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City of El Segundo Calls on FAA to Extend Deadline to Allow Residential Noise Work to Be Completed

April 1, 2015, El Segundo, California -- The City of El Segundo today called on the Federal Aviation Administration to extend its deadline for the completion of certain residential sound insulation activities. The FAA had previously set September 30, 2015 as the deadline by which the City needed to complete construction and invoicing for some noise-impacted homes in the central part of the city.

However, for reasons out of the control of the City, contractor bids for the final homes to be sound insulated subject to the deadline came in excessively high. Due to the looming deadline and the time it takes to complete the bidding process and construction, the City does not have sufficient time to redo the process and seek new bids more in line with the estimated costs.

“While we understand the reasons why the FAA set this deadline, we are simply asking the agency for an accommodation so that we can redo the process only for these specific groups of homes,” said Suzanne Fuentes, the mayor of El Segundo. “There is no harm whatsoever to anyone, including taxpayers, if the FAA grants this accommodation. If the FAA does not grant this extension, however, residents of nearly 200 homes will be forced to continue to suffer from excessive levels of noise from LAX.”

“We are also calling on our elected representatives to join with us to persuade the FAA to grant this small accommodation,” continued Fuentes, who chaired a three hour special City Council meeting on the issue last night. “We owe it to our residents to complete this work, and we are confident that rebidding the work will result in bids that are acceptable to the FAA.”

The residential sound insulation program is available to residents of communities (like El Segundo) that are impacted by noise from nearby airports. El Segundo residents live next to one of the busiest airports in the world, and some residents live as close as 850 feet from the nearest runway.

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