

Dear CASCC Members,

I would like to express my support of the continuance of the Santa Cruz/Santa Clara Counties Roundtable on aircraft noise in the South Bay region.

The SC/SC Roundtable is the follow-on body to the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals, of which I was a co-chair. That Committee was created in response to widespread public demand to have input into the resolution of jet noise issues over the Santa Cruz and South Bay region. Similarly, the SC/SC Roundtable is today the only dedicated body that represents the public to the FAA on aircraft noise. Hundreds of residents in my District alone are counting on the SC/SC Roundtable to bring their concerns to the attention of the FAA.

Therefore I hope the Cities Association will continue its support for the SC/SC Roundtable, especially now in these very challenging times of COVID-19. The support that CASCC provides is crucial to the viability of the Roundtable as there is no alternative structure in place or even identified that can give the organizational support it needs. The Roundtable would benefit from a long lead time to identify a new organizational structure should that be the intent of CASCC.

Here in Santa Cruz County, our economy and budget have been hit very hard by the suspension of tourism due to coronavirus. Though we may not be able to continue direct participation in the Roundtable next year, we hope to re-join as a full member as soon as our budget recovers.

Sincerely,

John Leopold  
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Santa Cruz County