

LINCOLN CIVIC BLOCK ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

284 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Date: February 14th, 2026

Organization of Origin: Lincoln Civic Block Association

Re: In support of banning nonessential helicopter flights over the New York City Metropolitan Area

WHEREAS:

- The proliferation of nonessential helicopter flights—including sightseeing tours, private commuter flights, and luxury charters—has led to significant concerns among residents about persistent noise pollution, public safety risks, and environmental impacts.
- Helicopter noise has been consistently cited by New York City residents as a major quality-of-life issue, particularly in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island, and along the Hudson and East rivers.
- Since 2000, a nonessential helicopter has crashed on average every two years in the New York City area, with several recent high-profile crashes underscoring the tragic consequences of such flights.
- Nonessential helicopters put unnecessary strain on the already overburdened traffic control system in highly congested New York City airspace.
- These flights disproportionately benefit a small number of individuals while imposing costs in the form of noise, safety risks, property value reductions, and environmental degradation on the broader population.
- Helicopter fuel emissions contribute to air pollution and climate change, in contradiction to the City's stated goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating a more sustainable urban environment.
- NYC 311 received more than 26,000 helicopter noise complaints in 2024, an average of 40 complaints per day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the Lincoln Civic Block Association in Brooklyn, urges the Mayor of New of York City to close the NYC-owned heliports (E. 34th Street and Downtown Skyport) to nonessential helicopter flights; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the members of the Lincoln Civic Block Association in Brooklyn supports and urges passage of several bills that have been introduced at the city, state, and federal levels that would ban or reduce nonessential helicopter flights over the New York City metropolitan area. These bills are:

- **H.R. 3196, the Improving Helicopter Safety Act of 2025**, which prohibits nonessential helicopter flights within a 20-mile radius of the Statue of Liberty National Monument.
- **NY City Council Int. 0070-2024**, which prohibits all nonessential helicopter operations at heliports owned or operated by NYC.
- **NYS Senate Bill S7381 / NYS Assembly Bill A6311**, which bans helicopter sightseeing tours from any municipal facility.
- **NYS Senate Bill S1140 / NYS Assembly Bill A5891**, which establishes a tax on noise from nonessential helicopter and seaplane flights in cities with a population of one million or more. This bill would levy a tax of \$50/seat or \$200/flight, whichever is greater.
- **NYS Assembly Bill A2583**, which establishes a tax on noise from nonessential helicopter and seaplane flights in cities with a population of one million or more. This bill would levy a tax of \$100/seat or \$400/flight, whichever is greater; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the members of the Lincoln Civic Block Association in Brooklyn urges the Mayor of New of York City to work with the New York State Governor to close the West 30th Street Heliport, which is a dangerous and disruptive presence in Hudson River Park, and represents an alienation of public parkland in NY State.



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