# TIRED OF HELICOPTER NO SE?

- Are you fed up with incessant helicopter noise and vibrations over our homes, buildings, parks, and waterways?
- Are you concerned about the safety risks of tourist and commuter helicopters flying over densely populated areas?
- Are you worried about the environmental pollution caused by non-essential helicopters hovering in our airspace every day?

# IF SO, JOIN OUR MOVEMENT!

We are a non-profit coalition seeking to ban **non-essential** (tourist, photography, commuter) helicopters over the New York metropolitan area.

- Sign our petition & join our email list
- Make a tax-deductible donation
- Post this flyer and help us spread the word!
- Follow us on social media and visit us at StopTheChopNYNJ.org





## **BAN ALL NONESSENTIAL HELICOPTER FLIGHTS!**

Nonessential (tourist, photography, charter and commuter) helicopter flights dramatically reduce the quality of life for millions of people in the New York metro area. They pollute our environment, pose significant safety risks, harm adults and children, and take away our right to a safe and healthy environment.

### **BAD FOR OUR CITIES**

Millions of residents live and work along these helicopter flight paths. Noise pollution created by these unnecessary helicopters reduces our quality of life. The incessant and loud nonessential helicopter flights over our homes, parks, and open spaces detract from the urban oases that residents and visitors need as a respite from busy streets. With lax passenger screening, these helicopters pose a serious security and safety risk.

### **BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Fossil fuel-guzzling nonessential helicopters, such as those used for tourist joyrides, are the antithesis of environmentally friendly modes of transport. Each helicopter produces 950 pounds of carbon dioxide per hour. (The average car produces 22 pounds per hour.) Eight choppers idling on the heliport is like 340 cars idling outside. With the extreme negative effects of climate change looming for coastal cities such as NYC and NJ waterfront towns (eg., rising sea levels and ensuing floods; deadly heat waves), we must end the use of carbon-intensive aircraft flying in our airspace and expand and improve environmentally friendly transportation options.

### BAD FOR THE ECONOMY

Helicopter noise negatively impacts park users including tourists, outdoor businesses, festivals, and public events. Helicopter crashes disrupt businesses and utilize expensive emergency services. Helicopter noise likely reduces real estate values and negatively impacts outdoor businesses, festivals and public events. Helicopter companies unfairly externalize their costs to society (eg., environmental, medical care and emergency services, reduction of mental and emotional well-being due to the stress of repetitive extreme noise conditions).

### **BAD FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

Excessive helicopter traffic creates extreme noise that studies indicate causes a large range of serious physical and mental health issues. It also can impair memory, lower reading and speech comprehension, and reduce cognitive abilities in children and adults. Additionally, with more than 30 NYC helicopter crashes since 1980 (many resulting in serious injuries and fatalities), the risk of bodily harm to residents and visitors by nonessential helicopters flying above our densely populated cities is a risk too great to continue to allow.

### **BAD FOR NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY**

It is time to take back our skies and our peace of mind. Please help us educate the community and our elected officials about the harm caused by these nonessential helicopter flights, and *let's pass legislation to ban them*.

Go to www.StopTheChopNYNJ.org, sign up for our newsletter and sign the petition!



