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## CULVER CITY FILES PETITION FOR REVIEW CHALLENGING FAA OVER FLIGHT PATH CHANGES

Today, the City of Culver City filed a Petition for Review (attached) with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, challenging the environmental review for the Federal Aviation Administration's Southern California Metroplex Project. The Project redesigns the airspace over the Southern California region from Santa Barbara to San Diego. Culver City objects to the FAA's Finding of No Significant Impact as the Agency failed to fully analyze the manifest noise, air quality and cumulative impacts of the Project. The Petition also challenges the absence of requisite technical analysis underlying the flight paths created by the airspace redesign. "Our residents have already experienced a significant impact on their quality of life from current flight path changes. The citizens and businesses of Culver City deserve a full analysis and discussion of the location, altitude, and impacts of these new approach and departure procedures created by the Project, which are absent from the FAA's Environmental Assessment," said Culver City Mayor Jim B. Clarke.

For more information about the City's efforts on this issue, visit the <u>Aircraft Overflights</u> section on the City's website.

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Culver City Employees take pride in effectively providing the highest levels of service to enrich the quality of life for the community by building on our tradition of more than seventy-five years of public service, by our present commitment, and by our dedication to meet the challenges of the future.

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## In the UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS for the Ninth Circuit

CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, a chartered municipal corporation,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; ANTHONY FOXX, Secretary of Transportation; FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION; MICHAEL HUERTA, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

Respondents.				

## PETITION FOR REVIEW OF AGENCY ORDER [Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 15]

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Attorneys for Petitioner CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA The CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA hereby petitions this Court, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 46110, and Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, for review of the "Federal Aviation Administration Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Record of Decision (ROD) For the Southern California Metroplex Project (SoCal Metroplex) August 2016" ("FONSI/ROD"), issued on August 31, 2016. A copy of the August 31, 2016 FONSI/ROD including Final Environmental Assessment (without Exhibits) is attached as Exhibit A to this Petition.

Dated: October 28, 2016 BUCHALTER NEMER

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system on October 28, 2016.

Participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users will be served by the appellate CM/ECF system.

I further certify that some of the participants in the case are not registered CM/ECF users. I have mailed the foregoing document by First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, or have dispatched it to a third party commercial carrier for delivery within 3 calendar days to the following non-CM/ECF participants:

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