

October 18, 2017

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**RE: Bay View Approach Review**

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Councilmember

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I write to urge the FAA to deny approval of the proposed Bayside Visual Approach (BVA) for flights into San Carlos Airport.

In theory, the BVA was proposed to reduce ground level noise. However, the results of the trial period and the countless negative feedback comments from residents of Sunnyvale and surrounding communities demonstrate that BVA does not achieve this result. The proposed BVA procedure clearly creates an unacceptable ground level noise impact in Sunnyvale and surrounding communities. This noise negatively impacts the quality of life in our communities.

The FAA has a longstanding policy that aircraft noise abatement shall not be accomplished by moving air traffic from one neighborhood to another, a policy that I support. Given this policy alone, it is clear that the BVA should not be approved.

But in addition, there is also a significant new piece of information related to all of this: SurfAir has publicly stated that they do not want to use the BVA procedure.

Charlie Cavaris, the Chief Pilot for Encompass, which provides operational direction for pilots of Surf Air, made this public statement at the September 27, 2017 FAA meeting that was held in San Jose. Even the originator of the request has come to the conclusion that this is not a good, viable option. They realize the impacts are too great for any possible perceived benefit.

The preponderance of information shows that the BVA procedure is not an appropriate solution to the problem it is trying to solve. It creates more issues than it solves. The FAA and the City of Sunnyvale have both received massive amounts of comments from Sunnyvale residents and surrounding communities about the ground level noise this change creates. This noise negatively impacts the quality of life for our residents.

Based on all of this evidence, as Mayor of Sunnyvale and on behalf of the 150,000 residents that are impacted by this proposal, I am requesting that the FAA not approve the proposed BVA procedure.

I also request that the FAA to consider minimizing the encroachment of San Francisco International Airport airspace into the South Bay area. One of the things that makes our airspace so complex is how far south the SFO airspace comes into the South Bay - not only for BVA but also for the San Jose International South Flow approach. If SFO reserved air space were changed to avoid coming so far south, this would permit other aircraft to fly higher. Other FAA procedures could then be adjusted to continue to reduce ground level noise in our communities

We look forward to continuing to work with the FAA to find reasonable solutions to the problem of ground level aircraft noise in this complex airspace environment.

Sincerely,



Glenn Hendricks

Mayor