

Support for Santa Monica Airport Becoming a Grand Park submitted by the VNC Santa Monica Airport Ad hoc Committee

Whereas the Santa Monica Airport (SMO) is a health hazard to its surrounding communities and the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) supports the mitigation of noise, emission and negative environmental impacts generated by SMO,

Whereas all aircraft departing Santa Monica Airport fly over Venice and the VNC supports the end of this flight pattern practice,

Whereas propeller planes fly over parks, schools and residences causing noise and lead pollution and the VNC supports safe and healthy schools and neighborhoods,

Whereas the Santa Monica Airport poses a continuing danger from accidents, and the VNC supports a safe environment free of the danger of aircraft accidents,

Whereas our City Council representative, Mike Bonin and our State Assembly representative Ted Lieu have called for the airport to be closed.

Therefore the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the green concept of turning the airport property into a grand park to serve all of the entire area, a use that would not increase traffic and would be environmentally healthful to all and would provide badly needed open space in an are that has very little.