

May 29, 2014

Cliff Lentz
Chair, San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable
San Mateo County Planning & Building Department
455 County Center, 2nd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Request to Include the City of Palo Alto as a Voting Member of the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable

Dear Chair Lentz,

Thank you for considering adding the City of Palo Alto as a voting member of the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable. As you can see from the attached map, Palo Alto is directly impacted by aircraft operations from San Francisco International Airport. My City Council colleagues and I believe that a seat on the Roundtable is extremely important for Palo Alto, and would also benefit the Roundtable and San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

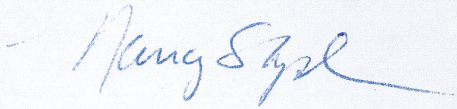
Designating a seat for Palo Alto at the Roundtable would serve two purposes: 1) Our citizens will have an elected official to represent their concerns about noise impacts from aircraft operations at SFO; and 2) the Airport will have a representative of the City of Palo Alto to relay accurate and timely information about Airport operations to our community and advocate for sensible and well-supported changes.

Recently, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's office contacted Palo Alto about the NorCal OAPM Environmental Assessment and asked us to support the Congresswoman's request for an extension of the comment period. Congresswoman Eshoo's request was the first time that Palo Alto officials were made aware of the NorCal OAPM. We gladly supported Congresswoman Eshoo's request letter by sending our own letters, but the experience taught us that the City of Palo Alto would be better served by participating in the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable, where we would receive regular updates about important developments at SFO that impact our community.

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We believe that a seat on the Roundtable is key to an open dialogue, understanding and cooperative approach with other cities on the Peninsula that are impacted by aircraft operations from San Francisco International Airport. We greatly look forward to joining the group and playing a constructive role in Airport-community relations.

Sincerely,



Nancy Shepherd
Mayor, City of Palo Alto

cc: Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
Congresswoman Jackie Speier
Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
Congressman Mike Honda
Senator Jerry Hill
Assembly Member Richard Gordon
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James Keene, Palo Alto City Manager
Molly Stump, Palo Alto City Attorney
Mike Sartor, Palo Alto Public Works Director
Andy Swanson, Palo Alto Airport Manager

San Francisco International flight tracks for a 24 hour period on April 18, 2014 the City of Palo Alto is highlight in green:

