirupama.stalin@dot.ca.gov](mailto:nirupama.stalin@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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