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Members, Santa Cruz/Santa Clara Counties Airport/Community Roundtable  
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Dear Members of the Roundtable,

Congratulations to the new Santa Cruz/Santa Clara Counties Airport/Community Roundtable as you begin your organizational meeting, and our sincere thanks to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County for the extraordinary amount of work done to stand up this new body on behalf of our mutual constituents. Without the Cities Association's leadership, this first organizational meeting would not be taking place today.

The new South Bay Roundtable's mission statement, "to address community noise concerns and make recommendations to the regional airports and the FAA on noise related issues," is critically important to our region and it's why we have advocated for a formal permanent body made up of local elected officials to help shape regional consensus and provide a permanent venue for residents of Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties to participate in the process. Until now, the South Bay and Santa Cruz County have not had any voice whatsoever on these issues through a permanent body of elected officials.

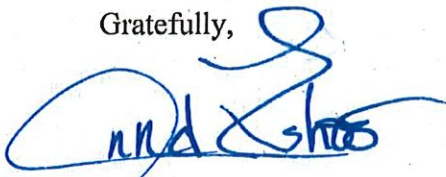
We're most grateful to the communities who participated in the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals and to the Select Committee Members who made final recommendations after community engagement with the FAA for the, "FAA's Initiative to Address Noise Concerns of Santa Cruz/Santa Clara/San Mateo/San Francisco Counties." One of the unanimous recommendations of this former body was the establishment of a new permanent body made up of local elected officials. Most of the recommendations from the former body have been addressed by the FAA with several still in review for final feasibility. The FAA has determined as a condition of participating in this new organization that the former Select Committee recommendations will not be reopened by this new body.

We're most grateful to the cities in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties who have stepped up to participate as founding members of the new roundtable, including Capitola, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Saratoga, Sunnyvale as well as the counties of Santa Cruz and Santa Clara.


Your work is to find common ground and pursue regional consensus on matters before you so that our region will have innovative and practical solutions to help address airplane noise. We're grateful that FAA leadership is willing to work with the new body, understanding this is not something the FAA is required to do by law. We also thank the leadership from San Francisco International Airport for agreeing to participate and urge other airports impacting the South Bay counties of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz to participate as well. Most importantly, we are grateful to our constituents for their participation and perseverance. We're hopeful the ideas and recommendations put forward by this new regional body will help address the impacts of airplane noise that has subjected so many to so much.

Our offices stand ready to be of assistance to you as you proceed with your work.

Gratefully,



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Member of Congress



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