



The City of New York

## Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills  
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Jerry Iannece Chairperson / Susan Seinfeld District Manager

### **A Resolution Supporting NYS Bill S3841/A7697, Which Requires the Port Authority of NYNJ to Conduct a Noise, and Land Use Compatibility Study**

*Adopted - September 9, 2013*

**WHEREAS**, both commercial Airports in New York City, LaGuardia Airport (LGA), and Kennedy Airport (JFK) are located in the County of Queens, and are operated by the Port Authority of NYNJ (PANYNJ), and

**WHEREAS**, both commercial Airports in New York City have airspace above, and around them, controlled by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which is implementing both an area Airspace Redesign, and an Air Traffic Control System upgrade named NextGen, and

**WHEREAS**, the NYC Metroplex Airspace, as it is called, includes 3 major Airports, JFK, LGA, and EWR in Newark. Additionally there is Teterboro in NJ, and Stewart International in Newburgh, NY. All 5 are operated by the Port Authority of NYNJ. Other local Airports include MacArthur, and Republic, on Long Island, and Westchester County Airport. The FAA states that the NYC Metroplex is the most complex, and busiest Airspace in the entire nation, and

**WHEREAS**, despite NYC being the Nation's busiest Airspace, the Port Authority of NYNJ has incomprehensibly, never done a Part 150 Noise Study, as defined by the FAA, of the NYC Metroplex area, and

**WHEREAS**, despite NYC being the Nation's busiest Airspace, the Port Authority of NYNJ has incomprehensibly, installed a mere 4 Noise Monitors around LGA, and 11 around JFK, to protect the over 4 Million people living in the surrounding communities, and

**WHEREAS**, despite NYC being the Nation's busiest Airspace, the Port Authority of NYNJ has been greatly surpassed in Environmental Awareness by Airport Operators in many other cities. Even though such cities are smaller, many have far more Noise Monitors installed than the mere 15 installed here in NYC. There are over 30 each in San Francisco, Chicago, and Boston alone, and

**WHEREAS**, despite NYC being the Nation's busiest Airspace, the Port Authority of NYNJ has NOT installed any Noise Monitors in the area of Community Board 11, which as an Official Agency of NYC, serves over 125,000 NYC residents alone in Northeast Queens, and

**WHEREAS**, despite NYC being the Nation's busiest Airspace, the FAA has recently implemented a new NextGen Aircraft Departure Routing (RNAV) over Northeast Queens, and Community Board 11, called TNNIS FIVE, further overwhelming the communities underneath this new departure track, with unabated Noise, and Pollution, and

**WHEREAS**, despite NYC being the Nation's busiest Airspace, the Port Authority of NYNJ has plans to build a new larger terminal at LGA, which when combined with the new FAA NextGen program will allow more people, and more aircraft to utilize LGA, creating even more Noise, and even more Pollution, over our Community, and

**WHEREAS**, the current NYC Sound Control Code (a Local Law), passed in 2007, and codified under section 24-205 that the NYC DEP "...*Commissioner shall study and propose strategies to control, and/or reduce sound levels associated with Airports...*". The Official DEP Report generated in March 2010, recommends "*The PA [Port Authority] should complete a Part 150 Noise Study*", and

**WHEREAS**, a NYS Bill (S3841/A7697), introduced by Senator Kemp Hannon, and Assemblywoman Michele Titus, and supported by Senator Tony Avella, and Assemblyman Ed Braunstein, has been passed by both the NYS Senate, and NYS Assembly. This Bill would require the Port Authority of NYNJ to conduct a Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations Part 150,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 11, Queens fully supports NYS Bill S3841/A7697, which "*..would require the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, to conduct a noise and land use compatibility survey as outlined under federal aviation regulations as well as biennial public hearings regarding aircraft noise issues*". Furthermore, Community Board 11 requests that Senator Hannon, and Assemblywoman Titus, as soon as possible, with approval of the Leadership, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, and Senate Majority Coalition Co-Leaders Senators Skelos and Klein, move to deliver the Bill to the Governor of the State of NY, Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Lastly, Community Board 11, Queens strongly requests that Governor Cuomo, upon receiving Bill S3841/A7697, immediately sign and approve it, so that upon the signing of a similar Bill in New Jersey by Governor Christie, the Port Authority of NYNJ will be required to do a Part 150 Noise Study, which should have been completed voluntarily many years ago. Let the passage of this Bill, and the required Part 150 Noise Study, be the first step in mitigating the Airplane Noise problem in the most Complex Airspace in the Nation.