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Subject: Los Angeles (LAX) West Arrivals - "CLEARED APPROACH" Phraseology

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Southern California TRACON (SCT) is extending the use of approved phraseology for IFR arrivals from the east into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on runways 24 L/R, 25 L/R (west configuration), provided all applicable approaches are fully operational and the reported ceiling is 800 feet or greater, and visibility is 2 miles or greater.

Intended to reduce frequency congestion associated with traffic density and ambiguity related to initial approach fix and inbound course commonalities, SCT will increase use of "CLEARED APPROACH" combined with the assigned runway, authorizing a pilot to execute his/her choice of instrument approach.

Note: The ILS, RNAV (RNP) Y/Z, and RNAV (GPS) Y/Z, to runways 24L/R and 25L/R, share the same IAFs and have the same inbound course (CRCUS, SEAVU, and 251°).

EXAMPLE-

"(Aircraft ID), SOCAL approach, CLEARED APPROACH RUNWAY 24R."

The use of this phraseology is currently in use and has increased efficiency by curtailing lengthy transmissions and has reduced pilot workload, without compromising safety.

For questions or concerns, please call SOCAL Approach at (858) 537-5900.

Reference: FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 4-8-1 (a) Approach Clearance and Pilot/Controller Glossary

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