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**Federal Aviation
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Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Thank you for your email letter dated April 24, 2014, and again on June 19, 2014, regarding your informal complaint and request for investigation and sanctions against Torrance Municipal Airport (TOA).

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has met with the City of Torrance to review and discuss their noise abatement restrictions. An airport operator may establish recommended noise abatement procedures, may recommend changes to FAA flight procedures for noise abatement purposes, and may establish airport noise and access restrictions. Such procedures and policies must not adversely affect the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace, must not conflict with any federal statute or regulation, and must be adopted in accordance with any applicable federal statute or regulation.

The Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's) provide that the pilot in command of an aircraft is directly responsible for, and is the final authority as to, the operation of that aircraft (14 C.F.R. section 91.3 -Responsibility and Authority of the Pilot in Command). We have verified with the City of Torrance that safety issues are considered in the enforcement of the city's noise abatement regulations, as they have been for many years. The FAA also finds again that it has no evidence indicating that the ordinances cited in your letter are inconsistent with any federal agreement obligations, the Airport Noise and Capacity Act, or FAR part 161.

Thank you for this opportunity to answer your inquiry. If you need further assistance, please contact Mr. Dale Bouffiou, Deputy Regional Administrator, at (310)725-3550.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Administrator