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California

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Ms. Raania Mohsen, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Mohsen,

I'm writing to request that the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Executive Board of Directors appoint two locally elected officials and one alternate for each appointment who reside in the 18th Congressional District of Santa Clara County to the FAA Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals. This is a new committee the Federal Aviation Administration and Office of the Director of the San Francisco Airport (SFO) have agreed to work with to address the ongoing issue of aircraft noise and adopt regional solutions. Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County do not have representation on a body involving SFO and the majority of the constituent complaints in the 18th Congressional District involve aircraft arrivals into SFO.

Congressman Farr, Congresswoman Speier and I have been working together to address this complex issue and as a result of our collaborative effort with many local cities and community leaders, it has become clear there is a need for a new local committee to assist the FAA in identifying regional solutions. Significant work has already been accomplished by many intelligent, hard-working citizens. Local regional support is building toward solutions that will result in relief for our constituents. This new committee is important to make certain that communities, including those who could be affected in the future, have the opportunity to voice concerns about any proposals or possible changes by the FAA. The Committee will assist in making sure noise is not shifted from one community to another. The Select Committee will be structured as follows:

- The Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals will focus on SFO/South Bay arrivals that impact Santa Clara County, San Mateo County and Santa Cruz County residents that comprise the 14th, 18th, and 20th Congressional Districts.

- The Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals will consist of twelve members, with four appointed to represent each of the three Congressional Districts.

- Members of the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals will be elected officials (City Council member or a member of the County Board of Supervisors). All alternates must also be elected officials.

- The Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals will hold hearings in locations to be determined by them in communities impacted by arriving flights, including Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties.

- Determination of quorum, tie votes and other procedural matters, will be determined according to the SFO Airport/FAA Select Committee.

I thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. I'm hopeful the Cities Association can select appointees as soon as possible, ideally in the coming weeks. Should you have any questions, you can call Karen Chapman, my Chief of Staff of our District Office in Palo Alto at (650) 323-2984.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Glen Martin, Regional Administrator, FAA
Mr. John Martin, Director, San Francisco International Airport