

Dear Members of the SFO Airport Commission and Airport/Community Roundtable,

Please include this correspondence and the attached flight track data in the public record for the next scheduled meetings of both the Airport Commission and the Roundtable.

While the administrative oversight of San Francisco International Airport rests in the East Bay and Peninsula, the operational and acoustic footprint of your arrival traffic extends heavily into the North Bay. I am writing to formally report a severe and systemic routing issue where SFO commercial traffic has created an untenable outdoor work environment and destroyed the land-use compatibility of our regional agricultural corridor in West Sonoma County.

Attached is a screenshot of track data from May 26, 2026, capturing a 12-hour window (07:00 - 19:00). The image shows the SFO arrival tracks (yellow lines) converging into the BDEGA RNAV procedure to illustrate the exact geographic concentration of the issue.

The Operational Cause:

- **Unmitigated SFO Arrival Dispersion:** As the dense, miles-wide wall of yellow tracks clearly demonstrates, SFO commercial arrivals are systematically utilizing the West Sonoma County agricultural corridor as a low-altitude staging zone. Rather than consolidating flight paths over existing high-ambient transportation infrastructure (such as the Highway 101 corridor) or maintaining higher, stabilized altitudes, heavy jet traffic is being broadly scattered directly over noise-sensitive rural and agricultural properties. This broad-corridor dispersion subjects outdoor workplaces to non-stop, rolling acoustic intrusion from variable engine thrust and early descent configurations causing severe cumulative psychological fatigue, chronic stress, and occupational startle responses.

Adverse Impacts on Public Health, Safety, and Mental Health:

- **Severe Psychological and Cognitive Strain:** The relentless frequency of these overflights has resulted in profound cumulative psychological fatigue, chronic stress, and depressive symptoms. Living and working under an unmitigated, unpredictable noise corridor induces a state of constant autonomic hyperarousal, destroying any capacity for psychological recovery, peaceable land use, or cognitive focus during the workday.
- **Eradication of Intermittent Silence:** The staggering frequency of these overflights means there is rarely a single minute of quiet between successive aircraft. The constant, rapid sequencing of overhead noise creates a relentless acoustic ceiling,

denying residents and outdoor workers even a brief moment of baseline peace to reset their nervous systems.

- **Agonizing Holding Pattern Loops:** The track data reveals a repetitive, looping holding pattern directly over our geographic corridor. Having the exact same aircraft circle overhead in continuous, predictable loops exacerbates the psychological toll, creating an agonizing sense of captivity as the noise builds, fades, and returns over and over without reprieve.

The current routing framework effectively treats the mental health, safety, and livelihoods of North Bay outdoor operators as an acceptable casualty of SFO's high-volume arrival management. Northern California's agricultural communities should not serve as an unmitigated noise-sink for SFO's transit corridor.

I am requesting that the SFO Airport Commission and the Roundtable's Technical Committee formally review these arrival step-downs and dispersion patterns to implement strict noise-mitigation routing that concentrates traffic away from noise-sensitive regional agricultural zones.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and accountability on this regional public health matter.

Sincerely,

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