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**Immediate Release**

**Hudson County Board of Commissioners urge HHI Heliport to develop noise mitigation procedures and flight paths that minimize helicopter noise and avoid flying over residential neighborhoods in Hudson County**

**Jersey City**-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners urge HHI Heliport to develop noise mitigation procedures and flight paths that minimize helicopter noise and avoid flying over residential neighborhoods in Hudson County.

The harmful effects of helicopter traffic in and around Hudson County, including reduced air quality as well as excessive noise that is intrusive and disruptive, have had a significant impact on the health, welfare and quality of life of Hudson County's residents.

An increase in helicopter flight traffic from the HHI Heliport in South Kearny arises from the growth in New York City helicopter routes that operate daily from morning to midnight. The flight paths are directly over Jersey City, including the Jersey City Heights area, disproportionately affecting the residents of Jersey City.

The health impacts of helicopter noise include sleep deprivation, changes in cardiovascular and gastrointestinal functions, and reduced learning abilities of school-age children; helicopter engine emissions, which include measurable quantities of smog-forming gases and elevated levels of formaldehyde, aggravate respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses.

Helicopter noise is perceived to be twice as loud as comparable-decibel fixed-wing aircraft noise because of the distinctive low frequency, vibration-inducing and blade slap characteristics that are unique to helicopters.

Board Chairman Anthony Vainieri and the Board Commissioners urges HHI Heliport to work with Hudson County officials, noise abatement advocates, regional helicopter councils and other interested parties to develop noise mitigation procedures and flight paths that avoid flying over residential neighborhoods in Hudson County.

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