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Continuation of the Automated Helicopter Noise Complaint System

The Automated Helicopter Noise Complaint System (ACS) program was a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sponsored noise complaint hotline that served as a comprehensive repository of helicopter noise complaint data across Los Angeles County (County). The program was intended to identify patterns and trends in helicopter operations, improve the understanding of community reaction to helicopter noise, and inform future efforts to develop and implement noise abatement measures consistent with National Airspace System safety and efficiency. Funded by the FAA at an estimated annual cost of \$30,000, the program was administered via contract with the FAA. The program enabled County residents to register helicopter noise complaints via telephone or electronically. Additionally, a helicopter noise complaint review committee comprised of representatives from various homeowners' associations and the local helicopter industry would meet each month to review the noise data collected through the ACS.

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Launched in March 2015, the ACS program was originally intended to last one year. However, it was extended twice at the request of the Professional Helicopter Pilots Association, the Los Angeles Area Helicopter Association, and members of the California Congressional Delegation. In June 2018, the ACS program was terminated by the FAA. However, this service is still needed, and the Professional Helicopter Pilots Association has petitioned the FAA to keep it. The County has an interest in the continuation of the ACS.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors support the request of the Professional Helicopter Pilots Association to reinstate the ACS and issue a five-signature letter to the FAA and the County's congressional delegation to this effect.

S: MCC/Continuation of the Automated Helicopter Noise Complaint System