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**AIRPORT NOISE HEARING BOARD AGENDA  
AUGUST 22, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING  
2:00-4:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD  
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

**AIRPORT NOISE HEARING BOARD**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Hearing Board members: Cohen, Daily, Lee, Navarro, Plumb, Yermakov, Chair Reyes

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, August 16, 2024.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comments on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to the Board, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Board member from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

**6A. Approve Hearing Board Minutes: July 25, 2024**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**NONE**

**8. HEARINGS**

**8A. CONSIDERATION OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION BY PILOT FALCON FLIGHT LLC AND AIRCRAFT N7030B - PILOT FALCON FLIGHT LLC WHILE PILOTING AIRCRAFT N7030B, VIOLATION OF PROHIBITED OPERATIONS ON SATURDAYS (TMC 51.5.7), ON JULY 20, 2024, AND ADOPTION OF FACTS AND FINDINGS FOR PILOT FALCON FLIGHT LLC.**

**8B. CONSIDERATION OF THE ALLEGED TOUCH AND GO VIOLATION BY PILOT LIBRA AIR INC AND AIRCRAFT N308EF - PILOT LIBRA AIR INC WHILE PILOTING AIRCRAFT N308EF, VIOLATION OF PROHIBITED OPERATIONS (TMC 51.5.5), ON JULY 22, 2024, AND ADOPTION OF FACTS AND FINDINGS FOR PILOT LIBRA AIR INC.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**9A.** Adjournment of Airport Noise Hearing Board Meeting to Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE AIRPORT NOISE HEARING BOARD**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Torrance Airport Noise Hearing Board convened in a regular session at 2:01 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024, in the West Annex Meeting Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Dailey, Lee, Navarro, Reyes, Yermakov

Absent: Cohen and Plumb

Also Present: Supervising Senior Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan, Neighborhood Services Manager Gregg Lodan, and Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez

Supervising Senior Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan announced that Board Members Cohen and Plumb requested an excused absence.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Board Member Daily led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Supervising Senior Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website on Friday, July 19, 2024.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. CONDUCT AIRPORT NOISE HEARING BOARD ELECTIONS**

Board Member Yermakov nominated Board Member Reyes as Chair.

**MOTION:** Board Member Yermakov moved to approve Board Member Reyes as Chair. Board Member Dailey seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Board Members Cohen and Plumb absent).

Chair Reyes nominated Board Member Yermakov as Vice-Chair.

Board Member Yermakov nominated Board Member Lee as Vice-Chair.

**MOTION:** Chair Reyes moved to approve Board Member Yermakov as Vice-Chair. Board Member Lee seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-1 approval (Board Members Cohen and Plumb absent and Board Member Yermakov voting against the motion).

8. **HEARINGS**

8A. **CONSIDERATION OF THE ALLEGED TOUCH AND GO VIOLATION BY AIRCRAFT N7623J - PILOT PAUL KLING WHILE PILOTING AIRCRAFT N7623J, VIOLATION OF PROHIBITED OPERATIONS (TMC 51.55), ON JUNE 23, 2024, AND ADOPTION OF FACTS AND FINDINGS FOR PILOT PAUL KLING.**

Supervising Senior Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan introduced the item to the Airport Hearing Noise Board. She read from the report including information on the pilot's violation of Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) 51.5.5, Prohibited Operations, which occurred on June 23, 2024. Additionally, she informed the Airport Hearing Noise Board that the pilot admitted guilt and would not be present for the hearing.

Members of the public were allowed to speak at this time.

Member of the Airport Hearing Noise Board spoke.

**MOTION:** Board Member Daily moved to render a finding of guilt for Aircraft N7623J, piloted by Paul Kling for the violation of Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) 51.5.5, Prohibited Operations, that occurred on June 23, 2024. Board Member Navarro seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Board Members Cohen and Plumb absent).

**MOTION:** Board Member Yermakov moved to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for pilot Paul Kling for the violation of Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) 51.5.5, Prohibited Operations, that occurred on June 23, 2024. Chair Reyes seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Board Members Cohen and Plumb absent).

9. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A member of the public spoke.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 2:21 p.m., Board Member Lee moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, August 08, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room. Board Member Yermakov seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Board Members Cohen and Plumb absent).

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Honorable Chairperson and  
Members of the Airport Noise Hearing Board  
West Annex, City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Airport Noise Hearing Board:

**SUBJECT: Consideration of the Alleged Prohibited Operations on Saturdays  
Violation by Aircraft N7030B**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Torrance Airport Noise Abatement Office that the Airport Noise Hearing Board render a finding of guilt for Aircraft N7030B, piloted by Falcon Flight LLC for the violation of Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) 51.5.7, Prohibited Operations on Saturdays, that occurred on July 20, 2024.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 51.5.7 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) establishes no low approach or full stop taxi back shall be permitted on the Torrance Airport (TOA) on Saturdays, Sundays and City observed holidays.

(See Attachment A for TMC section.)

**VIOLATION**

This hearing is convened to reconsider a violation of the Torrance Municipal Code by aircraft N7030B, Serial #16200085, a Cessna, owned and piloted by Falcon Flight LLC.

- Date of Violation: 7/20/2024.
- Operation: Pattern work, Prohibited Operations on Saturdays
- Violation of Torrance Municipal Code 51.5.7

(See Attachment B for Enforcement Report and Radar capture)

On July 20, 2024, at 1:15 PM, aircraft N7030B was cleared for option by Tower 1 on runway 29 right. The pilot confirmed the runway and that he would be performing a closed traffic training operation. The radar images appear to show the aircraft performing a low approach operation. The Noise Abatement recordings revealed no indication from the pilot that an emergency or other flight difficulty existed.

(See attachment C for transcript of communication between Tower 1 and the pilot.)

On July 29, 2024, the Pilot/Owner was notified of the Noise Hearing Board date to reconsider the violation of August 22, 2024.

On July 29, 2024, the Lessee was notified of the Noise Hearing Board date to reconsider the violation of August 22, 2024.

On August 15, 2024 there has been no contact with the owner/presumed pilot or Lessee.

(See attachment D for Notices and correspondence between Pilot/Owner and the Noise Abatement Office.)

### **HEARING BOARD HISTORY**

There are no previous Airport Noise Hearing Boards for violations of the Torrance Municipal code, by Aircraft N7030B, Serial #16200085, and Pilot/Owner Falcon Flight LLC.

### **EXCEEDANCE HISTORY**

Aircraft N7030B has no record of previous violations. The Noise Abatement office has no record of change of ownership during this time.

### **TEST HISTORY**

The pilot and aircraft have no history of noise tests.

### **TORRANCE NOISE OFFICE RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the evidence presented we recommend that aircraft Cessna N7030B, serial #16200085, be found in violation of Torrance Municipal Code section 51.5.7 on July 20, 2024 and that the pilot, Falcon Flight LLC, who was the pilot of Cessna N7030B, Serial # 16200085, when the aircraft did violate the prohibited operations on Saturdays set forth in Torrance Municipal Code section 51.5.7, also be found guilty of violating that section of the Torrance Municipal Code.

(See attachment E for Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law)

Respectfully submitted,



Nora Duncan  
Senior Environmental Quality Officer

Attachments:

- A. Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.7.
- B. Enforcement Report of Noise Violation and Computer Printout Showing Violation.
- C. Transcription of Recording of FAA Tower and Pilot Conversations, and ATIS.
- D. Notice of Pending Hearing Board, Notice to Appear and Correspondence.
- E. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

**51.5.7 PROHIBITED OPERATIONS ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS**

(Amended by O-3081; O-3107; O-3108; O-3127; O-3134; O-3140)

No low approach or full stop taxi back shall be permitted on the Airport between 6:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. Monday, nor any City observed holiday.

Torrance Municipal Airport (Zamperini Field)  
**NOISE ABATEMENT CENTER**  
**ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

**AIRCRAFT/OWNER INFORMATION**

Tail Number:	<b>7030B</b>	Serial No.	<b>16200085</b>
Aircraft Make:	Cessna Aircraft Co	Model:	162
		Year:	2011
Owner's Name:	Falcon Flight LLC	Address:	[REDACTED]
		Telephone:	
Pilot's Name:		Address:	
		Telephone:	
Lessee:	Essence Flight Academy	Address:	[REDACTED]
		Telephone:	

**DETAILS OF VIOLATION**

Date and Time: **7/20/2024 13:20**      Violation: **TRAINING**      RMT No.:      MAX dB(A):

SENEL dB(A):      Duration:

Operation & Runway: Option on 29R

Letter Type: **Notice to Appear**      Date Mailed: **7/29/2024**      Type Delivery: **STD and Cert Mail**      Return Receipt No.:

Response received: **No**      Date:      Method:      Respondant Name:

Comments: Notices were sent to the owner of record and presumed pilot and to the potential Lessee on July 29, 2024, standard and certified mail. No response from either pilot/owner or potential Lessee.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

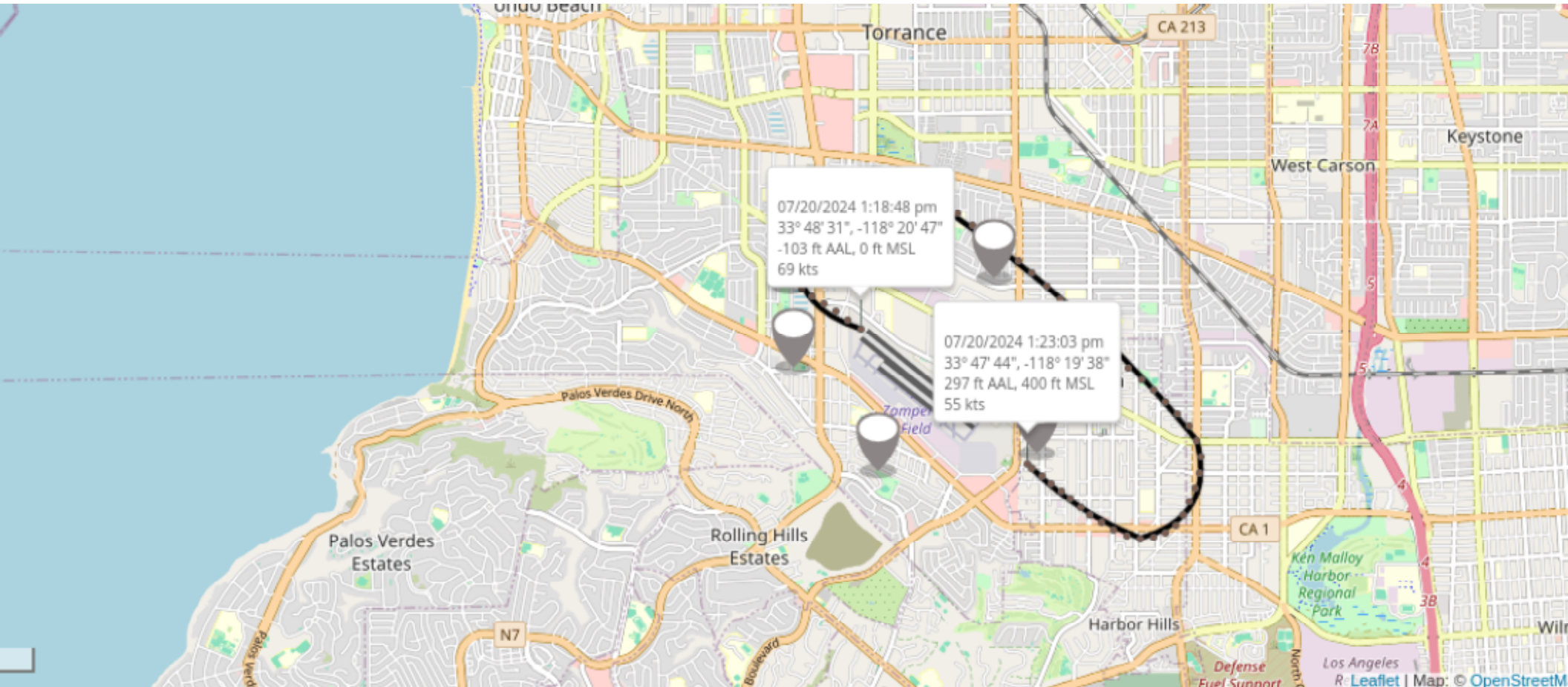
Wind Speed: **14 mph**      Direction: **West**      Temp: **71° F**      Rel. Humidity: **73.0%**

Dew Point:      Ceiling:      Visibility: **10 Miles**      IFR/VFR Operation: **VFR**

**VIOLATION SUMMARY:**

Aircraft N7030B requested the option from Torrance Tower on a Saturday. Tower personell advised they were clear for the option on runway 29 right. Pilot confirmed option on the go on the right. The pilot then asked for closed traffic on 29 right. Low approaches and taxi back operations are prohibited on weekends. Notice sent to owner and potential Lessee. No response received as of August 15, 2024.

EQO NAME: **Nora Duncan**      SIGNATURE:       DATE: **8/15/2024**



**NOISE ABATEMENT EDITED TAPE TRANSCRIPTION FOR  
AIRCRAFT N7030B FOR THE DATE OF JULY 20, 2024**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>CONVERSATION</u>
13:15:14	Tower	133.075	“November 3 zero Bravo, runway 29 right for the option, wind 28 zero at 1 zero. On the go.”
13:15:18	Pilot N7030B	133.075	“Runway 29 right clear for the option, 7030 Bravo. If we could do closed traffic on 29 right that’d be great. 30 Bravo.”
13:15:27	Tower	133.075	“November 30 Bravo on the go, right closed traffic approved.”
13:15:31	Pilot N7030B	133.075	“On the go, right closed traffic approved, 30 Bravo.”

**NOISE ABATEMENT TAPE TRANSCRIPTION OF AIRPORT TERMINAL  
INFORMATION SERVICE (ATIS) FOR JULY 20, 2024, AT 12:49 HOURS LOCAL**

**“Torrance Airport Information Mike, 1847 Zulu: Wind 280 at 10, visibility 1-0, few clouds at two thousand seven hundred, temperature 24, dew point 1.7, altimeter 2994. Remarks stratus West. ILS Runway 29R approach in use, landing and departing Runways 29. Torrance Tower Frequency 133.07. NOTAMS, runway 29 Left vassy out of service uas three- and one-half nautical miles north west of Torrance at or below 400 feet AGL until 700 Zulu. Use caution for bird activity on or in vicinity of the airport. Hazardous weather information for California coastal waters available on Flight service frequencies. All aircraft read back hold short instructions and runway assignment with callsign. Advise on initial contact you have Mike.”**




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July 29, 2024

FALCON FLIGHT LLC  
[REDACTED]**NOTICE TO APPEAR**

Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board

**ON AUGUST 22, 2024, AT 2:00 PM IN THE WEST ANNEX MEETING ROOM, TORRANCE CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.**

This is a notice for you to appear before the Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board ("Hearing Board") on August 22, 2024, at 2:00 pm in the West Annex Meeting Room, as provided in Section 51.7.9 of the Torrance Municipal Code in order to determine responsibility for an alleged airport Prohibited operations on Saturdays violation which occurred on July 20, 2024, at 1:20 PM. The owner/pilot is identified as *Falcon Flight LLC* and the aircraft is identified as N7030B.

**Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.7 prohibits full stop-taxi back, and low approach operations at Torrance Municipal Airport between 6:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. Monday, or any City observed holiday.**

On July 20, 2024, at 1:20PM, aircraft N7030B was recorded conducting a prohibited operation, in violation of TMC Section 51.5.7.

Because the Hearing Board in determining responsibility may find either the aircraft owner or the pilot or both to have violated the Torrance Municipal Code(s), the owner and pilot are to be afforded a hearing, including the right to be represented by counsel, to be apprised of the nature of the charge(s), to examine witnesses, and to appeal the decision of the Hearing Board to the City Council.

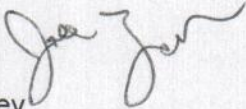
Torrance Municipal Code Section 46.8.12 states that for pilot culpability, the owner is presumed to be the pilot, except that where the aircraft is leased, the lessee shall be presumed to be the pilot. Such presumption may be rebutted only if the owner or lessee identifies to Noise Abatement staff the person who was, in fact, the pilot at the time of the asserted violation. Therefore, if you owned or leased the aircraft but were not the pilot in command at the date and time of the noise violation shown above, immediately upon receipt of this notice, inform this office, the name and address of the pilot in command of the aircraft at the time of the above alleged violation.

Also, the owner and pilot are to bring all documents and presentation materials pertinent to the violation to the Hearing Board. Please bring 7 copies of all documents and presentation materials so that each Hearing Board member and staff can have copies to review. *Be advised, that if the owner and/or pilot chooses not to attend or send a representative with pertinent information to the hearing, the hearing will proceed as scheduled unless other arrangements have been made prior the Hearing date.*

According to Council Rules of Order Section 7.7, if you decide to appeal to the City Council, the decision on appeal is based on the administrative record. This means that no new evidence will be presented at the appeal hearing unless good cause is shown.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (310) 618-5912 or via email at [NDuncan@TorranceCA.GOV](mailto:NDuncan@TorranceCA.GOV).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Zev", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joe Zev  
Environmental Quality Officer

Regular Mail and CERTIFIED MAIL

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# CITY OF TORRANCE

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July 29, 2024

ESSENCE FLIGHT ACADEMY  
[REDACTED]

## NOTICE TO APPEAR

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Sincerely,



Nora Duncan  
Environmental Quality Officer

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**AIRPORT NOISE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	
AIRPORT NOISE HEARING	)	
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	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND
	)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AIRCRAFT NOISE VIOLATION	)	
OF AIRCRAFT N7030B	)	
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**WHEREAS**, Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.7 provides that no low approach or full stop taxi back operations shall be permitted at the Torrance Municipal Airport between 6:00 PM Friday and 10:00 AM Monday, nor any City observed holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.7.2 provides that except in emergencies, any person with three or more cumulative violations of the aircraft ordinances within a three-year period shall be denied the right to land, take off, lease, rent or use space for aircraft at the Torrance Municipal Airport for a period of three years; and

**WHEREAS**, Torrance Municipal Code Section 46.8.12 provides that the beneficial owner of an aircraft shall be presumed to be the pilot unless the owner identifies the person who was in fact the pilot at the time of the violation; and

**WHEREAS** the Community Development Department, Neighborhood Services Division requested the Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board to conduct a hearing as to an alleged violation of the prohibited operations by aircraft Cessna N7030B occurring on July 20, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board held a hearing on the alleged violation on August 22, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

**FIRST FINDING OF FACT**

That aircraft Cessna N7030B performed low approach operations at Torrance Municipal Airport on July 20, 2024, at 1:20 P.M.

**SECOND FINDING OF FACT**

That on July 20, 2024, at 1:20 P.M., the pilot of aircraft Cessna N7030B was Falcon Flight LLC.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

**FIRST CONCLUSION OF LAW**

That aircraft Cessna N7030B was in violation of Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.7 on July 20, 2024.

**SECOND CONCLUSION OF LAW**

That Falcon Flight LLC was the pilot of Cessna N7030B when the aircraft performed low approach operations which are prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays and City observed holidays as set forth in Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.7 and thereby, violated the Torrance Municipal Code.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Art Reyes  
Chairperson  
Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Honorable Chairperson and  
Members of the Airport Noise Hearing Board  
West Annex, City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Airport Noise Hearing Board:

**SUBJECT: Consideration of the Alleged Prohibited Operations Violation by Aircraft  
N308EF**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Torrance Airport Noise Abatement Office that the Airport Noise Hearing Board render a finding of guilt for Aircraft N308EF, piloted by Libra Air Inc. for the violation of Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) 51.5.5, Prohibited Operations, that occurred on July 22, 2024.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 51.5.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) establishes no stop and go and touch and go operations shall be permitted on the Torrance Airport (TOA).

(See Attachment A for TMC section.)

**VIOLATION**

This hearing is convened to reconsider a violation of the Torrance Municipal Code by aircraft N308EF, Serial #0278, a Diamond Aircraft, owned and piloted by Libra Air Inc.

- Date of Violation: 7/22/2024.
- Operation: Touch and go, Prohibited Operations
- Violation of Torrance Municipal Code 51.5.5

(See Attachment B for Enforcement Report and Radar capture)

On July 22, 2024, at 2:39 PM, aircraft N308EF was cleared for a touch and go by Tower 1 on runway 29 right. The pilot confirmed the runway and that he would be performing a touch and go operation. The radar images appear to show the aircraft performing a touch and go operation. The Noise Abatement recordings revealed no indication from the pilot that an emergency or other flight difficulty existed.

(See attachment C for transcript of communication between Tower 1 and the pilot.)

On July 29, 2024, the Pilot/Owner was notified of the Noise Hearing Board date to reconsider the violation of August 22, 2024.

On July 29, 2024, the Lessee was notified of the Noise Hearing Board date to reconsider the violation of August 22, 2024.

On August 9, 2024, the standard and certified mail notification to the presumed pilot/owner was returned to the Noise Abatement office. There is no alternative mailing address.

(See attachment D for Notices and correspondence between Pilot/Owner and the Noise Abatement Office.)

### **HEARING BOARD HISTORY**

There are no previous Airport Noise Hearing Boards for violations of the Torrance Municipal code, by Aircraft N308EF, Serial #C0278, and Pilot/Owner Libra Air Inc.

### **EXCEEDANCE HISTORY**

Aircraft N308EF has no record of previous violations. The Noise Abatement office has no record of change of ownership during this time.

### **TEST HISTORY**

The pilot and aircraft have no history of noise tests.

### **TORRANCE NOISE OFFICE RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the evidence presented we recommend that aircraft Diamond Aircraft N308EF, serial #C0278, be found in violation of Torrance Municipal Code section 51.5.5 on July 22, 2024 and that the pilot, Libra Air Inc., who was the pilot of Diamond Aircraft N308EF Serial # C0278, when the aircraft did violate the prohibited operations set forth in Torrance Municipal Code section 51.5.5, also be found guilty of violating that section of the Torrance Municipal Code.

(See attachment E for Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law)

Respectfully submitted,



Nora Duncan  
Senior Environmental Quality Officer

#### Attachments:

- A. Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.5.
- B. Enforcement Report of Noise Violation and Computer Printout Showing Violation.
- C. Transcription of Recording of FAA Tower and Pilot Conversations, and ATIS.
- D. Notice of Pending Hearing Board, Notice to Appear and Correspondence.
- E. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

**51.5.5 PROHIBITED OPERATIONS**

No touch and go operation or stop and go operation shall be permitted at the Airport.

Torrance Municipal Airport (Zamperini Field)  
**NOISE ABATEMENT CENTER**  
**ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

**AIRCRAFT/OWNER INFORMATION**

Tail Number:	<b>N308EF</b>	Serial No.	<b>C0278</b>
Aircraft Make:	<b>Diamond Aircraft IND INC</b>	Model:	<b>DA20-C1</b>
Year:			
Owner's Name:	<b>Libra Air INC</b>	Address:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>
Telephone:			
Pilot's Name:		Address:	
Telephone:			
Lessee:	<b>Essence Flight Academy</b>	Address:	<span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>
Telephone:			

**DETAILS OF VIOLATION**

Date and Time: **7/22/2024 14:39**      Violation: **TRAINING**      RMT No.:      MAX dB(A):

SENEL dB(A):      Duration:

Operation & Runway

Touch and Go 29R

Letter Type: **Notice to Appear**      Date Mailed: **7/29/2024**      Type Delivery: **Standard and Certified**      Return Receipt No.:

Response received:      Date:      Method:      Respondant Name:

Comments: July 29 Notice to Appear was sent to presumed pilot/owner and potential Lessee. Standard and Certified letter returned for aircraft owner. Notice was re-sent standard and certified. As of August 15, 2024, no response from owner/pilot or potential Lessee.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

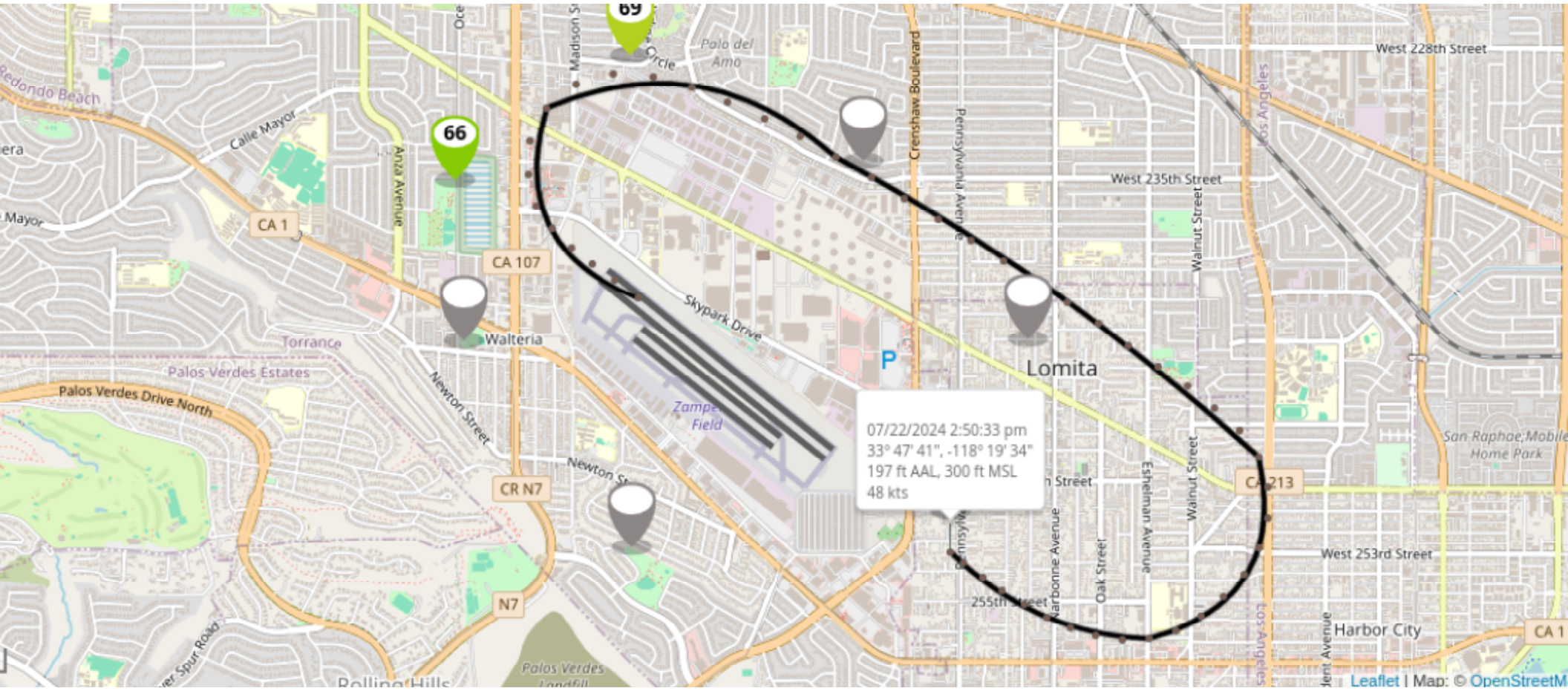
Wind Speed: **13 mph**      Direction: **WSW**      Temp: **76**      Rel. Humidity: **75.0%**

Dew Point: **63 F**      Ceiling:      Visibility: **10 Miles**      IFR/VFR Operation: **VFR**

**VIOLATION SUMMARY:**

N308EF was cleared to land on 29 right by Torrance tower. The pilot confirmed landing and asked for right closed traffic. Torrance tower approved a touch and go on runway 29 right. The pilot confirmed the runway and that he would be performing a touch and go operation.

EEO NAME: **Nora Duncan**      SIGNATURE:       DATE: **8/15/2024**



07/22/2024 2:50:33 pm  
33° 47' 41", -118° 19' 34"  
197 ft AAL, 300 ft MSL  
48 kts

**NOISE ABATEMENT EDITED TAPE TRANSCRIPTION FOR  
AIRCRAFT N308EF FOR THE DATE OF JULY 22, 2024**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>CONVERSATION</u>
14:39:30	Tower 1	133.075	“Nov 8 Echo Foxtrot runway 29 right clear to land”
14:39:32	Pilot N308EF	133.075	“Clear to land 2 niner right and for closed traffic.”
14:39:41	Tower 1	133.075	“November 8 Echo Foxtrot runway 2 niner right clear touch and go”
14:39:43	Pilot N308EF	133.075	“Clear touch and go 2 niner right 8 Echo Foxtrot”
14:44:00	Pilot N308EF	133.075	“8 Echo Foxtrot is right downwind.”
14:44:06	Tower 1	133.075	“November 8 Echo Foxtrot, runway 29 right cleared for the option.”
14:44:09	Pilot N308EF	133.075	“29 right clear for option 8 Echo Foxtrot.”

**NOISE ABATEMENT TAPE TRANSCRIPTION OF AIRPORT TERMINAL  
INFORMATION SERVICE (ATIS) FOR July 22, 2024, AT 12:47 HOURS LOCAL**

**Torrance airport information mike 1847 Zulu weather, wind 29 visibility 1-0 clouds 1.6000 temperature 260.18 altimeter 2987 our nav runway 29 right approaching in use, landing and departing runways 29 right. Torrance Tower frequency North Tower 133.07. South runway 124.0. NOTAMS VME out for maintenance. Runway 29 Left taxi out for maintenance. Taxi way bravo xflights out of service. Taxiway alpha, Charlie delta echo out for service. Use caution for activity on the vicinity of the airport. Caution work in progress on taxiways and runways. Hazardous weather information available on Flight service frequencies. All aircraft readback hold short instructions, runway assignment with your call sign. Advise on initial contact you have information mike.**



# CITY OF TORRANCE

July 29, 2024

LIBRA AIR INC  
[REDACTED]

## NOTICE TO APPEAR

Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board

**ON AUGUST 22, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX MEETING ROOM, TORRANCE CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.**

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Because the Hearing Board in adjudicating responsibility may find either the aircraft or the pilot or both to have violated Torrance Municipal Code(s), the owner and pilot are to be accorded due process of law including the right to be represented by counsel, to be apprised of the nature of the charge, to examine witnesses, and to appeal the decision of the Hearing Board to the City Council.

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Also, the owner and/or pilot are to bring all documents and presentation materials pertinent to the violation to the Hearing Board. Please bring 7 copies of all documents and presentation materials so that each Hearing Board member and staff can have copies to review. *Be advised, that if the owner and/or pilot chooses not to attend or send a representative with pertinent information to the hearing, the hearing will proceed as scheduled unless other arrangements have been made prior the Hearing date.*

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Sincerely,

Joe Zev,  
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ESSENCE FLIGHT ACADEMY  
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OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	
AIRPORT NOISE HEARING	)	
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	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND
	)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AIRCRAFT NOISE VIOLATION	)	
OF AIRCRAFT N308EF	)	
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**WHEREAS**, Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.5 provides that no touch and go or stop and go operations shall be permitted at the Torrance Municipal Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.7.2 provides that except in emergencies, any person with three or more cumulative violations of the aircraft ordinances within a three-year period shall be denied the right to land, take off, lease, rent or use space for aircraft at the Torrance Municipal Airport for a period of three years; and

**WHEREAS**, Torrance Municipal Code Section 46.8.12 provides that the beneficial owner of an aircraft shall be presumed to be the pilot unless the owner identifies the person who was in fact the pilot at the time of the violation; and

**WHEREAS** the Community Development Department, Neighborhood Services Division requested the Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board to conduct a hearing as to an alleged violation of the prohibited operations by aircraft DA20-C1 N308EF occurring on July 22, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board held a hearing on the alleged violation on August 22, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

**FIRST FINDING OF FACT**

That aircraft DA20-C1 N308EF performed touch and go operations at Torrance Municipal Airport on July 22, 2024, at 2:39 P.M.

**SECOND FINDING OF FACT**

That on July 22, 2024, at 2:39 P.M., the presumed pilot of aircraft DA20-C1 N308EF was Libra Air Inc.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

**FIRST CONCLUSION OF LAW**

That aircraft DA20-C1 N308EF was in violation of Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.5 on July 22, 2024.

**SECOND CONCLUSION OF LAW**

That Libra Air Inc. was the presumed pilot of DA20-C1 N308EF when the aircraft performed touch and go operations which are prohibited as set forth in Torrance Municipal Code Section 51.5.5 and thereby, violated the Torrance Municipal Code.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Art Reyes  
Chairperson  
Airport Noise Administrative Hearing Board