

RESOLUTION NO. 8509

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE KHHR COMMUNITIES NETWORK COMMITTEE AND CLARIFYING THE ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne maintains the Hawthorne Municipal Airport (“Airport”), which is currently the subject of a master lease agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Hawthorne Airport, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Airport’s approaching and departing flight paths cross over residential properties to the east, west and southerly directions; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2018, the City of Hawthorne adopted Resolution No. 8030 to encourage implementation of the Voluntary Pilot Guide and noise abatement procedures as a follow-up to the Federal Aviation Administration’s (“FAA”) approval of the Hawthorne Airport Noise Compatibility Program; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 8038 which established the KHHR Communities Network Committee (“KHHR Committee”) to address Airport concerns in an open, transparent and organized manner; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2019 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 8120 replacing the FAA, after it notified the City of Hawthorne that it is not permitted to participate in the KHHR Committee meeting, with a representative from the City of Manhattan Beach as well as replacing the Planning & Zoning Commission representative with a representative from the Beach Cities Aviation Academy; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure more reliable attendance by a quorum of members, the City Council now wishes to further amend the composition of the KHHR Committee; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Air LLC dba Jet Center Los Angeles has agreed to be removed to help lower the number necessary for a quorum as Hawthorne Airport LLC is on the KHHR Committee and can represent their interests; and

WHEREAS, Star Helicopter and Hawthorne Hanger Operations are no longer present at the Airport and Beach Cities Aviation Academy has expressed a desire to no longer be on the KHHR Committee; and

WHEREAS, a member of Planning & Zoning Commission will be reinstated as a member, to be selected by the Planning & Zoning Commission from among their active members; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 8038 section 3, subsection III, also needs to be amended for clarity as it states the term for Chair and Vice-Chair is two years but goes on to require elections every year; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid confusion the City Council will repeal Resolution No. 8120 in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne does hereby find, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein and finds that they are true and correct.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California hereby repeals Resolution No. 8120 adopted on August 27, 2019.

Section 3. The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California hereby amends Resolution No. 8038 pertaining to membership in the KHHR Committee by replacing section 3 subsection II in its entirety with the following:

Membership. The Committee shall be composed of fourteen (14) members. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing party. One member shall be appointed from and by each of the following businesses, groups, geographic areas and/or organizations: (1) City Council of the City of Hawthorne (must be an elected member of City Council); (2) the City of Manhattan Beach; (3) City of Redondo Beach; (4) City of Gardena; (5) City of Hermosa Beach; (6) Hawthorne Airport, LLC; (7) Ramona Homeowner's Association; (8) Holly Glen Homeowner's Association; (9) Unincorporated L.A. County area of West Athens (must be resident); (10) Holly Park Homeowner's Association; (11) North Hawthorne Homeowner's Association; (12) City of Hawthorne Planning and Zoning Commission (must be member); (13) Unincorporated L.A. County area of Wiseburn; and (14) the City of Los Angeles community of Harbor Gateway North (must be resident). The member from the City Council must be appointed by the City Council from among its active members. The Planning & Zoning Commission member must be chosen by the Planning & Zoning Commission from among its active members. Geographic areas located within the City or County of Los Angeles that do not have a Homeowner's Association to perform the function of appointment shall have members appointed by the Office of the Supervisor of the Second District, or Office of the Councilmember representing the District in which it is located. A letter of appointment from the appropriate official of the Supervisorial District or Councilmember's Office will be required before an individual may serve.

Section 4. The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California hereby amends Resolution No. 8038 pertaining to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the KHHR Committee by replacing the final sentence in section 3 subsection III with the following:

Elections shall take place in January of every odd year or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Section 5. Except as otherwise specifically amended in this Resolution, all other provisions of Resolution No. 8038 (a true and correct copy is attached as “Exhibit A” to this Resolution) establishing the KHHR committee shall remain in full force and effect

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall take effect immediately.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2025.

ALEX VARGAS, Mayor
City of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:

DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk
City of Hawthorne, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT M. KIM, City Attorney
City of Hawthorne, California