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Joe Simitian, Chair, Select Committee for South Bay Arrivals
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor
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Dear Chair Simitian and Select Committee Members:

The City of Mountain View thanks you for your work on the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals (Select Committee), focusing on addressing ongoing issues from aircraft noise as a result of arrival and departure flights to and from San Francisco International Airport (SFO). We have certainly heard from residents that airplane noise has increased since the "Next Gen" changes were made. The City also appreciates the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) willingness to work with the members of the Select Committee and impacted residents to educate, discuss, and explore opportunities for the mitigation of aircraft noise in Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties.

City staff has reviewed the Report of the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals and commends the Select Committee for its conscientiousness in drafting a number of recommendations for consideration that are focused on implementing regional solutions to reduce aircraft noise impacts and not considering recommendations that propose shifting noise to other communities.

Specifically, the City of Mountain View supports recommendations and/or solutions that promote:

1. Greater use of the San Francisco Bay, the Pacific Ocean, and other underpopulated areas for flights on their final approach path into SFO.
2. Increasing the altitudes of flights for entry into the final approach into SFO.
3. FAA identification of locations that have the most compatible land uses for vectoring, such as over the Pacific Ocean or San Francisco Bay, and vector arriving flights into SFO in those locations to reduce noise exposure experienced on the ground.
4. Establishing a permanent entity to address issues of aircraft noise throughout the region.



5. Adoption of supplemental metrics for aircraft noise that accurately reflect the true noise impact experienced by people on the ground.
6. Monitoring and documentation of noise exposure by the FAA before and after feasible solutions are implemented.
7. Implementation of ongoing compliance monitoring for any set of solutions implemented by the FAA.

The City has concerns about the following recommendations and/or solutions:

1. We believe Item 1.2 (Feasibility Group 2: Transition the SERFR Standard Terminal Arrival Route (STAR) Back to the BSR Ground Track prior to EPICK) is worthy of serious consideration by the Select Committee and the FAA.
2. We believe Item 2.5 (MENLO Waypoint) Recommendation No. 2, appears to shift noise and would negatively impact Mountain View.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective and developing recommendations that would present regional solutions to mitigate aircraft noise. We appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and look forward to working with you and the FAA to implement solutions that alleviate the concerns of residents in Mountain View and the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Showalter", is written over a large, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

Patricia Showalter
Mayor

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cc: Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
City Council
Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals
FAA Western Regional Director Glen Martin
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