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# NEWPORT BEACH

## Aviation Committee Staff Report

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE AVIATION COMMITTEE

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**TITLE:** Aviation Committee Priorities for Calendar Year 2020

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**ABSTRACT:**

At its January 27 meeting, the Aviation Committee reviewed a draft list of priorities for calendar year 2020. Committee members desired additional time for the subcommittees to discuss and refine the priorities. A revised list of priorities, incorporating the suggestions of three Subcommittees, has been prepared for the Committee's review and approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the revised list of Aviation Committee priorities for 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

At its January 27 meeting, the Aviation Committee (Committee) reviewed a draft list of priorities proposed by Committee Chair Jeff Herdman to guide the work of the Committee and its subcommittees this calendar year. (The January 27 staff report is included as Attachment A.) The Committee desired additional time for its subcommittees to review and refine the priorities.

The Technical Matters/Departures, Government Relations and General Aviation Improvement Program Subcommittees discussed the proposed priorities at their recent, respective subcommittee meetings. Each subcommittee provided suggested changes or additions. Attachment B is a list of the priorities proposed on January 29 and the changes and additions suggested by the subcommittees.

A revised list of priorities, that incorporates many of the suggested changes, has been prepared for the Committee's further discussion, refinement and approval. (A redline is also included as Attachment C.)

1. Work toward increasing altitudes to a minimum of 4,000 feet as early as possible during departures.

2. Pursue the "light dispersion" of flights in order to help bring some relief to those residents most impacted by the current departure paths.
3. Develop and advocate for local, state and federal policies that incentivize air carriers to transition their fleets and bring the most technologically advanced aircraft to John Wayne Airport.
4. Identify the quietest, safest and most efficient departure procedure technologically possible that will be approved by the FAA.

The priorities are not intended to replace any projects currently in progress nor limit the Committee's work should other ideas or issues arise that need to be addressed this year.

The Committee can recommend further amendments or adopt the priorities in their current form.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

Attachment A – January 27, 2020 Staff Report

Attachment B – Subcommittees' Suggested Revisions to Priorities Proposed Jan. 29

Attachment C – Redline