



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Airport Department

**DATE:** April 10, 2019  
**TO:** Noise Abatement Subcommittee  
**FROM:** Henry Thompson, Airport Director  
**SUBJECT:** Airport Noise Advisory Program Update

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Noise Abatement Subcommittee receive a report regarding the history, responsibilities, status, and work plan of the Airport Noise Advisory Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Barbara Airport maintains a Noise Advisory Program which serves the community and Airport users by striving for the following goals:

- Provide the region with facilities for access to the National Air Transportation System
- Achieve airport operations that are compatible with the surrounding communities
- Maintain a continuing dialogue between the Airport, Airport users, and the surrounding community through the Noise Advisory Program

The Airport maintains voluntary noise abatement approach procedures that aim to minimize aircraft noise over noise sensitive residential areas. Pilots are encouraged, but not required, to follow these voluntary approach procedures. The Airport has no control over how or where any aircraft is flown. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has authority over aircraft in flight. The Pilot in Command (PIC) has final authority over how an aircraft is operated, and is responsible for ensuring flight safety.

Airport Operations staff continue to research noise complaints received, determine the nature of the aircraft activity at the time and location of the noise complaint, and provide education to aircraft operators whose aircraft did not fly a voluntary noise abatement approach to Santa Barbara Airport. Outreach is provided to airlines, pilots, and other aircraft operators; both in response to noise complaints received, and in advance of airline fleet changes, to provide education on voluntary noise abatement approach procedures.

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