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Air Force and SpaceX to Hold Public Hearings on Local Sonic Boom Impacts

OJAI, CA, Jan. 15, 2025 – The City of Ojai announces a series of public hearings being conducted by the U.S. Air Force regarding the environmental impacts of sonic booms from SpaceX launches at Vandenberg Space Force Base. These hearings come as the Air Force and SpaceX propose to significantly increase the number of launches from the base.

The first hearing was scheduled for Jan. 14 from 5–8 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1679 (3801 Market St., Ventura, CA). Additional in-person hearings will be held in Santa Barbara on Jan. 15 and in Lompoc on Jan. 16, and a virtual hearing via Zoom is scheduled for Jan. 23.

These meetings are designed to gather community input, which will then be taken into account in an environmental impact assessment. Residents who have experienced impacts from sonic booms are encouraged to attend and provide insight into their experiences.

While the City of Ojai plans to discuss the item at a future City Council meeting, the discussion will occur after the Air Force's comment period has ended. Therefore, residents are encouraged to participate in the upcoming hearings to ensure their concerns are documented in the official environmental review process.

Meeting Schedule:

- January 14, 2025: Ventura (VFW Post 1679, 3801 Market St.), 5-8 p.m.
- January 15, 2025: Santa Barbara (Westside Neighborhood Center, 423 W. Victoria St.), 5-8 p.m.
- January 16, 2025: Lompoc (Dick DeWees Community Center, 1120 W. Ocean Ave.), 5-8 p.m.
- January 23, 2025: Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 6 p.m. (Visit VSFBFalconLaunchEIS.com for virtual meeting details)