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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency announced its final determination that emissions from aircraft using leaded aviation cause or contribute to air pollution that may pose a danger to public health and welfare under the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, there are two general aviation airports in the San Fernando Valley, Van Nuys Airport, which is operated by Los Angeles World Airports, and Whiteman Airport in Pacoima, which is owned and operated by Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the communities in close proximity to these airports are defined as disadvantaged under a number of definitions, including Senate Bill 535, CalEnviroScreen, the Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Justice Screen; and

WHEREAS, the deleterious effects of lead exposure are particularly pronounced in children, including seriously hampered neurocognitive function and hindered brain development, even at low exposure levels; and

WHEREAS, there are 37 schools and daycares located within a mile and a half of the Whiteman Airport, full of children being exposed to harmful neurotoxins from small piston-engine planes using leaded aviation fuel; and

WHEREAS, at Van Nuys Airport, Los Angeles World Airports has taken steps to incentivize the use of unleaded aviation fuel by waiving delivery fees for unleaded aviation fuel, but it is imperative that steps be taken to accelerate the transition away from leaded aviation fuel to protect the vulnerable communities suffering most from its use; and

WHEREAS, SB 1193 (Menjivar), introduced on February 14, 2024, would prohibit an airport operator or aviation retail establishment from selling, distributing, or otherwise making available leaded aviation gasoline to consumers by January 1, 2026 for airports and aviation retail establishments located in or adjacent to a disadvantaged community or a city with a population of at least 700,000 people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1193 (Menjivar), which would prohibit the sale of leaded aviation gasoline by January 1, 2030, at latest.

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