

## Elmhurst Neighborhood Association

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Dear Mr. Simmons,

The Elmhurst Neighborhood Association asks your help with a long-standing issue of increasing concern. It involves the failure of air medical service companies to comply with the recommended flight path when arriving and departing UCD Medical Center.

We understand the need and importance of the air medical service operations. However, their good work alone is not an excuse for the continual disruptive overflights of our residential neighborhood at all hours without justification.

When the helipads began operation on the Davis Tower, an approach and departure plan was drafted. Helicopters were directed over public or UCD property, avoiding the homes north of V Street and west of Stockton Boulevard.

While pilots have ultimate discretion to deviate from the approved flight path when weather or patient conditions warrant, this should be the exception, not the norm. Unfortunately, the deviations, especially with certain carriers, have become the norm.

Additionally, we don't feel our complaints about the helicopters are being adequately investigated or responded to. Our questions remain unanswered, and the neighborhood overflights persist.

As your neighbors, we hope you can help develop a more effective procedure to monitor helicopter traffic to and from the Medical Center. This would include working with air medical service companies regarding pilots following recommended flight path on approaches and departures.

Timing appears to be appropriate to address this, as the California Tower Project proposes adding yet another helipad potentially bringing even more flights.

We'd like to meet with you sometime soon to begin this process. May we have a board member call your office to set that up? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heborah Cregger
For Board of Directors

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