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Re: San Carlos Airport – Surf Air Noise

On behalf of every Council Member of the Town of Atherton and all our affected residents, we strongly urge you to take immediate actions to mitigate the continued unbearable noise created by the increasing flights into San Carlos Airport by the commercial chartered airline, Surf Air.

Our residents -- and we as elected officials -- have reached a tipping point. After four years of meetings, negotiations, and assurances by both Surf Air and the County in anticipation of resolution, all that we have to show for that effort is more daily flights, more early morning and late night flights and more surprises on the horizon as Surf Air launches growth in our area. This is unacceptable.

As the owner of the airport, the County has a duty and responsibility to protect our communities - - your constituents -- from this continued and increasing health hazard.

In direct conversations with the FAA, we were advised that the FAA would consider a formal request for noise abatement procedures for the San Carlos Airport. We are aware of no such formal submittal by the County. Why has the County not acted to protect its residents?

There are three specific actions we urge the Board of Supervisors to act on immediately:

1. Adopt a Resolution declaring that San Carlos Airport has a “noise problem” and forward it to the California Department of Transportation.
2. Officially submit to the FAA a variation of your proposed curfew with the following modifications:
  - a. In addition to the curfew applying only to Noisy Aircraft, as described in your proposed curfew, be sure that aircraft flying to/from another state are not included in this proposed curfew.
  - b. Allow one takeoff or landing per Operator during the Curfew period.

3. Officially submit to the FAA a proposed ordinance that would limit the number of scheduled flights per Operator originating from or arriving at the San Carlos Airport. The limitation on the number of scheduled flights is a non-discriminatory action that helps ensure that no single operator monopolizes airport resources and ensures that the airport is open to the entire community as was originally intended. At the meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, it was indicated that airport capacity is starting to become limited. As a County owned airport, we expect that the County will ensure the airport is available to all individuals and businesses and not allow a single operator to overrun and consume the County's resources.

Recent legal findings by the County reveal that the County has more authority over the operation of the airport than originally believed. It is your duty and responsibility to take control of this untenable situation and represent the greater good of our communities. We strongly encourage you to act now!

Sincerely yours,

Town of Atherton



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